

UNION TEMPERANCE MEETINGS.

Active Campaign Opened by the Pastors' Union.

Young People's Societies and Others—Prohibition the Watch-word.

During the present week a series of union temperance meetings have been held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church under the auspices of the Pastors' Union and Young People's Societies.

The program of addresses was as follows: Monday—"Personal Responsibility of the Voter," by Rev. E. E. Dodge; Tuesday—"History of Prohibition," by Rev. R. M. Stevenson; Wednesday—"Can a Prohibitory Law be Enforced," by Rev. J. H. Reider; Thursday—"The Relation of Intemperance to Crime," by Rev. P. A. Atkinson; Friday—"Has the Saloon Keeper a Right to Live?" by Rev. J. B. Koehn.

Following is the address delivered on Wednesday by Rev. J. H. Reider: The question I am called upon to answer this evening is certainly a very important one. For surely the signs of the times indicate that the temperance work has thrown itself almost entirely into the practical question of prohibition or no prohibition.

It is a fact nearest to every thinking mind that with tens of thousands in our land the love for alcoholic drinks has degenerated into a passion over which the angels of heaven would be blown by the demon who has shattered the will, paralyzed the moral sensibilities, and moral suasion is useless with them.

For more than a quarter of a century ago the question of prohibition has been more or less discussed by the American people. We have learned to know that license and moral suasion will not accomplish for us our common humanity.

As a nation we have been very careful to protect the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, but we have refused to protect our boys, our girls, our young men, our young women, our children, our youth.

It seems a waste of time to argue the question, when we remember the sad, sad condition of our nation, that we have until this going down, every five minutes some poor drunkard is lowered into the silence of the grave.

After some years of solemn thought upon this subject I voice my honest convictions that if the Christian people of this country were united, ministers and people to a man, in united and determined effort to destroy this serpent of the still, it would die from our shores to come back to us no more.

We rejoin to know that the time is fully come when men of thought and conscience throughout the world are turning to the Christian Church and to the Government the foundations of whose property are laid in oceans of human blood and tears, and whose coffers are supplied with money from broken hearts of wives and orphan children.

God's law condemns the use of strong drink; it pronounces a curse upon him who puts the sword to his neighbor's lips, and a woe upon him who is mighty to drink wine. Its whole spirit condemns the drinking custom of society, and yet drinking goes on protected by the so-called Christian legislation.

Down with such laws as seek to raise a barrier to the sale of that which debases the people is the prolific source of crime, pauperism and bloodshed, and costs the country annually a thousand times more than the revenue received therefrom.

What justice is there in those laws that on one page of the statute book legalize that which promotes crime and makes criminals, and on the next provide severe penalties to be administered to those who have tempted to violate those laws?

Do you say that prohibition is in conflict with the Constitution? I answer most emphatically that it is not, but, upon the other hand, the license system is in violation of the spirit of our nation.

Let us in this short time, notice the objections named. It is right to regulate but not to prohibit. That is to say, that what we can in simple justice interfere with we cannot prohibit.

Have I a right to place my hand upon the head of a mad dog and restrain him from biting my child, but no right to kill that dog? While traveling with some friends a few years ago I saw a snake crawling slowly toward me, and with a rock I took the life of his snakehood.

This government has for a great many years tried the license and local option laws, and they have almost universally proved themselves to be dead letters upon the statute books.

We believe there is no mistaking the well-defined convictions of the great mass of temperance men and women, that this traffic in alcohol is a national evil, and that it must go down before an indignant republic.

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REV. J. E. RANKIN, D. D., LL. D.

One of the most worthy and highly respected men in the Nation's Capital is the Reverend J. E. Rankin, D. D., LL. D., President of Howard University. He has resided in Washington for nearly twenty years, was Chaplain of the Senate and has always been an earnest and faithful preacher and pastor.

It is a gratifying fact that many ministers of the highest standing are giving careful attention to those things that concern the physical welfare of their people. Their work in the field of charity, and all lines that can aid in the well-being of humanity, cannot be commended too highly, and it is with pleasure that we present the above clear and truthful statement for the benefit of all readers.

Several Prisoners Arraigned, and Cases Set for Trial. In Department One of the Superior Court yesterday a number of prisoners were arraigned, pleas entered and their cases set for trial. The civil trial calendar was also set.

TRIAL CALENDAR. Holbrook, Merrill & Stetson vs. S. Caldwell—May 8th. Annie Henley vs. Wm. Henley—April 16th.

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