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SILVER WEDDING.

CHISHOLM-PERRIN—On November 25th, 1903, at Vivian Street Baptist Church, Wellington, by the Rev. C. Dallaston, Horace, fifth son of Mr and Mrs J. W. Chisholm to Edith Fanny, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. T. Perrin.

The White Ribbon.

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AFTER THE POLL.

On Wednesday, the 14th of this month, the citizens of this Dominion exercised their privilege of electing their House of Representatives, and also of voting on the Continuance or Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic.

Returns are still very incomplete, but they show a strong tide-setting in favour of the United Party and against the present Government. Three Ministers have failed to carry their own electorates, and it looks

as if no party is to be strong enough to form a stable Government.

On the Licensing issue, even the incomplete returns to hand tell us that the liquor monopoly has gained another three years of life. We are not discouraged, and are ready to start again to-day to prepare for next Poll. We are still firmly convinced of the righteousness of our cause, and therefore sure of its ultimate victory. A battle is not a campaign, and in the age-long campaign against the forces of evil we shall win.

"For right is right, since God is God,
And right the day must win;
To doubt would be disloyalty.
To falter would be sin."

But again the crying need is for education. The personnel of electorate is continually changing, young ones are growing up, and immigrants are arriving from countries where they have not been educated against the beverage use of alcohol. On us rests the responsibility for that education, and White Ribboners will not shirk their responsibility. Alcohol must be shown in its true character as a racial poison, a nationwide menace. Then, to that knowledge must be added a passion for righteousness, and the fervour of devotion of self to the service of others. **National Prohibition is an ideal worth living for, and a cause worth dying for.**

White Ribboners! start at once to educate your home circle, your social circle, your church circle, your business circle. By the spoken word and the written word, make facts known.

Be more earnest in prayer. "The experience of the race is clear that some things God never can do until he finds a man who prays." Then, in prayer, let us prepare ourselves for co-operation with God in the service of mankind.

On the far reef the breakers

Recoil in shattered foam,

Yet, still the sea behind them

Urges its forces home.

Its chant of triumph surges

Through all the thundrous din—

The wave may break in failure,

But the tide is sure to win.

O, mighty sea, thy message

In changing spray is cast;

Within God's plans of progress

It matters not at last.

How wide the shores of evil,

How strong the reefs of sin—

The wave may be defeated,

But the tide is sure to win.

WITH A PUNCH IN IT.

Liverpool brewery has issued a poster depicting a stalwart young man holding a pint glass of beer in one hand, while the other hand is drawn back and clenched, as for striking a blow. The title is, "The Beer With a Punch In It." Two poorly-dressed women were looking at a copy in Park Lane. One said, "It says 'The Beer With a Punch In It.'" The other said wearily, "Don't WE know it!"—"Union Signal," 13/2/26.

TEMPERANCE FACTS.

ATHLETICS AND ALCOHOL.

The following declaration was recently issued by the Olympic Committee of the French Sporting Federation of Paris:—

"Alcohol is a pernicious beverage, which excites temporarily. This excitement is followed rapidly by a depression and a diminution of strength. The use of alcohol impedes effort. It diminishes efficiency, whether in sport or professional work. Anyone, sportsman or worker, who seeks an increase of strength in alcohol will find only deterioration and disillusion."

GOVERNMENT CONTROL IN
CANADA.

At a W.C.T.U. Provincial Council in Canada, one speaker said:

"The liquor interests are growing so wealthy, that they can buy officers and even control governments themselves."

"That woman over there looks as if she were painted——"

"Sir, that is my wife!"

"I had not finished my sentence. She looks as if she were painted by Raphael, and had just stepped out of the frame."