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The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Andover meets the first and third Thursday in each month.

Which Way?

BY AMY A. GREEN.

Forward or backward, which way, oh, my heart?
Wilt thou grow tend'rer as years pass away,
Blessing the pathway of friends day by day,
Or, wilt thou grow selfish in living thy part?
Which way, oh, my heart?

Forward or backward, which way, oh, my mind?
Gathering knowledge like jewels so rare,
Treasures to brighten each oncoming year,
Or sinking, through sloth, into ignorance blind?
Which way, oh, my mind?

Forward or backward, which way, oh, my soul?
Upward toward Christ, growing like Him in love,
Seeking the lost ones to point them above,
Or downward thy path as the swift seasons roll?
Which way, oh, my soul?

Forward or backward, ye may not stand still,
Oh, heart, mind and soul, ye must go on one way,
And the journey is lengthening day after day,
But the way that you go must depend on your will.
Ye must not stand still.

Extract from a paper by the Rev Wilbur F. Crafts on "The Fraternity of Reforms."

The newest reform movement, that for municipal reform, is yet too new for its advocates to have learned what their brave and noble-spirited leaders may be trusted to learn in due time from their friends, the enemy, that the citadel of their foes is not "the ring" but the rum.

Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, the most influential force in the recent overturning of bosses in New York city and state and elsewhere, judging by the wine dinner with which his "good government clubs" celebrated his victory, and his reported refusal to say whether he was opposed to the proposed legalization of Sunday saloons, has not yet learned what so brave a man may be trusted without abuse to learn ere long, that turning out Tammany has not banished the tiger, but only changed the tiger's keeper.

The domination of the saloon in politics is the tiger, and until that is killed neither changing Congress nor changing city officers will permanently lessen political corruption. In the words of Mr. Charles Stewart Smith, president of the New York Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. Parkhurst's most influential lieutenant, "When the rum question is settled here we shall have good government."

Municipal reform, when it is ripe, will include in its attacks, as the united forces of its foes, the liquor traffic and drinking usages, gambling in all its forms, impurity, injustice to labor, unrestricted immigration, the spoils system and wilful pauperism. The "ring" attacked is found, on close fighting, to include this whole circle of vices, against which must be marshalled the whole circle of Christian reforms.

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NEAR-BY NEWS.

A Few Outside Happenings in Which Our Readers Will Be Interested.

The Wellsville and Bolivar mail route was opened last week.

The Allegany County Historical Society wants to buy a Revolutionary musket.

Belfast is to have a canning factory, and $20,000 has been raised to erect the plant. That's enterprise.

The test well drilled by the Hazel Oil Co., in Hebron township, Potter county has been abandoned at a depth of 1 700 feet.

Franklinville residents are hard at work planning an attractive program for next fourth of July. Their enthusiasm may have vanished before that time.

A determined effort is being made to secure the location of the canning factory of Messrs. Winters & Prophit in Hornellsville. The factory is now located at Mt. Morris.

Mechanics' liens to the amount of nearly $1,500 have been filed against Wellsville's municipal building. A portion of the contractor's pay has been held back and this will be used to pay off the debts. The village trustees will go ahead and finish the work.

A new bank check, something like the Chinese laundry check, is being discussed in banking circles; the object being to do away with identification. The check is in two parts and one is sent to the bank on which it is to be drawn. If on presentation they correspond you get your dollars, if not you get six months.

The general term of the supreme court has handed down its dicision in the matter of the county seat in this county. Their decision confirmed the decision of Judge Rumsey and upholds the board of supervisors. According to this, Belmont is the county seat of Allegany county. It is claimed that the case will be taken to the court of appeals.

A very pretty natural phenomenon was witnessed near Apollo, Pa., during the recent zero weather. A natural gas well of great pressure had been driven in, and a strong stream of water was forced out of the hole by the pressure of the gas. The water rose to the height of sixty feet, where it spread like an umbrella and immediately froze, making a veritable natural fountain of snow.

Judge Seymour Dexter, of Elmira, well known in this section, and a former resident of Independence, is a candidate for the position of commander of the G. A. R. of this state. He left his studies at Alfred University at the beginning of the war to enlist in the army of the union. He has won a promotion to a high position among his veteran comrades.

Hornellsville is in dead earnest on the court house question, and will build a court house without expense to Steuben county at large if the board of supervisons will allow courts to be held there. Of course Corning will not surrender her interests, and if Hornellsville wins there will be three court houses in Steuben county. Hornellsville citizens agree to spend $30,000 for the structure

A few days ago James Richards of Rock Glen had a piece of iron nearly half an inch square removed from the under side of his eyelid. It was a portion of a torpedo that had been there for eight years without giving him any trouble, and not until two months ago did he discover that there was any foreign substance in or near the eye. The operation was performed by Dr. F. Parke Lewis of Buffalo.

Many complaints have been made by the various railway companies regarding the wilful violation of the privilege of half-rate fares extended to clergymen. Some have so abused the privilege by subletting their orders that it has been found necessary to adopt strict measures. A circular has consequently been issued by the presidents and managers of the various trunk lines instructing agents and conductors not to sell or receive clerical orders after March 31st. This order will affect several thousand ministers in this state.

A couple of young people in Springville, Erie county, were married the other day when they didn't know it. They were the participants in a mock marriage, "just for fun," and afterward learned that the ceremony had been performed by a Justice of the Peace, who filed a record of the marriage. Both the bride and groom were engaged to be married to other parties, and it took an order of the court to undo the mock marriage. To complete the romance, the other parties to the engagements should now refuse to marry the participants in the silly adventure.

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