

Rum Traffic Notes.

LICENSE A FAILURE.

Boston has a high license law. Recently its record of drunks that appeared in the police courts were 19,334 in seven months. Yet license is claimed to so regulate the traffic that drunks are diminished! Suppose a prohibition city should make such a record, what a howl the rum party would make. Is not license as a lessener of intemperance the greatest and worst failure known?

NINETY PER CENT.

Rev. George Warren, chaplain of the Missouri penitentiary, says that out of 2,270 convicts in the prison at the time he made an investigation, 85 per cent of the entire number came there directly through the influence of liquor, and that 5 per cent of the remainder came there indirectly from the same cause. That is, 2,000 convicts are in the Missouri penitentiary as the result of the licensed traffic in that state.

JUST LIKE THEM.

Because the Rev. C. H. Rutledge, pastor of the Methodist church of St. Charles, Mich., accompanied by witnesses, entered three of the village saloons Sunday, where liquor was illegally sold, secured evidence and announced his intention of prosecuting the proprietors, nearly all the windows of his church were broken at night.

If they broke only windows, it might be endured. But they break hearts and homes and lives. And yet Christian countries tolerate them!

ROOSEVELT'S OPINION.

President Roosevelt not only has opinions, but he has, also, the habit of expressing them clearly. Of grog-sellers he is quoted as saying: The friends of the saloon keepers denounce their opponents for not treating the saloon business like any other. The best answer to this is that the business is not like and other business, and that the action of the saloon keepers themselves conclusively proves this to be the case. It tends to produce criminality in the population at large and law-breaking among the saloon keepers themselves. When the liquor men are allowed to do as they wish, they are sure to debauch not only the body social, but the body politic, also.

MODERATE DRINKING.

That a man who was never intoxicated in his life and whose only indulgence was a moderate drink of whiskey in the morning and another before retiring at night may die from alcoholism, has been demonstrated by an autopsy made at Bellevue Hospital in the case of George Turner. To his wife, with whom he had lived happily for thirty years, and to his friends, Turner was known as a man of extremely temperate habits. He was suddenly stricken after a surgical operation, was carried to the hospital and died in the alcoholic ward from what the doctors declared was delirium tremens. Mrs. Turner declared the doctors had blundered and demanded an investigation. After the autopsy and statements made from attendants, the coroner's physician declared Turner's death was due to "refined alcoholism." He found that the victim had been suffering from chronic meningitis and softening of the brain, with other maladies of lesser nature.

THEY FAVOR LICENSE.

Some well-meaning but short-sighted people think high license restricts the rum traffic. The fact that the rum men favor it is the strongest proof that it is not a promoter of temperance. Here are the opinions of some leading rum sellers:

"In our opinion, high license does not lessen the consumption of liquor." — Metz & Brother, leading brewers of Nebraska.

"High license has not hurt our business, but on the contrary, has been a great benefit to it." — Peter E. Her (distiller), Nebraska.

"The two most effective weapons with which to fight prohibition are high license and local option." — J. H. Ather-ton (liquor dealer), Louisville, Ky.

"Our observation is that saloons, gambling houses, race tracks, bucket shops, and all the rest of them never harm anyone who is worth a moment's notice." — Washington Post.

"Advocate high license. Don't think that you can silence the pulpit, but you can induce some of them to advocate high license on moral grounds." — Published letter of Devereau and Mersede (liquor dealers), Boston.

NOT TOO STRONG.

The *Casket*, a Roman Catholic paper, uses the following plain and not too emphatic language: "Mr. Justice Grantham, at the recent Durham Assizes, after several stabbing affrays had been traced to the not unusual cause, strong drink, remarked that if more publicans were prosecuted there would be less drinking and less crime, and that it was time that some of these publicans were strung up by the neck. His Lordship's words are suggestive. While we condemn lynching with horror, we must confess that we should be no more shocked at the lawless application of the noose to the saloon keeper by the men whom he had grown rich in pauperizing and brutalizing, than we should be shocked at any other case of lynch law.

BEER DRUNKARDS.

Dr. Delbruck, of Bremen, Germany, does not think that beer is a good temperance drink or a drink to be used as a substitute for strong spirits. He says that of 149 patients who were treated in a North German asylum for drunkards, 41 had been alcoholized by drinking spirits, 38 by wine drinking, and 78, or more than half, by the excessive use of beer.

A heavy beer drinker absorbs a surprising amount of alcohol. In Sandusky, Ohio, the drivers on beer wagons not long ago demanded an allowance of two and one-half gallons of beer a day. That amount of beer contains two teaspoonfuls of alcohol. Not one will doubt that the drinking of so much beer daily would soon make one a drunkard.

A VISIT TO A CAMP.

Not having anything particular to write concerning my pastorate for the INTELLIGENCER, I thought I would give a brief outline of a visit to a lumber camp I recently made. The camp visited is situated about ten miles and a half from Clarendon Station, on the bank of a beautiful lake called "Crystal Lake." It was built and is managed by Mr. Cornelius Hagerman of Mouth of Keswick, York Co. He has employed about sixty-five men and eighteen pairs of horses. He is assisted by his son, William Hagerman, who keeps the books; he also has a valuable assistant in Mr. Joseph Estey, of Scotch Lake, Y. Co., who is foreman of the general work. The manager of the operation, Bro. Cornelius Hagerman, is a very off-hand, genial man, highly respected and esteemed by his men. Of the men it may be said that a more able-bodied,

clever and orderly set cannot be found. With respect to their able-bodiedness they weigh all the way from three hundred to one hundred and twenty-five. Their employer is endeavouring to use his men right, they recognize that fact and are trying to do their best for him, and they are certainly doing grand work, and are piling up a lot of lumber, and should the hauling continue a reasonable time they will complete a very successful winter's work, considering the time they had to spend in starting in a new operation, building camps, draws, etc. I arrived at the camp about noon, Monday, January 25th, and was warmly welcomed by Bro. Hagerman, and was soon made very comfortable in the Beaver House, so-called; this house is fitted up especially for the principal officers of the camp, visitors, the Jack-of-all-trades, and, last but not least, Mr. Wangan (I think that is what they call him), a very important character and factor in every camp. Shortly after arrival we were summoned to the cook-house for dinner, by the cook, Mr. Herbert Brewer. We sat down to a bountiful repast that would put to blush the bill of fare of most of our hotels. Bro. Brewer is an excellent cook, and is ably assisted by his two brothers as "cooks." Besides attending to the temporal wants of the men, he is also interested in their spiritual wants, and on every Sabbath morning has prayer meeting in the camp; in this he is much helped by his brother, who is thinking of consecrating his life fully to the services of God. There are others of the men who are, we are glad to say, Christians and join in the service, which is treated by all with much respect. The Sunday morning service consists in the singing of beautiful hymns by a number of the men, reading of the Word of God and the offering of prayer. The influence of such Christian men and such a service cannot be other than for the glory of God and the welfare of precious souls. After supper was over, in the evening I had the privilege of leading a religious service in the cook-house which I enjoyed very much; as I preached the Word to the men, who kindly listened so attentively, I felt that the Lord was with us and helped us. A number of the men did the singing, and did it well. That they appreciated my humble effort, was manifested not only by their attentive listening but, also, by a good donation, which was kindly solicited by the cook. To Bro. Hagerman and his sons, to the cook and all the men who contributed in any way to make my visit pleasant, I wish hereby to express my heartfelt gratitude, and pray that God may abundantly bless them.

GEO. W. FOSTER.

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