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Centuries ago the great Athenian orator declared that "to drink well was not for a man." Centuries ago it was declared by Senica, the great moralist and philosopher, that "to suppose it possible for a man to take much wine and retain a right frame of mind, was as bad as to argue that he might take poison and not die.' Centuries ago Agustine, speaking of wine, said, "It was the root of all crimes, the spring of all vices, the stain of honesty, and the corruption of the soul." Centuries ago a Chinese emperor made proclamation, saying, "Let the men who brought intoxicating drink within our borders be banished from our kingdom forever and ever". For many centuries the greatest orators, the wisest philosophers, and the best teachers of morals and religion have spoken against the free use of intoxicating drink. And to day the wisest and best men of every religion, of every shade of politics, and of every nation, are denouncing the liquor trade in stronger terms than have ever been used before. In view of all this, is it not strange that such a great social and moral evil has not been eradicated long ago, as so many other wicked laws and cruel, barbarous customs. I cannot understand it at all. It seems most mysterious to me. As a pretended solution of this enquiry,

however, I have had presented to me the fact that it has always had the sanction of readily perceived that this is a very unsatisfactory explanation. When we read back upon us, "cleanse thyselves first." time ago, "to make it easy to do right, in ancient history of the terrible scenes which took place in old Roman amphitheatres we are shocked, we are horrified, But all of that had the sanction of established usage. Men and women of the very highest ranks in society regularly attended those places to witness the outpouring of human blood. An evil like that could not be tolerated in our day. Amphitheatres, as they existed in olden times, have since become a thing of the past; the mighty coliseum itself is a ruin; but this trade has been permitted to live on all through the centuries, and up to this very day is debasing, blighting, ruining and slaying more souls every year than were ever sacrificed in those old Roman amphitheatres. The slave trade had "the sanction of established usage," and it was argued by some that it could never be abolished; but it was, and we can hardly believe now that the generation of our own race has not yet entirely passed away who saw that contaminating traffic carried on among our own people. The slave trade is wiped away. We wonder that it was permitted to exist so long; but this is a trade as bad as that was a trade in that which enslaves the bodies, the passions, the souls of men. Bull fights have had the "sanction of established usage" in Spain. We turn we yet tolerate an evil that has a much more powerful influence over the minds of men than that barbarous custom so characteristic of cruel, cruel Spain. I say it is strange that this should be so. As Senator Summer said: "Man is a progressive being. We are or ought to be wiser than our fathers, for every generation inherits a knowledge which has been steadily accumulating from century to century." And if we look over the history of our race from the dark ages up to the present time, we will find that as a general rule, in proportion to man's advancement and enlightenment, cruel laws, barbarous customs, and social and moral

evils have been wiped away. But though it is strange that this evil still exists, yet it is most fearfully true. Almost every day we read of some of the terrible effects of the trade. If we take our largest city, Montreal, and look into the general state of society there, we are problems to solve to-day. Russia has shocked at the depths of misery and more than one national question of a degradation to which men and women can | complex nature to deal with at the presbe brought. But the reason of it all is ent time; but, we are told that in the last very plain for there are 1400 liquor seven years she spent enough in intoxisaloons in Montreal. And so this work cating drink to feed every man and wogoes on in every province, in every city, man and child within the borders of her in every town and in every village in our vast empire. This then is the most im- every kitchen garden, as they are not Dominion. In our Dominion did I say? portant question for her legislators, Geronly most acceptable additions to the food
portant question for her legislators, Geronly most acceptable additions to the food
supply but very beneficial to the health. fields. Go with me some Saturday night | increase of crime during the past few to the city of Glasgow in Scotland. We | years. Her emperor declares the cause will make through all her streets, we will of it to be drink, and has again and again look into every alley, and on that one | urged upon his advisers to legislate on | turned soil. The soil should be fertile, night alone, we will see 80,000 men and this great question. France is corrupt but it is not a good plan to use fresh women reeling to and fro in a state of with innumberable and unmentionable drunkenness. The law deals with over vices, but if she prohibits this trade their 80,000 drunk and disorderly cases in foundation will be removed, and the Glasgow every year. Go with me to whole nation purified. Great Britain London. We will examine the police re- has been trying to solve the Irish quesports of that great metropolis, and we tion but the Irish spend enough every planted they should be staked like garwill find there are 35,000 drunk and dis- year in intoxicating drink to make them orderly cases among women there every prosperous and contended. Ten million year; and we will find too, that every dollars more last year than the whole fruit. year there are 2500 children under four- rent-roll. Canada has been agitated over teen and 500 under ten years of age picked | the trade question. Shall we have a fariff up off the streets drunk. There are over for revenue only or a protective policy? 14,000 liquor saloons in London. Turn I can tell our legislators what we of both your eyes to our own continent again, political parties want today. We want a and look in New York city. There you protective policy; a policy that will pro- vines are allowed to trail on the ground. will find 10,000 liquor saloons, and 15,- tect us against free trade, or any other If there should be a vigorous growth of 000 children depending upon the city for trade in that which is every year blastsupport. New York spends \$70,000,000 | ing the lives of some of the noblest men every year in intoxleating drink. Go to and fairest women in this magnificent pinched back. San Francisco, and there you will find Dominion. 5000 liquor saloons running night and For my own part I believe that future and table purposes, tomatoes have a day. All through the nights as well as generations will hold these Christian govthe days, those 5,000 liquor saloons con- ernments responsible for the maintenance tinue unceasingly to deal out death and of this evil in an enlightened age. For destruction to perishing men and women. centuries the voices of all good men have the fruit has a cooling affect, which Go to Chicago and there you will find a been heard speaking against it. Today makes it peculiarly desirable in summer. liquor saloon to every forty inhabitants "the blood of millions crying from the It is said that a free use of this fruit at and a policeman to every two hundred. The U.S. spends \$700,000,000 every ished, and, if they continue to remain year in intoxicating drink, and in that deaf to it all, depend upon it their memocountry in two years there were 3000 ries will be blackened by future generawomen who died from the effects of brut- tions. For, as we wonder at "the es-

bands when drunk.

wiped away. here, I refer to the fact that, not only in have today, hold them responsible for the the U.S., but in our own country, also, continuance of this inhuman relic of the it is becoming more and more customary | dark ages. Great indeed, then, are the every year for liquor dealers to employ responsibilities which rest upon the legisyoung women as bar-tenders. Such a lators of all Christian countries; but, at as the murderer of an alleged lawyer.' prostitution of female virtue, it does seem | the same time it should be remembered to me, must have been invented by the that theirs are most glorious opportuni- didn't you say so before? The prisoner Infernal Powers of Darkness and not by ties; opportunities which if improved, man himself. These young women may even now, would place their names among icourt."

but I tell you they will not carry on their in the years to come. work there and remain unstained. So gain the custom of respectable young at least indirectly rest upon all. men. But the flowers which we trans- We in Canada have been promised the ed and their instincts corrupt.

the civilization of the 19th century? ills of humanity. And, depend upon it, What are we that we should look down that He, who hears the cries of the on nations less civilized We turn with wronged and wretched and looking down feelings of horror from the "profane rites | from heaven upon the sons of men, sees of unnumbered savages and from their His own most glorious image defaced in worship of a fetish in the wilderness;" every direction beyond recognition, will and we send out missionaries to educate | hold us all responsible if we fail to imand Christianize them. Oh, yes! we do | prove the opportunities which, as we that; for four years ago there was a ves- said are soon to be given to us. Realizsel sailed for the western coast of Africa | ing all this, let none of us fail to attend having on board fourteen missionaries, the polls when the plebiscite is taken, eleven cases of gin, and ten thousand but let us all vote for an entire prohibicasks of rum. But this does not surprise | tion of the rum trade. We stop at nothus when we are told that the world spends | ing short of an entire prohibition of the just 180 times as much in intoxicating | whole thing. drink as is raised for missionary purposes. It is right and all important that, as a ample beneficial. Moral sussion is an race, we should do all we can to draw important factor in the elevation of socithe darkened souls of other nations from ety. But we want a law passed that will following after false gods—to stay the wipe the whole thing out, so there can be march of a crushing judggernaut;—but so | no more drunkards made. A prominent long as the millions of our own race sing | man, opposed to prohibition, said, "you songs to the gods of Bacchus-so long as can't make men good by law." "No," Satan's infernal chariot of intemperance was the reply, "but you can keep them continues to roll all up and down our own from doing harm." There is where the land, crushing with its bloody wheels more | point is exactly. "Can keep them from souls every year than were sacrificed to doing harm;" and especially from doing established usage. But it can be very juggernaut; -so long as this continues, we harm to others. "It is the function of must expect as a race to have this thrown | good government." said Gladstone, some

> the world every year for intoxicating true, surely prohibition is an act of good drink would place a bible in the hands of government. And we believe that no ever human being on the face of the better and kinder, and more merciful and earth. And is there no incongruity in humane law was ever enacted in the halls fact that we send out missionaries to of legislation. Why just consider it for teach the way of life to the nations who a moment and then we have done. Proknow not God, and, with those very mis- hibit the trade and there would be no sionaries, rum, to lead them into the more drunkards to degrade society. Proways of death? And missionaries tell us | hibit the trade and those homes of dethat this is one of the greatest obstruc- | bauchery, where incarnate devils transtions in their work. Some of these form woman's purity into loathesomeness, heathen people knew nothing at all about | would crumble to the dust. Prohibit the this evil until the white man took it to trade and according to Sir Wilfred Lawthem, and they complain against it most | son, "nine-tenths of the misery of our bitterly, and are led to hate our race. people would be removed." Nearly a century ago one of our Ameri- | For that we work, for that we plead, can Indians when replying to a missionary at a council, said: "Your people came ity is given to us. And, if we succeed in to us; they asked for a small seat, we carrying this question, we believe that the took pity on them and they sat down government will no longer turn to us among us. We gave them corn and deaf ears and hardened hearts; but that meat; they gave us poison in return. * He, whose ears are always open to the

> us, it was strong and powerful and it has good time, speak to them that they hear slain thousands. When your religion us, and touch their hearts, that they makes white people less disposed to cheat crown our efforts with success. - And Indians we will then consider what you when governments are made to believe have said." These Indians, you see, con that a revenue raised out of the want and sidered themselves cheated into liquor; woe and suffering and life blood of the aud so they were. They called it "fire people is got at too great a cost—when water," and so it is. An appropriate prohibition has become general all over the Christian world, then, and not till liquid form; but fire, because it burns the then, can temperance workers rest from body-it burns the brain-it burns the their labors. Then the mighty vineyards soul; it burns in life,—in burns in death of Eurore, which now cover 23,000,000 brought my people is the source of all Then the enormous amount of grain which quarrels among them. I stop it." And now goes into the distilleries can be used tinue to license an evil which even bar- it should be used. Then the supply of low savages to be our teachers in a mat- ed. Oh! I tell you there will be happy ter of moral and social reform? It is a time then, where there is no happi upon our civilization—a dark stain upon in the least degree to accomplish this, all Christian nations. And the fact that | will be amply rewarded if to him it is said it is such a national evil is one of the reasons why I wonder at its continuance today. Prince Leopold said before he died that "the only foe Great Britain had to fear was intoxicating drink."

The mighty rulers of the different great nations have their respective political

ground" demands that it should be abolal treatment at the hands of their hus- tablished usages' of the daak ages, and look down upon those characters in his-Is it any wonder, I ask, that the tory who stood out against moral and sowomen of that country are using almost | cial reform, keeping up cruel laws and superhuman efforts to have the trade wicked barbarous customs as long as they replied Perry Patettic; "missus, it would could, so will future generations, with a | be impossible to repeat to a lady what I I trust you will pardon me if, just knowledge of the light these governments

go into those places pure and innocent those of the world's greatest benefactors and spotless as the very angels of Heaven, in those histories which are to be written

But after all, governments are not beautiful flowers are taken up and trans- alone responsible for this fearful modern planted into our houses to make them ap- evil. Not at all. They are elected and pear attractive; so are these young girls supported by the people; so that, al-induced by heavy salaries to stand in though they are perhaps more directly those bar-rooms to attract and decey and responsible, yet the responsibility must

plant into an impure air gradually be- privilege of fighting this evil at the polls. come more delicate and can never again There is not the slightest doubt but that be as healthy and vigorous as where they this privilege will be granted to us before were growing outside in God's pure at- long. Who among us then is not directly 240 Union St., St. John, N. B. mosphere; and these young girls may go responsible at this time? Fvery man no into those places with the strongest vir- matter how humble his position may be, tues, the most healthy tastes, and the has now before him a golden opportunity. purest instincts; but they will not breathe I would earnestly call upon all who have the vitiated atmosphere of those dark votes to especially remember at this time places of sin long before their virtues | that you are responsible beings, responwill weaken, their tastes become pervert- sible not only for the talents entrusted to your care, but also for every opportunity Who are we that we should boast of which is given to you for lessoning the Total abstinence is good, and its ex-

Newman Hall said that "what it costs | and hard to do wrong." Now if that is

* They brought strong liquor among | cries of the mourner, will, in His own -it burns to all eternity! An autocratic | acres, can be converted into golden fields Metabele chief said, "This beer you of grain to feed her own starving children. how long I ask you, are we going to con- as it was designed by a beneficent Creator barians refuse to submit to? Shall we al- | bread for the sons of men will be increasshame upon our Christianity and a blot | ness now. And any man who has helped "Well done, good and faithful servant." And the feeblest woman who has joined in the work will not have lived all in vain; for ere the world recedes and disappears from her view, swift winged messengers will carry an account of her stewardship to heaven and the redeemed ones there will join in pronouncing these words of everlasting commendation, "She hath done what she could."

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