

Archbishop Ireland.

WHAT THIS GREAT CATHOLIC PRELATE HAS TO SAY REGARDING LIQUOR.

May we at least flatter ourselves with the belief that intemperance is decreasing among us as we advance in intelligence and civilization? Let there be no illusion Alcohol's forces are not retreating; and he who writes thus has hurriedly surveyed the battlefield or is himself anxious to sheathe his sword. Public opinion no longer views drunkenness as a pardonable weakness, and a gentleman's privilege. Total abstinence are daily widening out their ranks and their influence. Yet with all this the consumption of liquor increases.

The people of the United States used four gallons of intoxicating drinks per capita in 1840, and twelve gallons per capita in 1883. During the five years preceding 1884, while the population increased 15 per centum the consumption of distilled spirits increased 44 per centum, and that of malt liquors 60 per centum. The statistics of pauperism and crime show misery and sin increasing in similar proportion as the consumption of liquor. Indeed, intemperance is increasing the world over; it has become the virulent malady of the Nineteenth century—a fact which does not make our own local condition the more hopeful.

Intemperance decreasing! How can it decrease? How can it but increase? Is there not an organized conspiracy for the promotion of intemperance? Are not the very agencies, whose function it is to repress it, paralyzed by its power, and even pressed into its own service? I am touching upon our great cause of alarm. Nothing of the kind belonged to the past.

The saloon-keeper is alcohol's soldier; he is America's danger and disgrace. Do not I pray you go off into the regions of the abstract, and dream of the possible saloon-keeper—the law abiding citizen, engaged in illicit bartering, honest and honorable in his dealings with his customers. Study him in actual life.

Saloon keepers are everywhere, wherever the craving for alcohol exists, or wherever it may be created. The merchant finds them next door to his store, the laborer across the street from his work shop during the day, near his shanty and tenement house in the evening. They track the crowd to places most sacred; with peculiar predilection they erect their stands near the schools, churches and cemeteries. The principle governing their trade? To make money. Little they reck the misery drink causes, if they are thereby enriched. They deal it out to the tottering inebriate; to the youth surely entering on a life of sin and shame; to the workingman whose family are enduring famine; to the woman whose virtue dies as she lifts the poisoned cup to her lips.

The saloon keepers are aware that their customers will be the next morning in a prison cell, that wives and children are invoking curses on the heads of those who rob them of their protectors, but what does it matter them? The glasses are still filled and the dollars roll into the till. Late hours at night, all day Sunday, when all is elsewhere rest and silence, they ply their business. There are attractions of all sorts to draw men to the saloon; there is excitement of all sorts to awaken or increase the appetite for drink. There are saloon keepers' organizations, the leaders in which are the brewers and the distillers, for the purpose of continually widening out the drink traffic and breaking down what opposition may be made to it.

But are there not laws forbidding in this traffic at least things openly nefarious, and throwing some protection around the victims? There are some laws; the saloon keeper laughs at them. In America there is a class of men rebellious to all law, glorying in their rebellion, defying the people to curb their power—the saloon keepers. And this shameless rebellion against the law is in order to flood the land more freely with alcohol, to make drunkards, ruin families, fill jails and poorhouses.

A newspaper the organ of the liquor dealers, pointedly asked the other day why temperance speakers attack men who are doing business just as others in the grocery or clothing business. The reasons, I reply are very plain. No other business entails

woe and sin as the liquor trade, and no other business is lawless in its methods, and defiant before the country as the liquor traffic.

Bob's First and Last Spree.

Bob, when a young man was willing to do almost anything but work, and like lazy people generally, he was often engaged in dark ways and vain tricks. He had never tasted alcoholic liquors up to the time of which I am speaking—probably the only redeeming feature in his character. He was an orphan, and had wealthy but respectable connections. His sisters were very pious, and he wasn't, "because," said he "they have enough for me and themselves too." He was an expert at baseball, bowling, card-playing and all games of no particular benefit to himself or any one else; and the young men with whom he played were all drinkers of intoxicants, and at length he yielded to their solicitations and drank brandy and soda, their favourite mixture. At first he partook sparingly but the seductive habit grew upon him until for the first time, he became intoxicated.

The keeper of the saloon where the young men met allowed him to "sleep it off" in a rear room, when his companions had left him. It was midnight when he awoke from his drunken sleep. He was afraid to go home, for his sisters would know what he had done. So he decided to visit a young man whose business detained him until midnight, or later, at least four nights in the week.

So Bob staggered along as best he could. When he arrived at his friend's residence no light was visible in front, and he passed through a passage-way leading to a garden in the rear. A light was seen in a room on the second story, and Bob congratulated himself on a few hours rest, and on escaping a lecture from his sisters. In the morning he would lie to his sisters as to the cause of his absence. Lies were trifles to Bob.

But Bob's friend had been detained later than usual, and the only person in the house was a relative an old gentleman who had been deaf and dumb from childhood.

Bob had a large quantity of low cunning, and he was as noiseless as possible in his movements. How could he reach the open window, twenty feet above him, and enjoy the rest he so much needed? After much tribulation he found a ladder and having planted it firmly, as he thought, on a pile of boards, and the top against the house and under the window he found, when he had mounted as high as he could go, that it was at least four feet short. This made him "mad," as he called it, and he decided to make a spring for the window-sill. He did so, and fell. Oh, what a fall! Down came Robert, and ladder, and all! When engaged in anything that was considered by him to be important, Bob had a habit of protruding his tongue from his mouth, and so, at the beginning of his rapid descent, his chin struck the top wrung of the ladder, and when he "reached bottom," he had lost a portion of his tongue, two front teeth, all his courage, and was, in fact, "thoroughly demoralized."

In pain and terror he swore and shouted for help, and then tried to escape to the street. But the owner of the adjoining property heard the fearful racket, started to assist his neighbour, carrying with him a heavy club, and accompanied by a big Newfoundland dog; and, for the next five minutes poor Bob suffered severely. After being clubbed by the man and bitten by the dog, he was dragged to the street and arrested by a policeman, and locked up. When he was arraigned in the morning it was before a police justice who knew his family. He was discharged with a severe reprimand, and Bob left the police court minus a hat, two teeth, part of the calf of his right leg, and with clothes torn and bloody. His appearance was that of a young man who had been dragged through a sewer and beaten with a soot-bag.

Bob now fills a responsible position and is a respectable member of society. His manners are genial and he is willing to joke upon almost any subject but one—his first and last spree. Whenever that is referred to he invariably "cuts up rough."

Moral: If you wish to "get up" in life you must be sober when you make the attempt.

Is Prohibition a Failure?

So say the saloon keepers, and yet it never fails to alarm them. It excites their vengeance as nothing else does. They hate it. They pour out their money freely to fight it. They howl about it, and abuse everybody that advocate it. Are they making all this fuss about a ghost, or a figment, or an imaginary dream of a few fanatics? If there is nothing in prohibition, if it has no power, if it can not pinch them, if it is always a failure, why do they get so excited over it and work so hard against it?

A few things should be considered: 1. No law will enforce itself. 2. No law can be called a failure because it does not stop every offence it was intended to suppress. All laws have more or less violations under them, and some which are never detected and punished.

3. Is civilization a failure because some people within the area of civilized countries are not civilized?

4. Is education a failure because so much illiteracy exists even in communities where our schools are established and maintained?

5. Is Christianity a failure because so many evils exists in Christian communities which are contrary to Christianity?

6. Nor is prohibition a failure because there is more or less clandestine liquor selling where it exists.

7. This is certain, that prohibition cripples the liquor traffic more effectually than any other form of legislation.

8. Besides, prohibition puts society in the right attitude in respect to the traffic in alcoholic beverages.

Rev. Dr. Daniel Dorchester, in a recent issue of the Independent, compares the cost of pauperism in three cities and two large towns at periods twenty years apart, the first being a period of prohibition and the second of license. He shows that in these five municipalities in twenty years the increase in cost of pauperism under license average 482 per cent. over the cost under prohibition, the average increase in population being but 77 per cent.

The Farmer's Voice says that a law has been recently passed in Waldeck, Germany, forbidding the granting of a marriage license to a person addicted to the liquor habit.

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