

IF I WERE A VOICE.

If I were a voice—a persuasive voice— That could travel the wide world through...

If I were a voice—a consoling voice— I'd fly on the wings of air; I'd come of sorrow and guilt I'd seek...

If I were a voice—a convincing voice— I'd travel with the wind; And whenever I saw the nations torn...

If I were a voice—a prevailing voice— I'd see the kings of earth; I'd find them alone on their beds at night...

If I were a voice—an immortal voice— I'd speak in the people's ear; And whenever they shouted "Liberty!"...

CHARLES MACKAY.

TEMPERANCE HYMN.

Fling out the banner of the Church! Too long, O God, too long!

Wake, thou that sleepest, wake! March in the cause of right!

O what a piteous cry Thine ear, Jehovah, meets!

O Christ, who canst to seek, To save the erring, lost,

Teach us the word to say, The righteous thing to do,

What though drink holds the keys Of politics and gold—

Thy Church, O God, looks up With wakened eyes to Thee,

Terrible Remorse.

Mrs. J. K. Barney, whose occupation it is to visit the prisons of our land...

She handed me a picture and told me to show it to him.

I went with these two pictures to the prison.

He was in a dark cell. The keeper said that he had been there twenty four hours...

"Let me step in," I said, and I did so.

There was just a single plank from one end to the other...

Said I: "Charley, I am a stranger to you, but I have come from your mother; and I shall have to go back and tell her that you did not want to hear from her."

"Don't mention my mother's name here," he said. "I will do anything if you will go."

He said he hadn't eaten anything in twenty-four hours.

They brought him something and I sat down beside him and held the tin plate on which was some coarse brown bread without any butter and...

"That is my mother. I always said she was the handsomest woman in the world."

He pressed it and held it in his hands, and I slipped the other over it.

"Who is that?" he asked. "That

is your mother." "That my mother?" "Yes, that is the mother of the boy I found in a dark cell, after she had been waiting five years to see him."

Another touching incident is that of a little girl who was dying. Her father had struck the child such a blow on the spine while insane from the influence of rum...

Among those of the neighbours who had gathered in amid the excitement was the rum-seller who had dealt out the poison in that neighborhood for years.

That group never forgot the dying child's charge, and the rum-seller says that it haunts him day and night; and yet he continues to deal out the fatal beverage to his victims.

IS IT A CRIME

We mean the liquor traffic. We need not stop to consider the sale and use of alcohol as a medicine...

Crime, according to Webster, is "any violation of law, either human or divine; an omission of a duty which is commanded, or the commission of an act which is forbidden, by law."

And that mightiest creative genius that has ever graced the pages of literature with the fruits of his intellect, Milton, who in his lofty conception of the nature and relation of things...

"Author of evil, how hast thou disturbed Heaven's blessed peace, and into nature bro't Misery, uncreated till the crime Of thy rebellion!"

Of what good is the liquor traffic the author? It is the undisputed father of many evils in the community and throughout the land.

Tried by all the rules of justice, morality, virtue and right, the traffic in intoxicating liquors stands convicted of the darkest crimes that have cast their black and blighting shadow over humanity...

We may consult jurists, physicians, police courts and prison managers and the united and universal testimony is that "full 85 per cent. of all the convicts give evidence of having in some large degree been prepared and enticed to do criminal acts by the use of alcoholic drinks."

Shall the saloon, the mother of so many criminals, whose only business is to deal in just such crimes as curse the community and as all men hate— shall she be ch' forth this volume of crimes and yet herself guiltless go?

REV. L. F. BICKFORD.

There is a Prohibition brass band composed entirely of young ladies at Manston, Wisconsin.

HAMPTON, Feb. 4, 1888,

G. W. P. Campbell, accompanied by G. Scribe, D. Thompson, paid an official visit to Spring Division on Monday evening, 13th inst.

A public meeting was held first which was addressed by the G. S. and G. W. P. The meeting was well attended and the audience was so well pleased with the addresses that many of them went on the next evening to Hampton Village where another meeting was held under the auspices of Hampton Division.

We were so well pleased with this the first visit of a G. W. P. to our Division that we would like to have them oftener, especially if they are as earnest workers and fine speakers as the present one.

With regard to our Division we are enjoying at present well attended meetings, with initiations every night.

After the close of the public meeting the regular meeting of the Division was held, the G. W. P. in the chair, some 18 or 20 were proposed and 12 persons presented themselves for initiation.

The "Sumptuary" Delusion.

We do not refer to the Scott Act. This for two excellent reasons—(1) The Scott Act is not a delusion. It meets the reasonable expectation of its friends; (2) the Scott Act is not sumptuary.

Now what are sumptuary laws? Sumptuary laws are simple laws designed to regulate and moderate the expenses of living. The adjective is one derived from the Latin noun meaning "expense."

Centuries ago England and France tried sumptuary legislation with much the same result as attended the repeated Roman experiment.

But the Scott Act is not in any sense a sumptuary law. It does not seek in the least to interfere with anybody's scale of expensiveness in living.

The Blue Cross Temperance Society of Switzerland now numbers 5,277. Of the 12,000 saloonists in New York City, 8,000 have served a term in prison.

In Tennessee over 100 publications favor a prohibitory amendment while but 11 oppose it.

The recent decision of the United States Supreme Court in regard to the Constitutional right of any State to forbid the manufacture and sale of intoxicants without incurring any liability for damages has been received in Iowa by all temperance people with great satisfaction...

WHAT THE SALOON COSTS.

Liquor is now sold by license at 8,000 places in New York—hotels, saloons, stores, etc. There is therefore, for 190 persons one liquor shop. If about half of the 190 are children and the other half are women we have the men for whom there is always ready one bar or counter reduced to a comparatively small figure.

A SHOCKING REVELATION.

THE POISONS USED IN LIQUOR MANUFACTURE.

A manufacturer of liquor, with an experience of 20 years, has declared in New York that a man has about as good a chance of being struck by lightning as he has to be served with a pure brandy in that city.

We make champagne which you buy for the genuine article. It costs to manufacture \$4. a basket. We sell it for \$10 to dealers.

The National Law-and Order League meets in Philadelphia, Pa., ext Wednesday.

The drink vice and mammon worship says Canon Farrar, are bringing about by natural laws their own inevitable retribution, and unless remedies be found in our earnestness and in our self-denial, and in our promotion by every possible means of the common good of all, then the Huns and Vandals who shall shipwreck our civilization are being bred, not in the steppes of Asia but in the slums of great cities.

Help the Children

The children of this generation cannot be relieved of the taint the enebriety of the fathers has entailed upon them, but they do ask that their hands may be free, that they may fight their enemy within, and that he receive no aid and comfort from without.

A GOOD NAME FOR IT.

Barbarians sometimes have a candor in their methods of expression which might will be emulated by more civilized people.

"The Rev. Horace Waller, formerly associated with Dr Livingstone in African travel, is responsible for some startling statements regarding trade in intoxicating liquor in Africa.

A Sure Remedy for Intemperance.

There is one perfectly safe remedy for intemperance, and that is total abstinence. There is no sure remedy except that. I have been a total abstainer from birth.

The Scientific American,

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Resolution of Condolence.

The members of Lansdowne Division, No 257 S. of T., take this opportunity of expressing their deep sympathy with their esteemed Worthy Patriarch, and his mother, and brother and sisters in the loss of a christian father, and one who had endeared himself to so many with whom he had come in contact.

Our deceased Brother, Duncan Blair, had long been connected with the order of the Sons of Temperance, and was one of those who joined 'Old York' in its infancy.

Our Brother was a goodly man—a good member and one from whom we hoped to gain much advice and encouragement.

Resolved that this Division do express its deepest sympathy for those afflicted by his leaving us. While we know there must be those pangs of sorrow over the loss of one so dear, yet we recognize that for him to die was gain.

Further resolved, that a copy of the foregoing be sent to our Worthy Patriarch, that it be inserted in the Temperance Journal and also engrossed in the minutes.

WM. M. CLARK, HERMAN H. FITTS, C. JAS. WILSON, A. L. HAINING.

To call Prohibitionists demagogues in alliance with rum-sellers, is simply silly.—George W. Curtis, The Tribune claims that the restriction liquor law in Philadelphia has cut down the rum-shops one-half.

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