

The Home vs. The Saloon.

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The famous answer of the Emperor Napoleon, concerning the imperative need of France, viz: good mothers, is as familiar as house-hold words. Whilst frankly conceding the importance to any nation of good, intelligent mothers, we claim that a number of fathers are necessary for the best development of the rising generation. If one well attested fact be worth tons of theory; if it is not poetic sentimentalism but the cold truth, as lawyers phrase it, that we are after, then have we on every side graphic illustrations that no matter how good father and mother may be, no matter how refined and elevating the home, so long as the authorities license men, on every hand to sell what some one, in language more striking than classic styles liquid damnation, just so long will not only the teachings of home be neutralized, but, in addition, those of church and Sunday school will be effectually counteracted. In a stroll through a certain town where, the night previous your correspondent addressed a crowded house, a friend accompanying her said in passing some of the finest residences, Well, that father ought to have been at the meeting or that mother. When asked why these should have attended the reply was, In one an only son sleeps in a drunkard's grave; in another a beloved daughter is married to an inveterate drunkard. Expressing surprise that in so small and conservative a town where, but the night before, we had told the people that it seemed to us like carrying coals to Newcastle to organize temperance work there, that such evidence of the home of the hydra-headed evil should exist. I asking for a solution of the same she replied, Don't you know that young men in large numbers migrate from these rural towns to the great commercial New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, etc., and that away from the hallowed and restraining influence of home fall an easy prey to the enticements and dangers incident to city life? As it is simply impossible to keep our boys under the home roof, it goes without saying that no matter how careful and wise the home training it is often no match for the allurements of the saloon. The peculiar danger of the high licensed saloon is its attractiveness to young men raised amid specially refined surroundings. This class would not only find no attraction in a corner groggery, but every fibre of their nature would revolt from the same; but when, in addition to love of fellowship with those of their own set, there is found attractive surroundings in the form of delicate cut glass, beautiful paintings, costly mirrors, marble pavements, etc., who does not see the danger increased a hundred fold? It is an emphatic object lesson concerning the fact that Satan is never so dangerous as when he comes as an angel of light. Surely, in view of such suggestive truths, there should be a unanimous cry for the suppression of the traffic.

Where It Falls.

The worst consequences of the liquor traffic fall upon women and children.

Intemperance is the most cowardly of all crimes. I say of all crimes: for it must be admitted that, if so long as the effects of self-poisoning by the use of intoxicating beverages are confined to drunkards, the practice is only a vice, yet the moment he is led by it to violate his duty to others, and trespass upon their rights, he becomes a criminal. Although there is much intemperance among women, and it is feared that the habit is increasing, especially among the fast and wealthy few, still the gentler sex is comparatively free from the dreadful practice, which is so common among men. Some of the reasons for this fact may be that the woman nature, if not the better, is less inclined to the indulgence of coarse, animal tendencies like gluttony and drunkenness, that woman has fewer temptations, and, when there is opportunity, is more readily reclaimed. Then again woman is the supreme being in the family, and instinctively perseveres longest against temptation, adversity and unfortunate environment, in the effort to sustain and preserve the family bark from wreck on the sea of dissipation. All the intense feelings and forces of wifehood and motherhood are rallied for the great

struggle against the drink demon who invades her sacred citadel. Whoever surrenders to him—and sometimes he captures all and spares neither sex—as a rule, the woman who is a wife and mother yields last.

Intemperance is not a natural passion. It is an acquired appetite; and woman, warned of its special horrors reserved for herself, is the greatest barrier to its general prevalence among men. Imagine for a moment the influence of woman withdrawn from the warfare against alcohol; or even that she were as indifferent and inactive in her opposition to it as the masses of the other sex! Would not the ravages of the traffic be doubled in five years?

Men alone would seldom lose a day or dollar in temperance crusades. The war for abstinence is a war for woman and for home. It is woman's war. Man may help her, but she fights it, if it be fought, and she wins it, if it be won. It is her kingdom which is at stake, and upon her success depend all the great interests of society.—Henry H. Blair, in the *Temperance Movement*.

Around the World.

Michigan's Local-Option Law has been weakened and almost killed by the Supreme Court of that State.

In the city of Sydney, New South Wales, there are 300 persons known to be habitual and absolutely hopeless drunkards. Ninety per cent. of the crimes of the colonies is said to be due to drink.

Iosco County, Mich., voted "wet" on Feb. 29 by 600 majority. The same week three counties and the city of Jackson went "dry."

The Twenty-seventh Congressional District Prohibitionists will meet at Oswego, N. Y., on April 10. Delegates will be elected to the National Convention.

The whiskey men of Columbus, Miss., have threatened to burn the Industrial College if the Legislature passes a five-mile law for that institution.

It is said that \$2,000 was sent by the liquor-dealers of Boston, and another \$2,000 by the liquor-dealers of Portland, Me., to defeat Neal Dow, of that city, for mayor.

France has passed a liquor law as follows. Every person who may be condemned twice by the police for open drunkenness, will be held incapable of voting, of elective eligibility, and of being named for the jury or any public office. Wouldn't such a law play smash with politics in America?

April 10th will be the fiftieth anniversary of Father Mathew's signing the pledge. It is said that through his efforts over a million persons were induced to sign the pledge. The Catholic societies will celebrate the day.

Out of 111,000 school boys in London 37,486 belong to the Band of Hope. Out of 95,000 girls, 31,090 are members.

The business of Des Moines, Iowa, has increased \$1,000,000 since prohibition got hold of her.

Out of 373 students in the Congregationalist colleges of England and Wales, no less than 315 are abstainers.

Of the 12,000 saloonists in New York city, 8,000 have served a term in prison.

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

Moncton Scott Act News.

The *Times* has a budget of Scott Act news, for this week it says: We have been requested by the Town Marshal to state that hereafter the sale of ale, beer, lager beer or other fermented or malt liquor will be deemed a violation of Canada Temperance Act and all parties engaged in the sale thereof will be punished accordingly.

The police are still looking for William Cluney, who is wanted on a charge of assaulting Fabien Cormier in the latter's house on Telegraph street. Cormier keeps oysters, beer, etc., and Cluney, with James Flavin and another boy named Fitzpatrick, had been getting oysters and beer. Some of the boys refused to pay for what they got and Cluney asked to be made acquainted with

Cormier's wife, and acted roughly. Some of Cluney's friends tried to get up a counter charge against Cormier for selling lager beer but the magistrate refused to be a party to such a proceeding.

Norman McMullin, an old man, was yesterday convicted of a violation of the Scott Act and fined \$50, in default 75 days in jail. Being unable to pay he was last evening taken to jail. It appeared from the evidence that John Jonah had met accused in the barn in the rear of Mrs Doud's place and given him 30 cents which to buy liquor. The magistrate held this to be a violation of the law on the part of McMullin and expressed his determination to put a stop to such transactions if possible.

Judge Fraser has set aside the writ of replevin of horse seized from Theo. B. LeBlanc, convicted of violation of the Scott Act and fined \$100 in February last. The costs in the Hannigan-Burgess replevin case, against Mr. Hannigan, have been taxed at \$89.35.

HALTON.

There is no doubt whatever that partyism killed the Scott Act in Halton. The *Daily Globe*, by extensive figures, shows that the Dominion Franchise Act meant in Halton county the loss of 206 votes to the Liberal party, and the Dominion Franchise Act was a partisan measure intended to produce precisely this result. The *Globe* further shows that the Scott Act party has lost in Halton 402 votes, and claims, from these calculations, that a reduction of the Liberal vote is a reduction of the temperance vote. Now it is said in the same article, That there has not been the slightest decline in the temperance sentiment in Halton, but it is stated as likely that the defeat was caused in part by the defection of Liberals who were annoyed because the Conservative prohibitionists did not at the late election support candidates who were Liberals as well as prohibitionists.

We believe the *Globe* explanation of the defeat is a correct one, and that we lost Halton through the manipulation of the voters' lists, which was made possible by the Conservatives, and the defection of Liberals who sulked because they were beaten at the political elections. Partyism defeated the Scott Act in Halton, and partisans on both sides of politics are responsible for the disaster.—*Canada Citizen*.

Reason, Logic, Sentiment, and Humor of Prohibition.

LICENSE. Rebellion, Treachery, Personal Liberty, Sumptuary Laws, Restriction, Non-Partisan, Revenue Tax, are all nearly synonymous terms whenever used to fortify and justify the liquor traffic.

ON the liquor question, the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court and the liquor dealers' opinions are antipodes, and cannot be reconciled. Therefore absolute Prohibition becomes the only means of making the liquor dealers law abiding citizens.

We hang and imprison the anarchists and then bribe men with a license to multiply them indefinitely.

In church, on Sunday, we pray, "lead us not into temptation;" while on Monday, at the polls, we vote to bribe with a license 200,000 liquor dealers to send the whole people, men, women and children, through an open sluice-way of alluring temptation, on to perdition.

We send men to prison for getting drunk: the drunkard-makers we send to Congress and the Legislature.

We pray "Thy kingdom come," but vote for men whose business it is to prey on the hearts and homes of mothers and children.

CORRUPT party leaders compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made they make him tenfold more the child of hell than themselves, by giving him as a reward a monopoly to curse with an exhilarating, seductive poison, all the best men, and often women and children, that can be attracted into their dens of perdition; and all the party, by their consent or connivance as accessories, say "Amen!"

For a pretence we make long prayers for ourselves and by our votes we make strong prayers for the liquor dealers.

The Prohibitionists of Wabash County, Ind., having nominated a ticket for county officers.

Pointers.

The government protects the people from counterfeit postage-stamps, and licenses a horde of pirates to stamp crime, misery and pauperism on the whole country.

Don't say an unkind word to the saloon-keeper's children. They are not responsible for the business in which their father is engaged. The responsibility rests solely upon the heads of the voters.

When you are swimming against the tide of public opinion, be assured that you are no dead fish, for they float with it.

To-day Christ sits over against the ballot box, as of old he sat against the treasury, and judges men by what they cast therein.

This temperance movement is the very bud and bloom of the Christianity of the nineteenth century.

Out of 865 applicants for a liquor license in Philadelphia recently, 669 were foreign born.

There have been presented to the present Congress this early, fifty-seven temperance petitions.

License gilds the saloons more grandly, thus making them more attractive, and therefore the more dangerous.

Come and let us reason together should be the language of every good citizen to his next door neighbor. That's the way to make converts.

Study the science of converting men. It is not so hard as you imagine. Don't go at it as if you were going to tear down a building; but in the plain simple way in which you address your wife and children.

Once I was blind but now I see! Practical Christianity brought this wonderful expression. Try this principle on your friends; it will open their eyes quicker than any other application you can conceive of.

The trouble with local option is you have to wind it up so often, and then you can never be sure that the cog will hold. It is like fighting malaria on a local-option plan; you may drain you lot, but if your neighbors do not drain theirs your drainage will do you little good. Nevertheless local opinion is better than nothing; it gives us a chance to obtain a slice of prohibition bread, and as such we accept it and reach for much more.

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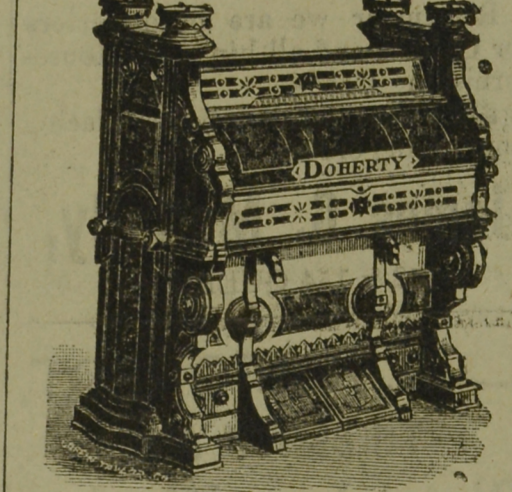
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