

Rum Traffic Notes.

A FAITHFUL PASTOR.

A rumrunner in a Kentucky city says Rev. L. W. Doolan, one of the pastors, has hurt the whiskey business in that city more than any other man in fifty years. No higher compliment could be paid the pastor. May such faithful men be multiplied everywhere.

OF COURSE.

One of the most prominent saloon-keepers of Chicago lives in a prohibition suburb. He says he prefers to bring up his family as far away from saloons as possible. But the heartless scoundrel is willing to provide the deadly influence of his grogshop for the children of other homes.

TURN THEM OUT.

A writer in the Kansas City *Leader* says: "But for two men in his own town, who rent their buildings for saloon purposes, no saloon could run; and, strange to say, both are church members. Much of the crime produced in that community by the infamous liquor traffic will lie at the doors of these men."

Such men should be excluded from the church instantly. The church that retains such men as members is as bad as they are.

IN PERSIA.

Persia drunkards are blacklisted, and to be blacklisted means that the person so enrolled cannot visit the bazaars to buy things except at certain hours, and only then under police supervision. He cannot visit any place of public amusement, and even when at prayers in the mosque he must hold himself aloof from his most respectable neighbors. If, after being blacklisted, he drinks again and is found under the influence, he gets eighty lashes on the soles of his feet.

ONE WEEK.

While the flood was raging and threatening devastation to Kansas City, Mo., the mayor of the city gave orders to close all the saloons on the ground that at such a time they would be bad places for idle men to congregate. The order was generally obeyed, only some ten men ventured to disobey, and they were instantly arrested. As a result of one week without saloons: Only eight arrests for drunkenness from Saturday till Monday, while on Monday, two weeks previous, with the open saloon, there were seventy-six arrests.

HIS BOOTS.

At a temperance meeting where several related their experiences, a humorous Irishman made the hit of the evening. He had on a pair of fine new boots. Said he: A week after I signed the pledge I met an old friend, and he says:

"There's a fine pair of boots you have on."

"They are," says I, "and by the same

token 'twas the saloonkeeper who gave them to me."

"That was generous of him," says he. "It was," says I, "but I made a bargain with him. He was to keep his drink and I was to keep my money. My money bought me these fine boots. I got the best of the bargain, and I'm going to stick to it."

A FAIR TEST.

Haverhill and Brockton are two manufacturing towns in Massachusetts. In the last five years prior to 1900, Haverhill, a manufacturing town with a population of about 35,000, increased in population, under a license rule, only 2,230, while Brockton, a manufacturing town of 40,000, under no-license, gained 6,898. The conditions are so similar as to afford a fair test. The secretary of the Brockton Board of Trade says: "There is no question but that this policy (no-license) has been a great factor in the matter of selecting Brockton as a place of residence, both by business men and mechanics," and the clerk of the overseers of the poor for Brockton says that in the one year when Brockton did have license, the amount of outside relief given to the poor was \$9,668, as compared with 5-226 in a year under no-license.

THE CRIME BREEDER.

The judge presiding at a police court in Philadelphia makes this statement: "It is obvious that 90 per cent of the minor crimes that come before a magistrate have their inception in drink. Take, for instance, the records of the last year for this court alone. Under the head of 'intoxication' there were 20,000 cases out of a total of 105,000 cases. I would say that this speaks for itself. This number, however, is exclusive of the 2,000 drunk and disorderly cases, and the 10,000 cases of violations of corporation ordinances, fully 50 per cent of which are due, in the first place, to excessive drinking. What is it that is responsible for this state of things? The habit of treating. It is an American vice. Men drink for the sake of conviviality when they do not want the liquor. It is a practice that is just as prevalent in the avenue clubs as it is in the groceries."

DUTY OF OFFICERS.

A judge of the Supreme Court of Michigan, dealing with the plea that it is not the duty of a law officer to make complaint against a law breaker, says: "The next time a law officer says it is not his business to make complaint, and tells you that if you will sign the complaint he will set the machinery of the law in motion, that you can assure him it is not the duty of any private citizen to do this. It is not safe for any private citizen to attack three kinds of law-breakers—keepers of houses of prostitution, gamblers and liquor dealers, who sell unlawfully. The suppression of their illegal business is not the concern of private citizens. If they are active in this direction they may have

their houses burned down or be subject to assault; but they dare not assault the officer, because he represents the majesty of the law. Every police officer has the power of government behind him; and law-breakers know that if they kill the officer, they never can kill the office; that as soon as one officer is out of the way, there is another in his place. Law enforcement is what you pay the officers for, and it is their duty and not a private citizen's."

A WISE CONTRACTOR.

A contractor who was opposed to the liquor traffic, but who had been in the habit of employing total abstainer and drunkard indiscriminately, decided to turn no more of his money directly into the till of the saloonist by employing those who use alcoholic liquors. Needing a foreman on a large piece of work, he offered the position to a man whom he had formerly employed, a heavy drinker, on condition that the foreman should become a total abstainer. To this the man agreed, admitting that liquor injured him in many ways. With the money earned on this contract the foreman paid debts to the amount of over one hundred dollars, which he had contracted in the days when he paid out his money for liquor and ran in debt for the necessities of life for his family. This same contractor hired a drunken workman on condition that his wages, fifteen dollars per week, should be paid to his wife and be expended solely by her. This offer was, after some hesitation, accepted. It is needless to say that the money was spent for the man's own family instead of for that of the grog-seller.

TEST YOUR APPETITE.

A young man carelessly formed the habit of taking a glass of liquor every morning before breakfast. An older friend advised him to quit before the habit should grow too strong.

"Oh, there's no danger; it's a mere notion. I can quit any time," replied the drinker.

"Suppose you try it to-morrow morning," suggested the friend.

"Very well; to please you I'll do so, but I assure you there's no cause for alarm."

A week later the young man met his friend again.

"You are not looking well," observed the latter. "Have you been ill?"

"Hardly," replied the other one. "But I am trying to escape a great danger; and I fear that I shall before I shall have conquered. My eyes were open to an imminent peril when I gave you that promise a week ago. I thank you for your timely suggestion."

"How did it affect you," inquired the friend.

"The first trial utterly deprived me of appetite for food. I could eat no breakfast, and was nervous and trembling all day. I was alarmed when I realized how insidiously that habit had fastened on me, and resolved to turn square about and never touch another drop. The swearing off has pulled me down severely, but I am gaining, and mean to keep the upper hand after this. Strong drink will never catch me in his net again."

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