

the citizens of \$34,428, exclusive of street and door relief. Now we are reasonable in computing that three-fourths of these, or 8000, are actual dependents on public relief through liquor, all of whom may attribute their position of dependance to the use of strong drink, either in themselves or in those whose moral and social duty it should be to protect and provide for them. If we now deduct 300 for the number of individuals brought to both correction and charity it shows us 2700, and adding these to the 2,100 citizens brought to public correction by the same cause we have a total of 4800 (an under calculation) of different individual Toronto citizens brought in the year 1864 by liquor to public correction or public charity, being 1 in about every 10 of the population, or about 27 to every licensed drinking bar, or about 13 to every place where liquor is sold within your limits, and being 1 for every second family in the city.

There are visible causes that perpetuate this evil. Intemperance has its agencies as well as education. The one is as plainly nurtured in your drinking houses as the other is in your schools. The ordinary product of the one is good and useful citizens, and of the other paupers, drunkards, and criminals. Why then is it not as necessary to shut up your pauper, drunkard, and criminal factories, as it is to keep open your schools? But the evils arising from intoxicating drink are by no means limited to those whom it brings into your houses of charity or correction; a large number of the distressed are relieved by private charity, while crimes against morality and integrity are perpetrated through it by a great number who escape the policeman's baton or the jury's committal, and crushing woes and sorrows are entailed in many a home through it where the material relief of the benevolent is either not yet required, or where delicacy yet forbids the much needed help being solicited. Yes, indeed, many miseries that may never come to the surface of public observation, multitudes of woes and shames, each defying the whole world's wealth or currency to shew an equivalent for, and an accumulation of guilt and guilty responsibility that the judgment day only can and certainly will shew up in their enormity of consequences on the present and future generations of the deceived, not only against all those who have aided and abetted this scourging traitor to human happiness and hopes but against all who have either refused or neglected to join in the battle against him.*

Hundreds of families are living in a condition where industry, respectability or morality are almost impossible. You look on this perishing class as the natural and inevitable sediment of society; this is a mistake. It is the product of agencies that are under your control, the whole process of making this class is open to your inspection, the money that should furnish comfortable tenements, good food, clothing and other enjoyments, and otherwise improve their condition, goes for drink, while the industry and moral principle which should use that money to advantage goes with it to waste and

* I challenge any man who understands the nature of ardent spirits, and yet, for the sake of gain, continues to be engaged in the traffic, to shew that he is not involved in the guilt of murder.—LYMAN BANCROFT, D. D.