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NOTES OF NEWS.

RELATING TO THE GREAT REFORM.

ODD FELLOWS ALL RIGHT.

The Grand Lodge of California recently passed a resolution prohibiting the use of any spirituous or malt liquor at any meeting or banquet held under the auspices of the Order.

CATHOLICS FOR PROHIBITION

At its session held on June 3rd, the Catholic Abstinence Society of the Archdiocese of Boston adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, That we give our hearty indorsement to no-license as a wise and prudent policy, and the members of our societies are exhorted to labour in their respective cities and towns for the complete and final stamping out of the saloon.

THE BRITISH W. T. A.

The Twentieth Anniversary of the British Woman's Temperance Association to which we have already referred was in all its sessions full of interest for moral reformers. The reports of the different departments were very cordially received. Resolutions were unanimously adopted favoring (1) legislation for the cure of inebriates, (2) local control of the liquor traffic, (3) the Scotch Veto Bill, (4) Woman's Suffrage, (5) Sunday closing of public houses, (6) the closing of public houses on election days, (7) the repeal of grocers' licenses, (8) the prohibition of the sale of liquor to children, and other similar movements. Miss Frances Willard was a distinguished visitor. Lady Henry Somerset was unanimously re-elected President, Miss Agnes Slack, Honorary Corresponding Secretary, Miss Pearsall Smith, Honorary Recording Secretary, Miss Gorham, Treasurer.

DRINK IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The people of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland continue to sustain the reputation of being very robust drinkers. They number at the present time 39,190,000, and the total cost of their wine, beer and alcoholic liquors, divided by the sum, shows an average expenditure of \$18.18 per annum for every man, woman and child in the realm. Contrary to the general impression, the English drink more than the Scotch, and the Irish less than either. The ratio of the English expenditures for drink is \$19.40, the Scotch \$14.70 and the Irish \$13.12 per head per annum.—*Exchange.*

RAILWAYS AND LIQUOR DRINKING.

The *New York Voice* recently sent a circular letter to the managers of the leading railways of the country, asking for replies to the following questions:

From your experience in business do you find that habitual drinking makes employees less efficient in their work?

Does your company forbid the use of intoxicants to any employees while on duty? If so, state character of employment.

Does your company require of any employees total abstinence from all intoxicants? If so, in what kinds of employment?

In taking on new employees do you ever give preference to non-drinkers in preference to those who use intoxicants?

Answers were received from the managers of some twenty-five railways employing nearly 200,000 men, none of whom will tolerate a drinking man in their employ under any circumstances. The following is a summary of the replies:—

Out of these twenty-five managers, every one denounces habitual drinking employees as making them inefficient for work. Nineteen of these magnates forbid the use of liquor by all employees while on duty: five forbid it to trainmen only while on duty, and one did not answer to the query. Eighteen of these managers require total abstinence on the part of the employees in their train service, and many require it in all branches. Moreover these twenty-five men are unanimous in their declaration that they give non-drinking men the preference, both in giving employment and in the matter of promotion. The bogus personal liberty dogma is not recognized in a service where sober men and clear heads are required.

NEWS FROM RUSSIA.

The Czar of Russia has a new plan for minimizing the evils of drink. It is proposed to take over the control of both the manufacture and sale of all alcohol liquors throughout the empire. The *Newcastle Weekly Chronicle*, says this scheme is to be inaugurated next year. The Government will begin by applying the process to eight provinces this year; other seven provinces will be taken in hand in the following year, and on January 1st, 1898, the liquor traffic of Russia will be entirely and absolutely directed by the authorities at St. Petersburg. The scheme is expected not only to improve the habits of the people, but to increase the revenues of the State, since the profits of the publican will hereafter flow into the imperial coffers. It is, therefore, quite a revolution that is about to be initiated, by the Czar's advisers; and the issue of the movement should be watched with interest by all nations that are troubled with the same difficulty—the dreadful difficulty of dissipation.—*Alliance News.*

THE TRAIL OF THE SERPENT.

SOME SPECIMENS.

No day goes by without adding its terrible quota to the awful record of ruin, crime and death that is being made by the liquor traffic, carried on in this Christian country under the sanction of law. We do not wish to harrow the feelings of our readers with needless details of fearful outrage and crime, but we wish to call their attention to just a few evidences of the terrible character of this legalized infamy.

The Canadian papers of Friday, the 3rd inst., reported no fewer than three sudden and terrible fatalities caused directly by drink. Early on Tuesday morning in the town of Smith's Falls, a gang of drunken rowdies brutally murdered one of their number, the victim's body being cut and mutilated in a terrible fashion. About the same time a shocking murder and suicide were perpetrated in Winnipeg; Wm. Warren, aged forty-three, in a fit of intoxication butchered his wife with a razor and then deliberately cut his own throat with the same weapon. Only a few days before a coroner's inquest was held in the city of Quebec on the body of a young man killed by the furiously driven horse of the driver of a whiskey waggon, and another was so seriously injured that his life for a time was in danger.

The *New York Voice*, of June 25th, reported the following tragedies, all of recent occurrence: David Wilson, of Morristown, N.J., while drunk cut open his wife's head with an axe, killing her almost instantly. A drunken mother in New Brighton, N.Y., persisted in dragging the dead body of her baby into the street and carrying it round until locked up by the police. Edward Kelly, of New York, in a fit of intoxication fractured his wife's skull with a hatchet because she would not supply him with any more money. John Haughery, while staggering drunk, fell down stairs with a little child in his arms, killing it almost at once. Later on a drunken row was carried on in the same building while the infant was in the throes of death. Henry Wolff while raving drunk fired a revolver at the four-year-old daughter of a friend who sat upon her father's knee, killing her instantly. At New Hampton, Iowa, Herman Brek attempted to kill his divorced wife but by mistake shot her sister instead, a heavy charge of shot taking effect in her body. At Cedarville, Ohio, Roan

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Murray in a drunken frenzy attacked his year-old baby and wife with a hatchet killing the former and seriously injuring the latter. At Roncoverte, in West Virginia, a butcher named Oulph shot and fatally wounded his wife and son aged twenty-one, and was shot in return by the latter, he is now under arrest. In Philadelphia a machinist named Smith, while in an intemperate condition, set fire to some muslin articles and flung them upon his wife. The woman's clothing took fire and burned her so fearfully that she died a week later. Thomas Clendenning, of Richmond Furnace, Penn., was brutally ill-treated by a crowd of drunken ruffians, who in sport tied ropes to his feet and hung him head downwards; he died shortly after from the effects of the outrage.

The *Alliance News*, published at Manchester, Eng., in its issue of June 19th, under the heading "Fruits of the Traffic," tells of a woman aged fifty-five falling down stairs and being killed while drunk; of the sudden death of a publican who had been drinking for three preceding months; of the imprisonment of a woman who shamefully treated her five-months-old baby, dosing it heavily with brandy, the little one weighed only three and three-quarter pounds; of the death of another woman who fell down stairs while intoxicated; of the death in an hospital through alcoholic paralysis of a divorced woman; of the trial of another woman who had killed her husband in a drunken quarrel; of the death of a laborer who swallowed a heavy dose of amonia while intoxicated; and of a number of other outrages that had not a fatal termination.

It must be borne in mind that each of these fearful casualties is but the termination of a record of fearful sorrow, sin and shame. No tongue can tell, no pen can write, no mind can conceive the extent and appalling character of the fearful burden with which this accursed and legalized traffic is weighing down humanity. How much longer will we tolerate it?

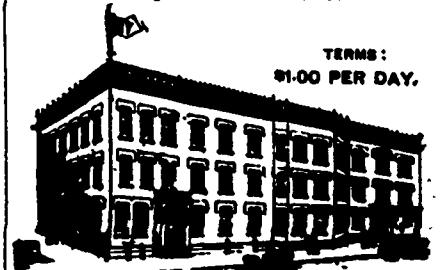
WHY NOT DO IT?

Do what? Wipe out the saloon business and save hundreds of thousands of young men, body and soul, and prohibit the further continuance of a system which blights happiness, crushes hope, and converts home into worse than a hell. Do what? Release this great Christian government from the license system, which in any form is a menace to good citizenship and pure religion. Do what? "Come out from among them and be separate from them." Come out in the way and in practice. If you are a christian, it is no credit to you or your Church to politically associate with a class of men who would not remain where they are politically were it not to their interest to do so. If you are not a christian, you are at least a citizen who loves the State and the Church. The rum business is an enemy to the State, the home, and the Church.

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