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RUM AND THE SABBATH.

WHETHER all men are agreed with us or not as to the extent and magnitude of the evils produced in our world by Rum, there can be no question in the mind of every intelligent, observant Christian man, that by its sale and use Sabbath desecration is very largely promoted, especially in our large cities.

Whilst men of every other pursuit shut up their stores and manufactories, their office or counting-house, and abstain from all secular employment on the Lord's day, the bar-room, and the saloon, and the low groggery are all open unblushingly for the sale of strong drinks, and around those corners, where these establishments are to be found—and, alas! they are legion—members of the precocious manhood of our city will ever be found, with loud talk, profane jest, and obscene remark to the annoyance of the quiet passer to the House of God, and to the scandal of our entire community.

It may be safely estimated, that in New York alone, ten thousand such haunts, of various grade, may be found in full blast on every Sabbath, pouring out a continuous stream of pollution and death, slurring our youth, the hope of our land, to habits of dissipation and debauchery—winning our manhood with syren tongue and every blandishment, from the house of prayer, and from the sacred and neglected duties and happiness of home.

God requires that we sanctify this day, and hallow it to Him. Our statute laws, based on the great requirements of the decalogue, provide for its observance. From every pulpit in our land, in every school house in our wide domain, around every hearth-stone, the same great truth is taught again, and we have none so ignorant but knows, that the first day of the week is the Sabbath—that all worldly employments or recreations thereon are sinful and unlawful; and yet, through the seducing influence of the maddening bowl—or the more despicable love of gain—thousands systematically disregard the injunction and persecute their calling, and tens of thousands permit themselves to be drawn within the vortex of the fatal whirl, which, if continued in, shall surely draw down to a sure and speedy death and eternal destruction.

Shall these things be? Is there not virtue, and religion, and patriotism enough amongst us to stay this tide of desolation? We may be told the law is impotent, ay! so it is, when there is no desire on the part of officials to enforce it; and when our citizens look on from day to day, and from year to year with callous indifference.

Let every pulpit in our city cry aloud against this terrible evil, let all the press raise their note of warning, let the good and true of every denomination, and of every class unite together and resolve, that the sabbath shall be honored, let every man that loves that day make it his business, and we shall raise a righteous clamor on the subject, that will blanch the cheeks and pall the heart of every servant of the Evil One that seeks in this matter to dishonour God and debase His day.

"The Sabbath was made for man." An all-wise and beneficent Jehovah has provided for him this day of rest—rest, not only from worldly care—rest, that every faculty may be recruited and refreshed, and that in closer communion with his God, he may be strengthened for the duties and the trials of the coming week. By such employment of this day, it will become to us as a people, a national good, and to every family, a weekly recurring blessing; but the demon of the Rum-shop in appropriating it to his own use, and in thus desecrating and dishonouring it, has converted the blessing to a curse.

THE FRUITS OF LIQUOR SELLING!

We copy the following list of the doings of the Traffic in London, for a few weeks, from the Alliance published in that City, devoted to Temperance and Prohibition:

- 64 Serious Accidents or Cases of striking bodily Parts.
- 113 Robberies of or by drunken persons.
- 226 Brawls or violent Assaults.
- 73 Cases of Cruelty to Wives or Children.
- 160 Premature Deaths.
- 57 Actual or attempted Suicides.
- 47 Murders or Manslaughters.

The enemies of Prohibition will look upon the above occurrences as small matters compared to the great and important interests of Rum-sellers. They may gather their trophies till the land is deluged in blood, and they are compelled to wade in it ankle deep to prosecute their business—till the walls of the dying, and the sobbing

groans of the mutilated and bereaved fill the air and rise above the howling blast; they must be permitted to continue on in their work. The lives of women and children, deaths by suicidal hands, the stiffened bodies lying in gutters, under stone walls or in open fields—the bloody knives of murderers and assassins, prison gates and bars, the gallows and souls reeking in human gore hurried into eternity, are nothing to them, nothing! when weighed in the scale of Rum-seller's rights!—the right to make money thereby!!

"These are the rights they claim—they love them well,—Hired Engineers upon the road to Hell!!"

We ask our readers what other business produces the like results? And is it not right and just, to exterminate a traffic fraught with such direful consequences.

LEGAL PROHIBITION—THE REMEDY.

The only certain and effective safeguard against drunkenness must be found in the strong arm of a Prohibitory Law which shall interdict the whole liquor-traffic, root and branch.—The law of the land, dealing with drunkenness as a crime, and with the drunkard-maker as an accomplice in that crime, is the only power this side of the throne of Heaven, that will be able to stay the march of intemperance.

An extreme case demands a rigorous treatment. A disease which is never satiated except with death, calls for the strongest remedies known to the practice. The quackery and nostrums of the license system have been tried long enough; and all other remedies are but child's play in the path of this destroyer. There is now but one issue and alternative before us. Everything else has been tried in vain; and it remains for the country either to adopt a Prohibitory Law, or resign itself to that region of terror which the liquor traffic is every where inaugurating.

Ten States of our Union have already been driven to the necessity of trying this experiment; and so far as it is rooted and grounded in the fixed sentiments of the great mass of the people. The whole question of the success of legal prohibition, as a remedy for drunkenness, just turns upon one point: will the people, the great body of the people, make up their minds to adopt it? Such a law, once fully established on the basis of the popular will, would have the effect of rendering drunkenness infamous, and the liquor traffic, if still persisted in, contraband. We can conceive of no greater moral change in society, than that which would be effected by placing this calling under the penal sanctions of the law and consequently, under the ban of a known public opinion. For law, in a free country, is only public opinion stereotyped and published to the world by authority of the people.

There would, doubtless, still be drunkards and liquor selling to some extent, under any law that could be framed; precisely as there are thieves and counterfeiting and gambling, despite of all the anathemas of existing laws. No man who understands anything of human nature, expects all crime to be extirpated, or all criminals to be reformed by law. The grand object is, to prevent men from committing crimes, and from becoming criminals; and thus to protect society. Prevention is the cure which law should prescribe for crime. We expect, therefore, a Prohibitory Law in this case to do for drunkenness and drunkard-making, what the law does for all other crimes—and that is, to drive them from the face of day to expel them from the ranks of respectability and decency, to degrade them down to the low haunts of vulgarity.

The true way to prevent crime, is to make crime infamous; and the way to make it infamous, is to make it feel the terrors of the law—Give us such a law, and then, if men choose to get drunk and make each other drunk, as perhaps they may, they will have to do it, as men now gamble, or steal, under the odium of public opinion and the penalty of a law. Give us such a law and you will have protected society from the injuries of drunkenness; millions of the rising generation from ruin, and 1-ft the destroyer to gather only a few, wretched victims from those dark dens of vice and villainy where other outlaws flourish.—St. John Temperance Telegraph.

A FACT FOR MINISTERS.—The influence of ministers in promoting the Temperance cause, and what may be done by one man, even with little effort, has been lately illustrated in one of our provincial towns, where the movement had made less progress than in any others, and only one minister (a United Presbyterian) was an abstinence. One of the Free Church ministers having become convinced of the importance of the subject proposed a conference on it. This was attended by almost all the ministers, and many of the Christian laymen of the town.—The result was most gratifying. Two ministers of the Establishment, three of the Free Church, (all that are in the town), one United Presbyterian one Original Seceder, and one Moravian—every one of them new converts—enrolled themselves as abstainers, followed within two or three months by about 600 of their people, including many office-bearers and influential persons. Already great benefit begins to appear.—Report of the Free Church Temperance Society.



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