

ard; and our young men and women saved from the degrading vices that have been the result of alcoholic stimulents. We have, at the present time in our city, a case that is causing a family to mourn the loss of a son, who has been cut off ere he entered the stage of manhood; a young man who received good instructions from his mother; but who was seduced from the paths of virtue, by that vile tempter,—alcohol, and induced to frequent the haunts of vice, where he ended his mis-spent life by a bullet from the hands of one of those poor unfortunates, who had sacrificed virtue for a profligate's life. This is a sad warning to those who are leading a reckless life; when we contemplate the end of such vice and misery, we cannot refrain from asking "Why are such dens allowed, and who is responsible for it?" In this case, it was evidently the outcome of drink, as will be seen by the evidence produced in court. It has been the cause of sending another poor mortal into eternity, and placing another behind the gloomy walls of a prison-cell, for the remaining portion of her natural life, where it is to be hoped that she will repent of her ill-spent life, by throwing herself upon the mercy of Him, who has said,—“Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Almost in the same locality another tragedy was enacted which deprived an aged father of a son, and alcohol is again the demon, for had those two brothers been in a sober condition, and remained away from the dens of iniquity, there would not have been a coroner's jury, or any comments upon the officer who fired the fatal shot. Is it not possible that those poor unfortunates could be rescued from such lives of vice and misery? Are they past redemption? Are there no hopes for them? Must they go down to their graves, as the brutes that perish? Can they not be reformed, and once more lead a life of honesty and virtue?

There are those in that locality, who have been innocently and unsuspectingly decoyed into those dens of infamy, and when under the alcoholic influence, they have become an easy prey to those heartless libertines, whose only ambition in life, is to gratify their animal propensities, regardless of cost, even though it be a wife's honor, or a daughter's virtue. We have laws that are enforced for sanitary purposes, can we not have laws that can be enforced in regard to morality? There are men and women who have done a noble work among those poor unfortunates; they have for a time, lifted them out of their poor estate, and placed them in comfortable homes; but it was only of short duration, simply because the main cause was not removed; the dens with all their allurements were still there; and the poor, weak, fallen creatures had not the strength to resist the temptations of the pest-hole that pollutes the air that passes over it, and carries the contaminating influence to the more healthy portion of our city. Christian men and women, what can be done to break down these abominations,—these dens of contagion and death?