

guns as well as the recruits, and let every division and lodge be this winter a central committee to make and carry out plans for missionary work. Every village ought to have its lecture course, and every church its temperance meetings.

There is sometimes complaints of the difficulty of securing good speakers for these public occasions, but there need not be. The range of temperance literature is now so vast that any speaker need have no difficulty in posting himself as to facts, and he has already a theme that is full of inspiration. Those who wish to secure speakers from a distance can have information in reference to a large array of American talent by applying to Dr. M. Youmans, P.O. Box 410, St. Catharines. This gentleman is making arrangements for a number of eminent workers from the United States. If Canadian talent is more particularly desired, it would be well to apply to the office of this journal. We shall do all we can to bring the best speakers into communication with those who desire their assistance. The time for action is now. Let the watchword of all be "WORK!"

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### Selected Articles.

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#### THE ARGUMENT IN A NUTSHELL.

BY REV. WM. GOODELL.

1. If drunkenness is sinful, then the drinking usages of society are sinful.
2. If the drinking usages of society are sinful, then the liquor traffic is sinful.
3. If the liquor traffic is sinful, then the licensing of it is sinful.
4. If the licensing of it is sinful, then voting for those who authorize the licensing of it is sinful.
5. If voting for those who license or authorize the licensing of the traffic is sinful, the voting for a political party that lives only by maintaining the liquor license system, being in partnership with it and partaking of its unrighteous gains, is sinful also.
6. If it is the duty of Christian ministers to preach against the sin of drunkenness, then it is equally their duty to preach against sinful drinking usages of society, against the sinful liquor traffic, against the sin of voting for those who license it or authorize the licensing, and against the sin of voting for a political party that lives only by maintaining the liquor license system, being in partnership with it and partaking of its unrighteous profits.
7. If such are the duties of Christian ministers then it is equally the duty of the people, especially of church members, and churches, to sustain faithful ministers who thus preach and practice in accordance with their instructions.—*Lect.*

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#### ITS NAME IS LEGION.

If war has slain its thousands, intemperance has slain its tens of thousands. And where is the father who would not prefer to see his son shot down before his face, than to behold him poisoned to a degrading death by these foul harpies whom LEGION has employed?

And who are the men whose fate has thus been sealed in hopeless ruin?

They are young. They were seized and bound while young. Hardly one in hundreds has passed the maturity of his earthly days. Did they begin as purposed, willing drunkards? Nothing was further from their thoughts or their desires. They have waded out most gradually, almost imperceptibly, into the deep. They once looked down upon the inebriate sot with sorrow and contempt, as others now look down upon them. They started with the drop which their fathers gave them, or with the offered glass of friendship, at noon or night, when they lacked the courage to refuse. The demon seized them when they were sheltered, as they thought, far from his abodes, and led them on, his purpose fixed, though yet unknown to them, for their final ruin.

Where did this work of ruin begin? Do not tell me at the tavern or in haunts like that. What gave to pure and innocent youths that taste for taverns? Where did they get the appetite which sought its objects and its pleasures there? You will be compelled to look back far beyond their

public limit, and to feel and to acknowledge the responsibility often coming nearer home. The moderate drinker is but an indentured apprentice to the drunkard. A gracious divine Providence may cripple his ability in his youth, and he may not thoroughly learn his trade. But the habitual glass, however apparently refined, signs his indenture. And no one who starts as an apprentice of the craft, or who leads another to take a single step in its clearly-marked line, has power to define the limits of the course.

God grant that we may never live to see our sons and daughters, so precious in our sight, cast out to perish under the destroying power of this Legion demon! But if we would avoid this terrible sorrow, let us avoid all connection with the habit or the trade. Let us remember that he plucks the lambs from the flock at home, and selects the victims for his holocausts when they and theirs least expect his approach. If you will save the souls of your children from the destruction, or yourselves from all participation in the ruin, banish the "accursed thing" from your habitations; lock up the tempting bottles from their sight; and neither have, nor use, nor offer upon your tables this unnecessary inducement to vice, this direct provision for impoverishment of the health, poison to the bodies, and destruction of the souls of yourselves, and your children, and your friends.—*Rev. Stephen H. Tynng, D. D.*

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### Contributed Articles.

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#### FOUR POINTS WORTH PONDERING.

##### A DRUNKARD-MAKING VOCATION.

No drink-seller makes a living by supplying drink to confirmed drinkers only. He must, to sustain and extend his evil business, debauch new recruits from a wider circle. If he only retained, or killed off his manacled slaves, this might be some little palliation of his deadly business. But let every voter ponder well the fact, that every vote for license is virtually a vote that some sober citizens shall become miserable drunkards. Who knows how close relationships the voters may bear to the victims falling into the ranks, on the death-prone march. Drunkard-making is the vocation of every drink-seller.

##### CLEARER LIGHT, HIGHER MOTIVES.

It is notable that just in proportion as good citizens are lead to read, hear, and observe attentively, and to think deeply, they wake up to the sad enormity of the evil traffic, and are thus brought to feel so keenly that they become zealous Prohibitionists.

The fact is worthy of weighing, that people are always enlightened over TOWARDS but never AWAY from Temperance principles and practice. Adherents are gained to the cause by increased knowledge, exalted motives and improved principles.

##### REASONABLE HOPEFULNESS.

There is reasonable ground of confidence as to the coming success of our cause, in the quickened shrewdness of the age being led to appreciate the real excellence of Temperance principles and practice.

Advanced and enlightened philanthropy, and love of liberty in effort for human well-being find here fitting sphere of effective operation, as well as a mighty auxiliary to all other patriotic undertakings.

Even well-advised self-interest must come to accept what, at little, if any, cost or inconvenience, contributes so manifestly to vast advantages in so many respects.

##### FAR TOO TAMELY TENDER.

We ought not to be deterred by false delicacy when dealing with the destroyer of humanity. The measure of our good-will toward our fellow-beings must be the true measure of our hatred to that which is working their ruin. Leniency toward the persistent agency of injury, is the direct opposite of true benevolence.

##### EARNEST PATRIOTISM URGES ENERGETIC ACTION.

Stronger love, fiercer fight,  
Till the foul foe take flight,  
The dire traffic must cease,  
Ere our earth enjoys peace.