

## Contributed Articles.

## SHALL THE DRINK TRADE DRIVE ON?

BY S—.

It is recorded of Tullia, wife of Tarquinius, that she was riding through the streets of Rome, when the body of her father, weltering in his blood, was lying across the way. Her charioteer reined up his horses, about to stop, when the unnatural daughter cried out at the top of her voice, "DRIVE ON." With crack of whip the fiery steeds dashed forward over the lifeless body, spurning the blood upon the daughter's dress. Yet this revolting act recorded is not mere heartless than the act of thousands dealing out the deadly drink.

Dead men do not stop them, or live men going down to shame and ruin. Point them to the wreck of manhood—beseech them to stop their heartless traffic. They cry out in utter defiance of all solemn appeal and shocking sight, "DRIVE ON!"

Every liquor trafficker in the land is plying his trade in spite of entreaties and appeals more powerful than dead men's mangled forms.

If this terrible business were only insult to the DEAD, it might be borne, but the dire traffic lures, dashes down and destroys the LIVING,—degrades manhood, womanhood, and everything noble—"Lamentation and mourning and woe" ascend from the wretched families which these mangled dead represent, and although hearing the long, loud, piteous pleadings from one end of the land to the other, for the dread liquor sellers to desist, they SELL ON STILL. Bidding high defiance to God and man, they cry, "DRIVE ON!"

Pulpits interpose and plead; prisons threaten; officials arrest; courts condemn, and still the heartless dealers, defying all that is true and good, ignore all sacred sympathies and still shout "DRIVE ON! DRIVE ON!!" Shall not tens of thousands of stronger voices raise the counter cry, DESIST, and all good citizens rising in their might for the right, bring the dread carnage to a speedy and "perpetual end?"

Surely public indignation is yet far from up to the mark, while the dire destruction is tolerated! Surely, "there is cause." Let us then determinedly, in patriotic might, by all available means, hasten the death of the deadly trade, not by injury to any, but for the rescue of millions.

On the Almighty's arm rely, raise Prohibition's banner high;  
And sure as now the heaving sigh, sure soon will rise the victor's cry,

The joyous day is drawing nigh.

## LICENSED CURSE.

To license the promiscuous sale of what is positively proved the direct promoter of Poverty, Vice and Crime, is clearly

### INCONSISTENT WITH

## Proper Work of Good Government.

To render evil doing DIFFICULT, and virtue as EASY as possible, should be one of the objects of Legislation. All good law has this tendency, but LICENSING the common traffic in intoxicating liquors, has directly the opposite tendency.

The drink trade is manifestly a

## "LICENSED CURSE."

The license does not render the drink any less ruinous to the drinker or to the community.

The traffic authorized by Law, palpably counteracts the operation of

## ALL RIGHT LAW.

It obstructs Virtue, affords facilities for Sin, and is at utter variance with all the best interests of society. Therefore ought good citizens to unite in effort to secure that law shall be against instead of favouring that curse.

Determinedly stand, in stern war for the right,  
Fight on, flood the land with strong temperance light.

## Temperance Notes.

## CANADIAN.

A mutual benefit society is being successfully pushed in connection with the Sons of Temperance.

A new lodge of I. O. G. T. named Aggression was organized in Toronto last week by Provincial Deputy A. E. Macdonald.

At Toronto District Lodge I. O. G. T. last Saturday night F. S. Spence was elected Deputy for the Toronto District.

New and promising Councils of Royal Templars have been instituted at Kilbride and Cannington. There are now 73 flourishing Councils of this order in Canada.

A largely attended meeting was held in Toronto on Monday evening to protest against the action of the License Commissioners and the Industrial Exhibition manager in arranging to permit the sale of liquor on the grounds at the coming exhibition. Strong speeches were made, resolutions adopted, and a deputation appointed to wait upon the bodies named, and endeavour to have their decision altered. Public feeling is very strong against the course that the Directors and Commissioners have taken.

## UNITED STATES.

The State Convention of the Minnesota W. C. T. U. is called for September 18-20, at St. Cloud.

The Ohio W. C. T. U. has \$20,000 placed at its disposal by wealthy men of the State. An extensive campaign is to be carried on all over the State.

The Massachusetts Prohibitionists will meet in State Convention at Boston, Wednesday, September 19.

The majority of the Protestant clergy of Chicago have decided to use only unfermented wines at communion.

The dining cars on the Northwestern railroad have conspicuously written across their bills of fare, "No orders from the wine list filled while passing through Iowa." And yet they say "prohibition don't prohibit!"—*Ex.*

When a Maine official makes the public statement, at a great meeting, that in five hundred cities, towns and plantations of Maine, there are only fifteen places where liquors are openly sold, does it look as if Prohibition could be a failure?—*Reformer.*

Mr. Blaine's opinion as to whether Prohibition prohibits, has been noted with interest by the press. He says:—"There is no people in the Anglo-Saxon world among whom so small an amount of intoxicating liquor is consumed as among the 650,000 inhabitants of Maine."—*Signal.*

Wherever prohibition has received a thorough trial the people will not go backwards. In Danville, Kentucky, prohibition has been tried for many years, and the citizens are so well satisfied that at a recent election the vote stood 541 against license and only 41 for license.—*Lever.*

### PROHIBITION VOTE, 90,529.

#### KEEP THESE FIGURES BEFORE THE PEOPLE.

The total Prohibition vote cast at the last election is 90,529 against 10,657 in 1880. In the two elections they were distributed as follows:—

|                    | 1880       | 1882   |
|--------------------|------------|--------|
| Rhode Island.....  | 20.....    | —      |
| Kansas.....        | 25.....    | —      |
| Iowa.....          | 592.....   | —      |
| Kentucky.....      | 258.....   | —      |
| Maine.....         | 93.....    | 395    |
| New Hampshire..... | 180.....   | 744    |
| Connecticut.....   | 488.....   | 1,034  |
| New Jersey.....    | 191.....   | 2,119  |
| Massachusetts..... | 799.....   | 2,137  |
| Minnesota.....     | 286.....   | 4,000  |
| Pennsylvania.....  | 1,939..... | 5,206  |
| Michigan.....      | 942.....   | 5,854  |
| California.....    | —.....     | 5,772  |
| Illinois.....      | 443.....   | 11,344 |
| Ohio.....          | 2,815..... | 12,202 |
| Wisconsin.....     | 69.....    | 14,116 |
| New York.....      | 1,517..... | 26,606 |
|                    | 10,657     | 90,529 |