

whether intoxicating liquor does not lead to drunkenness, and drunkenness to damnation? What terrible result is certain as death. Omnipotent love and infinite compassion do not interpose to prevent it. Licensee strong drink and the loss of souls will follow. We say, therefore, in view of this fact, there is no authority that can license the sale and use of such liquor. They who usurp authority will answer for it at the Judgment. He, who has such a license, is voluntarily implicated in the eternal destruction of every drunkard to whom he sells this poison.

4. The only justifiable course for us to pursue, is, to enact and enforce the Maine Law, the law which prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquor, as a crime. Thus, we shall free ourselves from the guilt of the drunkard's ruin. Thus, also, we shall remove the causes of drunkenness, and use the authority of the state to repress crime, poverty, taxes, and the transgression of the law of God. When this law is passed, and its effects fairly felt, men will rejoice and bless its author as one of the noblest benefactors of his race. No movement in the history of the age, excepting that of the Gospel itself, is so full of hope, or so essential to the real interests of all classes and conditions of men. Nor was there ever any measure so truly characteristic of the temper of the times. We have arrived at a stage where a thousand eyes are fastened intently on every social evil—where a thousand hearts and hands are ready to do whatever seems likely to promote the moral welfare of the world, and where a thousand minds are sharpened by all experience to discover and apply just the remedy which social evil demands. Now, we see, that so long as the authority of law upholds license, so long will drunkenness grow out of it, to the utter condemnation and loss of the soul. But let the law forbid the sale of liquor, and in due lapse of time ignominy will attach to the whole business; the facilities of intemperance will be removed, and the world at length waked out of its long sleep, to see the blessed influences of total abstinence from all that intoxicates. The law will be established, and the curse prevented. Once give us freedom from the curse of intemperance; once give us a taste of true deliverance from all its sorrows, and all its burdens, and we shall never invite them to return upon us. Let the Maine Law be put in force for ten years, and men will hardly believe it possible that the present wretched and murderous system of license was ever in existence.

Reader! what a blessed consummation is that at which this law aims. Only let it be achieved, and the loss of the immortal soul through drunkenness will cease. Are you not in duty bound, for Christ's sake, to do all you can, that a consummation so devoutly to be wished, may be actually attained?

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

(For the Week ending Wednesday, January 24, 1854.)

FLOUR.—Previous to the receipt of Niagara's news on Monday flour was sold at 34s 6d. to 35s. on the spot and at 34s. to 34s. 6d. for June delivery. Immediately after the news there were sales at 35s. 6d. but owing to the decided advance in England, the views of holders have still farther advanced, and the market is unsettled.

WHEAT and other grain nothing doing, supplies being trifling on the markets. The prices before the Niagara news were, Oats 2s. 6d.; Peas 5s.; Barley 4s.; Wheat, nominal, at 7s. 6d. All per minimot.

ASHES.—Scarce and advanced. No lots offering. 31s 6d paid for pots. Pearls nothing doing.

PROVISIONS.—Fair lots of hogs averaging over 2 cwt have been sold at 29s. 4d. per 100 lbs.

EXCHANGE continues at 10 per cent., but rather scarce.

BANK STOCK SALES. Montreal at 29. Commercial 15. City 8 1/2, all prem.—**RAILWAYS,** remain much as quoted last week. Little doing.—**MIXING CONSOLS,** sales at 72s 6d. to 73s.

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