

Government though it infringed on the liberties of the people and stopped the gains of the priests. Is it not much more the duty of all Christian Governments to put a stop to this most gigantic evil of the age by legislative prohibition? You tell me go on with your moral suasion, and check this evil all you can in that way. As well talk moral suasion to the professional thief, adulterer or murderer, as talk moral suasion to those engaged in this traffic. Their ruling passion avarice, is interested in upholding the traffic, and all your moral suasion will be laughed at and treated with scorn. And the experience of 400 years of the license system proves that so long as the Government permits the dealers to prey on the public and present temptation, the young and the weak will fall under their influence, and thus many thousands perish yearly in Christian lands. It may be laid down as a plain maxim in morals that just in proportion as you increase temptation you increase crime and misery. But, besides, moral agencies were never more extensively used than they are to-day, and our dependence on them—although we seek to enforce them with the arm of the law—never was so great. The pulpit, the press, the platform do not render laws against other crimes unnecessary, nor do we manifest any lack of faith in the efficiency and usefulness in the former when we assert the necessity of the latter. More than half a century of effort to abate the liquor traffic by moral suasion alone has convinced the friends of prohibition that it alone is impotent and incompetent to cope with this gigantic wrong. The friends of temperance have also added another noble effort in the same line, coffee houses, which no doubt divert a certain amount of custom from the dram-shop, and do good in the same proportion. But in addition to all these purely moral forces we must have the power of law. Liquor selling, like any other crime, must be treated by PREVENTION, by PROHIBITION and by PUNISHMENT,—prevention for the individual, prohibition for the state, and punishment for the liquor seller.

Archdeacon Farrar describes this evil as "THE NATION'S CURSE," and holds that if the liquor traffic be not removed the curse of heaven will rest on us, as on many ancient nations for their immorality. Egypt, Assyria, Greece, Carthage, Tyre, Jerusalem, and ancient Rome, all fell by their own vices. And we are more guilty than the heathen? for we have more knowledge of the Divine will, yet they are comparatively free from this great vice of drunkenness. The sobriety of China is due to Confucius. The sobriety of India to Buddhah. He says that he is horrified to think that in contact with us the sale of drink in India within the last three years has increased 30 per cent., and in Burmah 34 per cent. The sobriety of vast regions of Asia and Africa was due to Mahomet. In the day of judgment shall not Confucius, the Buddhists and the Mahomedans rise in judgment against this generation and condemn it, for they abstain from strong drink at the bidding of these spiritual teachers and behold a greater than these is here?

Ah, if the voice of all these tempted, suffering, miserable souls be nothing to you, if the voice of your country be nothing to you, yet if you be Christians listen to the voice of Christ pleading with you in the pathetic accents of myriads of the little ones, that it is utterly against His will that His cross and passion should be rendered of no effect for the multitudes for those whom Christ died. "If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; if thou sayest behold we know it not"; (when now you have no excuse for not knowing it,)—"doth not He that pondereth the heart consider it? And He that keepeth thy soul doth not He know it? And shall not He render to every man according to his work?" Let the Christian people then rise in their might and demand at the polls that the liquor traffic be suppressed, and that thus the greatest blot on Christian legislation be removed from our statute books.

COMPENSATION.

A series of letters, very cleverly written in imitation of the celebrated Nasby letters in the Toledo Blade, has been appearing lately in the Toronto News. These letters are signed by Bloomingrose Puffer, and dated at Rumvally Korner, a place supposed to be situated somewhere in the county of Lennox, and at which the letter-writer keeps a saloon. The

latest of these productions discusses the question of compensation. It first describes a visit of Bloomingrose to Ottawa, where he interviews the Government in regard to the matter. The result of his interview will be gathered from the proceedings detailed in the remainder of his letter which we reprint below:—

On arrivin at the Korner we at once proceeded to form a sindokate, composed of Sheelds, Wilkinson, Billings and myself, to bi up salune property with a vu tu speedy kompensashin. We mortgaged our property and bot more, and then watered our stok and sold out to sum others and then bot more stok, and in about three days we had nearly all the salune bizness uv Rumvally Korner in our hands. We then opent an office nex dore to mi old salune (fur konvenyence) and proceeded to shoo sirkelurs fur the konvenshin as folloz:—

Tu all frends uv the likker trade and uv fiewman liberte. (This sirkolar tu be burnt az suno as red).

The preemyer with hiz kabb, net having voted for kompensashin, and in reply to a deppytashin pledged him self tharetu in the folloin wurdz: "Kall a konvenshin uv all yure frendz and agree, 1. What klass has a rito tu most kompensashin, and, 2. What klasses s'ell be inklooded in the favord list and I shell meto your vooz or bust up government," it only remanes fur us to meto in frendly kounsel and decide these pints and our forehins are made. A grato konvenshin iz therefore halled to meto in Liberte hall, Rumvally Korner (next dore to Puffer's salune), on Monday, Mar. 8th, '71, J. A. McD., tu desid thezo pints. All klasses that kin sho thare trade iz promoted bi the likker bizness will be kompensated. Free speech aloud.

P.S.—The best brands uv likker kept on hands at Puffer's salune.

The oldist inhabytent kunt remembur sick a gathering ez we had that ovent. Monday at the Korner. All day before they kept poring in from all partz uv the kentry, and when nite kame thare wazent a empty bed or a full bot. ol in the Korner. The salune bizness wuz brisk all day Sunday, and after we got in fresh supplies from Nappyneer it kontinyood good up to the kloze. Several faks wur agens us. We hed telegraf the grato orritur, E. King Dodz, to kuni and give hiz valuable orrashin and hiz prepared licks agens the Skot akt, but he woodent kum without a chek markt good for \$100 in advans, which we refused. Finanshilly it wuz a grato suksess, but I regret to stato thare wuz not that purfok yunanimity among the bretherin which we kood dezire.

The haul wuz jammed full of delegates—each I lass, however, bi itself. The distillerz had one korner and broverz the oposit one. The salune keepers, the grocers, the wine growers, the segar men, the sporting men, the sluggerz, waz well represented. And tu our surprize and indignashin we found that thievez, and pickpocketz, and trampz and sum of the fallen feemilz uv all the sitez wur thare in strong force and wero bent and bound to get thare names on the kompensashin list.

Mr. Billings nominated Mr. Bloomingrose Puffer—cheerz—our respected fellotounsmen—(lowder cheerz)—the boosom frend uv the premyer's—(tremenjus cheerz)—to preside.

On akount of the brisknes uv the bar biznes, and the salo uv sindykate stok, I hed to deklime, and Mr. Shilock Fagin, a distiller, wuz put in. We all said that if the feemal delegatez and the pickpocketz shoed get their names in the list it wood be koted agens us, and we wur in deat if the sluggerz shoed be permitted to take part until we notised that Mitchell (him as wuz lately invited up to Government hous) wuz present, when we decided that no Skot akt man kood kast enny refleksions on us on thare akount.

We thot it best therefore, to pass sum general rezolushins and ajurn till we kood klere the haul uv objeeshinable perzins, and settel the little pints proposed bi the premyer in the afternune. We passed bi yunanemus standing vote the following:

1. Resolved, that sence the days of that grato warreure and patreut, Magneio Karty, to the prezent, evri British subyek hez an inalyunable rito tu hiz beef and tu hiz beer, if he buys it at a lisenat salune.

2. Resolved, that when our opponents say drinking kausos krimo and immorality they li egreguslee, ez thare is no relashin between them.

3. Resolved, that we oppoze the Skot akt biterly, bekauz whare it hez past there is more drinking, and casekwentlee more krimo and vive than whare it hazent bin past—all uv which we kan prove by King Dodz.

4. Resolved, that az patreutz we oppoze the Skot akt, bekauz it will ruin the broverz en toto, ruon the likker sellerz, and ruon the kentry, bi fleodin the land with drunkenness and krimo and immorality—all uv which it hez dun in Mane, az we kin prove bi King Dodz.

5. Resolved, that it is perfekly justefiable to perjer onez self in fiting the Skot akt.

The meetin then ajurned fur dinner.

The afternune seeshin wuz a very warm and sperrited one. The bretherin seomed out uv yoomer generally. Several sirkumstances kontributed to this. We had run out of likker a sekund time, and the delegates hed to wate fur thare stimyoolent till a noo suppli kood reach us. Then we had to subskribe putty horvy to get the "fennils" aforsed to leave town. So when we got farely started we wuz in no yoomer, I ashure you, to stand enny interrupshins, but they kamo, nevertheless. One man bi the name of O'Raffurty aroz and sed:—

"Mister Chareman, I understands, begorra, that fra spacho is aloud, and I wantz tu say that we air a kimpenny uv lunnytika (loud krize uv order), and we ot all of us to be imprisoned in the asilum (immense konfuzion and swarin) if we egspett enny kompensashin frum government in the facu uv the Skott akt viktoreez (here the sene wuz terrific—members all on thare feet—shaking fists and awareing voverferly at O'Raffurty). John A. iz an old hamburger," but he petseeded no further, being overpowered bi the infureated patreutz who kapturd him. We imangetly appointed Mitchell, the slugger (him as wuz invited to the government hous) to punish O'Raffurty in the back yard. This broke up our seeshin fur haf an hour, ez the delegates all desid to see the trater punished, bekauz he wuz doubtless a Skot akt man in disgize. (It is not yet knono whether he will rekiver or not.)