

her desolated tenement. Three days afterwards she died in a state of furious delirium, raving for drink—a mass of bloated putrescence.

That woman was formerly a devoted Sabbath-school teacher, and distinguished for personal and intellectual attractions. Five years after her marriage with one of the best of men, the domestic hearth was the sacred sanctuary, the mother's knee the holy altar where the story of a Saviour's love was impressed upon the opening mind of her first-born child. But, alas! the subtle serpent—strong drink—gained access to their earthly Eden, and entwined its iniquitous folds around the sweet endearments of social enjoyment. The Sabbath soon lost all its sacredness, and hence all its sweetness, and depravity, crime, misery, suicide, and ignominious death followed in rapid succession.

Christian mothers and daughters of England, can you, after this melancholy narrative, continue to drink a liquor which can thus transform your sex into the personifications of vice and woe, and cause a child to blush at its mother's iniquity and shame?

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From the National Temperance Convention at Saratoga Springs.

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The grand temperance convention on hold here has come and gone with great spirit and impulse. It cannot fail to accomplish much good. As it was suggested I believe, by the recent anti-aleoholic laws and procedures in the State of Maine, so the examination of that policy furnished the prevailing subject of speech-making, if not of deliberation.

If we often have to deplore the evils of corrupt legislation, and to mourn helplessly the misery that may be produced by one unrighteous law, and the blows that are inflicted on the principles and morals of the community, God be praised that we sometimes may enjoy a demonstration of the might of a single righteous law, thoroughly executed, for the production of virtue and happiness. Such a manifestation of righteousness and mercy is now going forward in the State of Maine; a state, the government of which have taken a position of justice and paternal care for the good of the people, such as never yet was taken by any government on earth. We say this deliberately, that this northernmost State of our Union has come nearer to the ideal of a public righteousness and a disinterested christian regard for the welfare of its citizens, in the enactment of the recent statute against the making and selling of ardent spirit, than any state or nation ever yet named in the annals of history. God grant that the position thus taken may be maintained, and if it is, that State will soon become the wonder of the world for its freedom from crime, and for the high morality and prosperity of its citizens.

The motto of the State of Maine, singularly enough, is the word *Dirigo*; a somewhat boastful, ambitious, flustered motto, unless borne out and justified by some prominent, leading characteristic influence or action, giving her the predominance; a motto certainly no more to be justified by her nearness to the north pole at one end of our Union, than it would be for Texas by her having the lead in position toward the equator. But this noble legislation against rum, this perfect protection of the poor and needy from the demon of the distillery, this complete and entire prescription and banishment of ardent spirit from the whole State, will vindicate her right to that motto. *She is worthy*, if her course from this step is straight forward, to direct the legislation of the whole world, and the policy of all civilized communities. *She does take the lead* among all the nations of the earth, and goes before them all, in the most righteous measure, at the fountain head, against avarice and crime ever adopted. It is a legislation of consummate wisdom, thoroughness and energy; and if all the States in our Union were to follow in its train, were to legislate as Maine directs, this country would quickly be a Paradise to the whole earth.

It is wonderful. It shows, we say, what mighty results a single thorough and thoroughly righteous law, at the proper juncture and point, in a matter of principle, importance and universal extent may accomplish. All honor to the State that has taken the lead in this example. This is the true political wisdom, this is genuine radicalism, which is just the sort of conservatism needed to care and elevate our country. All honor to the people who will demand such action on the part of their legislators, and will

stand by it and sustain it when it comes. It is greatly to the glory of the yeomanry of Maine, that such legislation should be called for; it will be still more to their honor, if they carry it out, if they show that they are determined that it shall be executed; if with unflinching purpose and integrity they hold on till the demon of intemperance be driven from their utmost borders. They have obtained a mighty advantage, the only possibility of continued success and permanent triumph will lie in the thorough, uncompromising enforcement of the law in every town and hamlet. Let such a righteous and rigid enforcement, impartial and universal, be persevered in even for a short time, and there will be no reaction; but at the first symptom or experience of fear, or indulgence, or winking, the reaction would begin. Let them hold on as they have begun, and there is no danger of it. They are in for it, thoroughly; they have undertaken to storm a citadel of Satan, so situated, that they must triumph throughout, and bear down everything before them, or perish. God grant they may be successful.

It has been truly stated that the greatest difficulty as they will meet with will not be within the State, (for the noble people who required, will support the law,) but out of it. Disappointed wholesale rum dealers in Boston, rich and respectable, were sore vexed and angry; such men will bring all possible influences and agencies, the strongest being the avaricious greed of gain, to bear against the law, and create and entrench a party of opposition. Such men take no heed to God's tremendous warning, Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him and makest him drunken! They never descend to such dabbling meannesses and wickedness, not they; the last quantity they ever put to their neighbor, or proposed to him, was a hoghead, and perhaps a whole cargo of hogheads. But this prohibition of the bottle, within the State, is as good as the confiscation of whole cargoes out of it. Now let Massachusetts follow in the wake of Maine, and these two States, by so noble an example may sweep the Union, at least they may carry all New England, and suppose that were done, the power, moral and physical, the riches and prosperity, commercial and financial, intellectual and religious, of New England would be increased twenty-fold. Her influence over the whole country would be mighty and irresistible. Her political as well as her moral power, in the councils of the nation, would shortly be such that nothing could stand against it.—N. Y. Independent.

If Teetotalers Don't Support the Teetotal Press, Who Will?

The "New England Monthly Temperance Journal" usually goes to press on, or a short time before, the first day of each month, but the present number has been delayed a day or two, for the purpose of having scattered abroad in the community a report of the proceedings of the "Massachusetts State Temperance Convention," that is now on the first day of Oct., 1851, holding its sessions in the city of Worcester. The character and terms of this little monthly herald of cold water principles, may be seen by the "prospectus" of the same on this page, and by copies of the paper itself, samples of which we will gratuitously furnish to all applicants, either personally at our office, or per mail in response to all pre-paid letters.

Reader! are you a friend of temperance, disposed to work, and pay one cent a month, as well as occasionally talk, for this great reform? If so, please now look at the one, or the other, or both of these, and then, either from your own purse, or from the voluntary contributions of yourself and neighbors, send us \$3 for 20,—\$6 for 50,—or \$10 for 100 copies of this Journal for one year, to be distributed gratuitously, or otherwise, as you may prefer, among the people of your vicinity. Temperance papers are absolutely necessary to promote the progress, and accomplish the ultimate triumph of the cause, and never were they, and never can they be more so, than at this present and peculiar crisis.

A great moral battle is to be fought in Massachusetts, in New England, and in all this Union in behalf of legislative protection against the felonious assaults of the rum traffic; and it is to be done, if done at all, by the weapons of truth, reason, facts, and persuasion, co-operatively wielded by the long, strong, Brian, and ubiquitous arms of the teetotal press. If this be so, whose duty is it to multiply these arms, and excite them to constant and effective action? That you may give a practical, proper, and