

will you hear, and answer effectually the prayer of petitioners, and respond to this appeal, by bestowing on Canada exemption from the devastating effects of the laws licensing the sale, wholesale and retail, of alcoholic beverages.

It is not attempted in this appeal to concatenate elaborate arguments—to colour facts by the embellishments of rhetoric—to control opinion by an array of isolated facts, or to overwhelm your judgment by astounding disclosures of public and private injustice. You have power to summon testimony, you have ability to sift evidence, you can call forth the views of the clerical, medical, legal and commercial professions. With you rests the decision of the most momentous social question that affects modern society.

*Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen*, we entreat your careful consideration, we solicit your immediate action. In the name of thousands who are ready to perish; in the name of thousands now suffering and sorrowing beyond measure; by all that is sacred and solemn relating to both worlds, by the truths of Christianity and in the name of our common humanity, we earnestly implore you to interfere for the deliverance of Canada from the complicated evils of a vicious system of legislation. The magnitude of the interests involved demands the exertion of all your faculties, and when your duty shall be done, and done according to the dictates of conscience and religious good will to men, then thousands and tens of thousands yet unborn shall bless your name for ever, and raise an everlasting monument to your honor, in unceasing and respectful gratitude.

May the Great God of eternal justice guide your deliberations to salutary conclusions.

### Streams from Temperance Springs.

By design, the present number of the *Canada Temperance Advocate* is chiefly devoted to the discussion of what is now familiarly known as the Maine Law. Just before the meeting of the Legislature, and with reference to that meeting and the duties of legislators, we are anxious to put in one issue as much as practicable on the question of the day. We give here an extract from the address of the Hon. Herman Camp, delivered before the New York State Temperance Convention. It contains several points of primary importance:—

It is our mission to keep before the people of this State the astounding facts which are daily occurring, as the legitimate fruits and consequences of our present system of liquor selling and liquor drinking. Our newspapers continue to furnish us with the most shocking accounts of suffering wives, and neglected and starving children; of wives and children whipped to death by their drunken husbands and fathers.

The long and black catalogue of human woes and sufferings, the riots, fights, wounding and killing of police officers, stabbing of friends, and other horrid murders, which are the natural results of our present license laws and liquor traffic, will in time, we hope,

convince the people generally of the necessity of putting a stop to this destructive and suicidal business. I know of no recent event better calculated to move the public mind, and create a disgust and abhorrence of the foolish and wicked custom of wine drinking, by members of Congress, and other men in high and honorable stations, than the lamented history of Hon. Edward A. Hannegan, late a Senator in the Congress of the United States, and foreign Minister, who, in a drunken spree, cruelly stabbed and murdered his best friend, his wife's brother, the brave Captain Duncan of the Mexican army.

Friends and brethren, may we not hope, (as I trust we shall, and fervently pray,) that our kind and beneficent Heavenly Father, who is able to bring good out of evil, will so overrule this distressing, and most striking exhibition of the evil consequences of fashionable wine drinking, that the advocates of moderate drinking and licenses to sell this and other intoxicating drinks, will perceive their error and retract.

The law which we ask at the hands of our Legislature, we desire as a *protection* for ourselves, our children, and the whole community, against those insidious temptations to drink intoxicating liquor, which constantly assail us wherever we go, and that, too, by government agents. We feel confident that our claim is just and reasonable, since it is founded on the precepts and laws of the Supreme Lawgiver, and is consonant with the Supreme laws and Constitution of these United States. As this fact is denied by some of our opponents, it may not be altogether useless or inappropriate to quote our authorities, although it has often been done before in publications.

For *divine* authority the following extracts from God's Statute Book, are deemed appropriate and conclusive:—

"It is not for Kings, O Lemuel, it is not for Kings to drink wine, nor for Princes strong drink, lest they drink and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted."—*Prov.* 31.

"The priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink; they are swallowed up of wine; they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment."—*Isaiah* 28.

"Who hath woe? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine, they that go to seek mixed wine." "Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup. . . . At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."—*Prov.* 23.

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth the bottle to him and maketh him drunken."—*Habakkuk* 3.

For human authority, we refer to the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the famous liquor suits which were carried up from Massachusetts and New Hampshire, in which the Court was unanimous, and which is as follows:

"Every State may regulate its own internal traffic, according to its own judgment, and upon its own views of the interest and well-being of its citizens."

"I am not aware," said the Chief Justice, "that these principles have ever been questioned. If any State deems the retail and internal traffic in ardent spirits injurious to its citizens and calculated to produce idleness, vice and debauchery, I see nothing in the Constitution of the United States to prevent it from regulating and restraining the traffic, or from prohibiting it altogether, if it thinks proper."

The Congress of the United States, in the year 1834, passed a prohibitory law, much more stringent than the Maine Law, which authorized the seizure and destruction of intoxicating liquors found in the Indian territories, without even a precept from a magistrate, or any judicial trial and proceedings whatever.

The laws of the State of New York, authorize the search for, and seizure and destruction of all gambling implements, and the forfeiture of all furniture in gambling rooms.

Thus the world may see and know, if they will not shut their eyes and ears to the truth, that the law we ask for if enacted, would contain no new, or unscriptural, or unconstitutional principles, but, on the contrary, is in perfect harmony with the whole of what is right and good.

Mr. Editor Goodrich, now invigorated with renewed health, and at his post, gives us the following in the *Cataract*. The reader will obtain from what follows, a pretty clear view of the