

to welcome most heartily to this country the Shang-Tung governor and Board of Revenue as missionaries of a more enlightened type of political economy on the liquor question than at present obtains in the halls of most of our State Legislatures and in the Congress of the United States.

A Good Example.

THERE are many ways in which Christian Churches can make their power felt effectively against the iniquitous drink-traffic. One of these was indicated by the Philadelphia yearly meeting of the Society of Friends, which at its recent meeting, with marked unanimity, added a clause to the society's discipline making it a dishonourable offence for any Friend hereafter to sign any application for license for the sale of intoxicating liquors for drinking purposes. If all churches would do as much it would at least relieve many from a certain responsibility for members who scandalize their Christian profession by signing, upon one pretext or another, applications for liquor licenses. It would also be in itself a most telling protest against the whole liquor business, as well as in its more pretentious and reputable as in its lower and more debased aspects.

What is wanted.

OUR Divisions need earnest, active, zealous workers, and no one will achieve great success without these qualifications. We sometimes hear a great lazy man declare his love for the cause, and how long he has been engaged in the work, who, when appointed on a committee to do some special service in his own organization, is too lazy to "decline," and so accepts the position to the certain defeat of the measure sought to be effected. Such drones do the cause great injury, and ought not to be recognized as temperance men. Every organization has such "do-nothings," and the sooner you find them out and entirely ignore them the sooner will success crown your effort. Work is

what is wanted to overthrow the giant evil of intemperance, earnest, persistent, unselfish work. In whatever field you may be called to work, do your whole duty, fearless and faithful, and the general interest of the cause will be advanced even though it be in such slight degree that you yourself will scarcely discern it.

The Dignity of Labour.

THE Rev. Robert Christie, of Lexington, Ky., has delivered in that city an excellent discourse to young men on the dignity of labour. Having spoken of labour as a primary duty, and as a path to independence, he next pointed out how it led to promotion, and thus illustrated his idea:—I care not how humble the branch of business may be, there is not a trade or a branch of labour that some man has not made a stepping-stone to wealth, to influence, to greatness. Andrew Johnson went from the tailor's board to the presidential chair; Burnside rose from the same level; Henry Wilson went to the presidential chair from the shoemaker's bench; Mackenzie, late Premier of Canada, was once a stone-mason. Therefore, if you would advance, get a trade, no matter what, for you will leap further from the lowest branch than from a dead-level. Don't wait for a change in onward circumstances. Don't waste your time in lamenting your humble lot or blaming sad fate. The old Roman spoke the truth who said, "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves, that we are underlings." Archimedes said, "Give me a standing place, and I will move the world." And a great many young men who content to echo the wish of the philosopher. They say, "Give me a place suitable to my ability, and I will exert an influence." Goethe says to all such, "Make good thy standing place and move the world." You must be rooted firmly in your own strength before you can move or influence anybody. Only a weakling has to be lifted to position. The youth

who is industrious, intelligent, temperate and persevering, holds the key to all positions.

"Whiskey and Bad Company."

NEGRO murderer executed at Chambersburg, Pa., on the 5th ultimo, when asked by the sheriff, as they were standing upon the scaffold, if he had a final word to say, replied: "All I got to say is, what brung me here is whiskey and bad company. I advise all young men to let whiskey alone." He had committed murder while inflamed with strong drink. His fate should be an admonition to others, and his parting advice be heeded by all.

One Whole Day of Prayer.

MOVEMENT is on foot to petition the Evangelical Alliance to set apart one whole day of prayer of 1880 for the temperance cause, the following is the form of petition adopted by the Woman's State Christian Temperance Union of Pennsylvania:—

"Dear Fathers and Brothers:

"Believing, as we do, that the liquor-traffic and its results constitute the greatest obstacle in the way of the gospel in every land, we, as Christian workers, earnestly petition for one whole day of the week of prayer for 1880, to be devoted to the cause of temperance progress."

The Massachusetts Civil Damage Act.

JUDGE Pitman, in a letter published in the *Alliance News*, referring to the new Civil Damage Act passed by the Massachusetts Legislature at its late session, says:—

"It is more logically consistent with prohibition than with license, but let us be thankful for anything which threatens and restricts the liquor-traffic. I have not examined the laws of other States, but I think the provision requiring the written consent of the owner to the granting of the license is new. There will be fewer licenses, or some men of eminent respectability will stand in the pillory of public indignation."