

and private life of the people as much as secret societies and the fetish worship did in former times."

5. Why is the liquor trade with heathendom so hard to destroy?

A.—Many attempts have been made, but so far with small success, because of the enormous revenues derived from it by the different Governments concerned and the individual liquor sellers. No other art of commerce is so profitable, and so the trader forces it on the natives at every turn, often refusing utterly to pay wages due, unless a part at least is taken in rum. If, for instance, a trader pays a native one dollar in cloth it may cost him really seventy cents, but if he pays him in rum it costs him less than fifty.

6. When we stop to remember that the just Judge, and the merciful Saviour, are daily witnessing the fearful human tragedies wrought out in these dark places of the earth, through the instrumentality of Christian nations, we may well tremble for the results upon those who thus defy every instinct of right; and surely, as part of the great British Empire that is so terribly implicated in this wrong, we have need to put forth every effort to discover the speediest road to a termination of the evil. What then are the remedies suggested?

A.—Sir Gilbert Carter, the British Governor of Lagos, says that the way out of the difficulty is to spread amongst the natives the Mohammedan religion, as that is an antidote to drunkenness, "because its path of conquest is always marked by its converts from paganism discarding the gin bottle." As Christian women, in the name of Christ, we repudiate this wicked suggestion.

7. Then what is the real remedy?

A.—Sir Gilbert, quite unintentionally, shows us the divine solution of the problem when, in opposing the idea of prohibition for Africa, he remarks "why should the import of spirits into Africa be prohibited, any more than the manufacture of them in Europe?" Why, indeed, we may well ask. Both alike are iniquitous methods of earning a living, and providing a government revenue, and there would be no foreign market if there was no home manufacture. Therefore, in PROHIBITION for Christian lands, lies the hope of relief from the liquor traffic in heathen lands.

8. Then what is our duty as missionary women?

A.—If we really desire the triumph of Christianity in the lands to which we send our money and missionaries, we must do our utmost to strike down the liquor traffic at home.

9. How does the liquor traffic affect Canada?

A.—COST OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC IN CANADA.

Amount paid for liquor by consumers.....	\$39,879,854
Value of grain, etc., destroyed.....	1,888,765
Cost of proportion of pauperism, disease, insanity, and crime chargeable to the liquor traffic.....	3,015,097
Loss of productive labor.....	76,288,000
Loss through mortality caused by drink.....	14,304,000
Misdirected labor.....	7,749,000
Total.....	\$143,122,716

Suppose we had even the one tenth of this worse than wasted money, it would mean an addition to our missionary income of over fourteen millions per annum—more than the church in the whole world gives to fulfil our Lord's last command, "to go into all the earth and preach the gospel to every creature." And this is only the one-tenth of the drink bill, of five millions of people, of the most sober Christian nation of which we have knowledge.

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