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ANOTHER GLORIOUS VICTORY.

We hail with joy and thankfulness the tidings that the two great States of Ohio and Iowa have declared, by an overwhelming vote, that they will no longer tolerate the accursed drink-traffic. The following is the wording of the *Constitutional Amendment* that has been adopted:

"THE MANUFACTURE OF AND THE TRAFFIC IN INTOXICATING LIQUORS TO BE USED AS A BEVERAGE ARE FOREVER PROHIBITED,; AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE BY LAW FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS PROVISION."

At the time of writing it is impossible to give the exact figures of the majority in favor of this addition to the State constitutions, but we know and rejoice, that the earnest loyal efforts of noble men and women have triumphed over the machinations of corruption and self interest. The fervent prayers of many bleeding, aching hearts have been heard and answered.

The work begun by timid and modest, but loving and wronged women, in the great Ohio Crusade, was not carried out in vain. To-day two more mighty commonwealths have awoke to their danger and duty, and, rising in the strength of virtuous resolve, have struck down the deadly enemy to the prosperity and safety of their homes, FOREVER.

Thank God for that wonderful word in the amendment! The day of liberty for this drink-enslaved continent is at hand. The far East long ago nailed her colours to the mast and the Maine Law is the Maine Law still. Now the young West has bravely taken up arms against the common foe and won. Look at the roll of prohibitory states already:—

MAINE. VERMONT. KANSAS. IOWA. OHIO.

And there are "more to follow." The liquor-power dreaded these victories. Hear its anticipatory wail a few weeks ago in the Retailer:

"If prohibition should win in Ohio, it will encourage the inconoclastic herd in other States, the craze will spread like a contagion to other communities, and we shall see a conflagration in every brewery, and distillery, and wine-cellar; nothing would stop their mad course until the insanity had worn itself out, and the wretches were brought face to face with the dire results of their insane fury."

Well, it has won, and to-day the heroic workers who have long been face to face with the mad fury of the saloon pestilence are face to face with triumph, thankfulness and hope. Broken hearts are bounding with joy. Drink-cursed homes are ringing with gladness.

May nothing stop the cause of the glorious reform till the death knell of the whole foul drink-system has been rung, and every State and our own Dominion have done as Ohio and Iowa did on Tuesday last. We rejoice with our sisters and brothers beyond the line. Their success will gladden our hearts and nerve us to harder work. We will not forget the grand motto they took as they went into the heat of the conflict. "A school house on every hill-top and no saloon in the valley." We will strive to emulate their zeal, in hope of soon partaking of the same reward, and seeing Canadian law brought fully into harmony with the motto that we have adopted—FREEDOM FOR THE RIGHT MEANS SUPPRESSION OF THE WRONG.

TEMPERANCE INSURANCE.

The life-expectation of total abstainers is much greater than that of moderate drinkers. This is no mere theory of fanatics, but a truth as self-evident to those who really understand what alcohol is and does—as the statement that men in robust health have a better chance of life than have broken-down invalids. This truth, moreover, is not only in accordance with what would be naturally expected but is verified by the incontrovertable evidence of carefully compiled statistics. There are at present in operation in Canada three Beneficiary orders, that lay down total abstinence as one of their conditions of membership. They are supplying an equal amount of equally safe insurance with the similar organizations that have no such requirement; and they are doing it at a much smaller cost to their members.

There is, however, even stronger evidence still in the necrological record of The United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution. This organization is conducted on the MUTUAL SYSTEM—not the death-assessment plan. It provides a fixed amount of insurance for a fixed premium, and the profits of the society are distributed among the policy-holders. More than forty years ago this institution adopted the plan of dividing its policy-holders into two sections:—a general section, the members of which are not required to be tectotalers, and a temperance section, the members of which must be strict total abstainers.