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## PREREQUISITES OF PERMANENT PROHIBITION.

We do not care a straw at whose hands we receive a prohibitory law. We will accept it as a Divine gift and bless the Giver and His agent.

An election is near. Both parties have played with the question. Both are afraid of the rum power. Neither is anxious to, both are afraid to, trust prohibitionists. It is only necessary for those who love God and humanity and voted accordingly in the Plebiscite to stand united and a majority of both parties will serve them gladly.

Such a union will last while Canadians have love for God and Country. Such a union is necessary to match deathless cupidity which although killed to-day, may be resurrected to night and in the darkness steal into some sacred temple, and posing as an angel of light, a patriot of purest type, be ready to sacrifice all his cousins and wife's relations on the altar of party.

A union of patriots true to God and Country is necessary to success, but impossible within the next century if the flay of partisanship is raised. It is not, it ought not to be a party question any more than that of dealing with any other mode of stealing, murder, invasion of homes, or treason. License is the gigantic crime of crimes, the parent of vice and crime. It is the crime of the universe.

First a pure electorate, secondly pure representatives, thirdly, a natural order and sequence, a pure parliament and pure parties will follow.—Forward.

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## A DOZEN FACTS.

IT IS A FACT

That the saloon makes drunkards. "Since 1690 the number of murders has doubled twice, and last year there were 10,000 in our country—nearly every one of these committed by a rum maniac." Every saloon is a standing declaration of intention to inflict pain, injury, death upon the community.

IT IS A FACT

That no business but that of drunkard-making ever suffered by the banishing of the saloon from a town.

IT IS A FACT

That the liquor business would go into bankruptcy if compelled to pay for all the damage it brings upon society.

IT IS A FACT

That if this business cannot afford to pay its own damages out of its enormous profits, no town can hope to pay them out of that small share in the profits called license or "blood money."

IT IS A FACT

That they who plead that the traffic must be licensed lest the commonwealth be deprived of the "immense revenue," are really urging that men be solicited to squander \$10 for drink in order to put \$1 into the public treasury.

IT IS A FACT

That the saloon only pays the tax by robbing the public. Hence, they who cry, "We must have the license money to help us run our schools," are either guilty of cruel rapacity or convicted of mental incapacity.

IT IS A FACT

That Prohibition prohibits! "Good temperance men" are sometimes deluded and ready to repeal Prohibition because it is "ineffective" and "inferior to the good license law." That would be a good reason for liquor papers and liquor-dealers to work hard for the establishment of Prohibition. But they never do!

IT IS A FACT

That license doesn't prohibit! It is notorious that the license laws of the country are not enforced. This is "read and known of all men," save the officials. License cannot prohibit and does not restrain, and it is a failure as a temperance measure.

IT IS A FACT

That the increasing use of fermented and malt liquors does not lessen the use of ardent spirits. This is shown by the official reports issued by the governments of the great wine and beer drinking nations—France, Spain, Italy, Germany, Great Britain, Belgium, Bavaria.

IT IS A FACT

That the saloon is the bitterest and most pitiless enemy of home and church. The Christian can never be satisfied short of the extirpation of a traffic so antagonistic to every interest of the church of God.

IT IS A FACT

That the liquor traffic can never be legalized without sin. "We condemn the license features of all statutes by which money is accepted for the legal protection of an immoral traffic." "In accepting money for such a purpose the government becomes a partner in a business justly declared to be an enemy of God and of man."

IT IS A FACT

That where the people rule VOTES are the weapons which must destroy Satan's most powerful engine, the saloon. Bishop Fitzgerald says: "With the most deadly weapon at his command—the ballot—the Christian man should slay the fiendish foe, and slay it quickly."—Zions Herald.

## STATE DISPENSARY A FAILURE.

For over 300 years South Carolina has been passing laws designed to solve the liquor problem. Every such law passed has provided for the sale of liquor for beverage purposes, in some form or other, and the drink devil still does business at the old stand.

In 1862 a law was passed to prevent unlicensed places from selling; but, like our modern laws to prevent unlicensed houses from selling, the law was a failure and had to be tinkered every year.

The last of the hundreds of experiments tried by the South Carolina people is now in force, and is called the State Dispensary law. Under this plan no liquor is sold except by authorized agents of the State, and treating is abolished.

These are the apparent advantages gained; but they are more than lost in other ways. Liquor is sold of better quality and about half price. As a consequence any person who has a few cents can buy a bottle. As dispensaries that do not pay are closed up the State dispensaries push business as hard as they can. As a result, about twice as much is sold now as during 1894, the first year of the dispensary.

At first the law stipulated that counties wanting dispensaries had to send in petitions signed by at least one-fourth of the qualified voters of the county. This hampered the free sale of liquor, and of course the conditions had to be reversed. The clog must always be placed on the Temperance end. Therefore the law was so changed as to establish dispensaries everywhere, and then the Temperance people had to do the fighting to root them out. They had to appeal to the State to shut up its own dispensaries and cut down its own profits. It was like suing the devil and having the old boy himself sit on the bench as judge.

There were five Prohibition counties under the license law, but now there are only two. There were 84,926 gallons of spirits taken out of bond last year, which is more than twice as much as was withdrawn any license year since 1884, license or no license, with one exception, and then there was only 48,833.—New York Voice.

## FALSE DOCTRINES.

That Parliament must be led by public sentiment. The Statesmanship must be limited to, bred and nurtured by the masses. That parties and politicians have nothing to do with it. The public consent is not a mandate to Parliament to apply Parliament's own prescription, "the right and only effective remedy."

If Parliament at Ottawa refused some legislation necessary to save our contingents fighting in Africa from annihilation such neglect would mean death to the Parliament. Parliament refuses, after expending public money to obtain public consent, to save the 30,000 of Canada's bravest and best from a worse fate than death.

Parliament has covered itself with shame and dishonor, it has wantonly and deliberately bartered the souls and bodies of 30,000 of Canada's sons for the political support of the liquor traffic, by granting a renewed lease of life for another ten years, and God only knows how much longer to the Alcoholic Sorcerer. Shame! Shame!! Shame!!! "O judgment, thou art fled to brutish beasts."

A parliament which has public consent for the application of what it has declared for years is the right and only effective remedy for the protection of life and property and general welfare, stands before the people self convicted of imbecility or treasonable conspiracy.

"O, holy God, let light divine,  
Break forth more broadly from above  
Till we conform our laws to thine,  
The perfect law of truth and love;  
For truth and love alone can save  
The children from a hopeless grave."

## A TESTIMONY TO PROHIBITION.

Bishop Millspaugh, of Kansas, speaks of the prohibition law in effect in that State as follows:

"When I went to Kansas I felt satisfied that there was no better way of handling the liquor traffic than by the high-license system, but I am now quite as well satisfied that I was mistaken. I have changed my opinion of the prohibition law since I have seen its workings, and I regard it as very desirable. It is especially so from my own spiritual standpoint.

For instance, Topeka is a city of 50,000 inhabitants, so that it is quite a town. You can walk the whole length of Kansas avenue, the principal street of the city, and not see a single saloon on either side. What is the effect of all this? The young men are not tempted to go into the gilded halls where sweet music and every allurements are held open for them. There are no temptations for the young, and there is nothing to lead the man, who does not drink habitually, to take a drink, just for the sake of being sociable.

"I find it easier to do missionary work in Topeka than I found it in Minneapolis or in Omaha (both under \$1,000 license for saloons). The young men you approach are more inclined to listen and give one respectful hearing. There are more men in the church, both as members and as mere attendants, in proportion to the population. This means something, and it is to be credited largely to the effects of the temperance legislation.

"The largest wholesale grocer in Kansas is a prohibitionist, but himself not a teetotaler. He gives it as his judgment as a business man that there is 25 per cent. more business done by the grocery, dry goods and hardware trades in Kansas than there was before prohibition was established.

"There is no probability that Kansas will ever go back upon the prohibition doctrine."—The National Advocate.

## ALCOHOL, THE SKIN, AND THE HEART.

A party of Americans in crossing Sierra Nevada encamped at a spot above the snow line. Some of them took a good deal of spirits before going to sleep, and they lay down warm and happy; some took a moderate quantity, and they lay down somewhat but not very cold; others took none at all, and they lay down very cold and miserable. Next morning, however, those who had taken no spirits got up feeling quite well; those who had taken a little got up feeling cold and wretched, those who had taken a great deal did not get up at all; they had perished from cold during the night. Those who took no alcohol kept their hearts warm at the expense of their skin, and they remained well; those who took much warmed their skin at the expense of their hearts, and they died.—Dr. Carter.

## The False Witness.

Since the time that Judas betrayed his Master there has never been a time that scoundrels could not be found who, for money, would outrage decency, besmirch virtue, and distort all the plain facts of history or experience or any or all of the vital principles of truth and justice. It is humiliating to confess that "expert testimony" can be procured to uphold any wrong if only it be known that there are millions in it. The false witness is only one of the pack that the temperance reform has to fight. Every unclean thing sympathizes with the liquor interests. There is no use in calling the roll of their malodorous names. They hunt in packs.—Greeley Colorado Tribune.