

[WRITTEN FOR THE CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.]

## Song for the "Maine Law."

God speed the Temperance cause,  
Guard it with wholesome laws,  
While people shout applause,  
And crime is stay'd.  
Thus hearts with sorrow rife,  
The drunkard's child and wife,  
'Mid scenes of want and strife,  
Have wildly pray'd.

And shall our ears be deaf?  
Shall we bring no relief  
To sooth their weighty grief,  
And banish wrong?  
We'll raise the Temperance cry—  
We'll lift our banner high,  
Till ev'ry sufferer's sigh  
Is chang'd to song.

On Rum we'll legislate,  
Fit work for ev'ry state,  
Though dealers rant and rate,  
And all oppose.  
Each husband—brother—sire,  
Who deals in liquid fire,  
Shall feel our potent ire,  
And call us free.

The myriad drunkard's homes,  
Whose pleasure never comes,  
But pale, gaunt hunger roams  
Unchecked and free.  
The wives—then widows worse,  
The babes that heir a curse.  
Not found alone in verso,  
We'll bid them see.

Then ask them how, at last,  
When life's short dream is past,  
In the assembly vast,  
Before the throne,—  
Those ruined souls they'll meet,  
Whose wayward, wand'ring feet,  
From virtue's safe retreat,  
They tempted on?

Mothinks from ev'ry sod,  
Where Rum's cur'd foot hath trod,  
Some hapless brother's blood  
Cries from the dead.  
While God, with jealous care,  
Treasures each heart-rung pray'r.  
And every bitter tear,  
In secret shed.

And His right arm ere long,  
Shall smite the giant "Wrong,"  
And free the wretched throng  
No long hath sway'd.  
Then speed the Temperance cause,  
Guard it with wholesome laws,  
While millions ho t p l a u e,  
And crime is stay'd.

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