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Several hundred excursionists from Rochdale having visited Mr. W. E. Gladstone's park at Hawarden, the right hon. gentleman, in a lengthy and eloquent speech, made the following pointed references to the Licensing Clauses of the Government Bill -

"This has been a most remarkable election at Southampton, because Southampton is full of organized commercial powers and interests which are by no means favourable to fair play for the principles of freedom. But notwithstanding that, you see by what a thundering majority - to use a homely phrase - they have returned an absent man. "The Times" newspaper says this is all owing to the licensing clauses. The licensing clauses are at this moment an object of very, very great interest to the country. We have got a great bill before us, and that bill whether it is a good bill or not on the whole, undoubtedly contains many things that are good, and one of the things that are good is in these licensing clauses. That is to say, that it contemplates the transfer of the power of licensing from a body which purely nominated, namely the justices of the peace, to a body which will be elective and representative, namely the county councils. Notwithstanding that, I do not suppose that you would be very well pleased if I told you I were favorable to the clauses, and I am not going to tell you I am going to tell you the exact opposite. I am altogether opposed to these clauses, and I am opposed to them because, although they are good in so much as they introduce the principle, at any rate of popular control over licenses, to which I am friendly, yet they introduce along with it a principle that in my opinion is quite intolerable, namely, the principle of converting a license into an estate."

Proceeding to illustrate the effect of the proposed change Mr. Gladstone argued it would entail upon premises under license an altogether artificial value, and gave as a case in point the instance of a man who purchased a house for \$10,000. For this house he obtained a license, and it was then sold at auction for \$20,000. It was of this creating a monopoly and afterward attempting the almost impossible task of buying it out, that the right hon. gentleman expressed his strong disapproval. He is of opinion that the Government will stand by the clauses, and by the aid of Unionist votes, will carry them through the House, although a majority of the members are, doubtless, personally opposed to the clauses. "I tell you with sorrow," significantly added Mr. Gladstone, "that if the Government choose to adhere strongly to these clauses, I do not know how you are to defeat them. I am not saying that if the clauses do pass into law that they will last for ever, because, after all, though we are told that this Parliament is to continue five years, and though that five years may be quite sufficient to get rid of one troublesome individual yet they won't get rid of the nation. Therefore, the case is not wholly without consolation."

To the same obnoxious clauses the London Daily News recently devoted a leading article, in which it very correctly gauges the state of public opinion on this important matter. We are unable to give more than a few sentences from this admirable article -

The horror of the compensation scheme, and no milder term can be used, grows in extent and intensity every hour. Some of the religious bodies will certainly pronounce against it by large majorities, and there is every reason to believe that the opposition will know neither rest nor ease. Cardinal Manning and Archbishop Farrer are as one in their disgust of the licensing clauses. For this feeling the Government has, in every way, only itself to blame. The whole country is beginning to demand modification or withdrawal, but the sponsor of the measure holds out no promise of an altered mind. Many men of moderate mind have seen in them evidence of a design to repay a party debt to a trading interest at the expense of the country. The claim of a vested interest in the license is no new thing as a claim. It is new alone as a matter of legislative recognition. The manner of the recognition suggests a determination to give the licensed victuallers a victory and not merely to give the country a new law. In this

connection, the drink trade, as Cardinal Manning has so justly observed, is like the shirt of Nessus. It so clings to the bill as to be identified with it. If it be not fatal to the bill, it will be fatal - championed as it has been by the author of the measure - to something of far greater importance - the moral and domestic life of the people.

A great Anti Compensation demonstration was held on 31st of May last in Hyde Park. It was altogether the largest and most representative gathering of the sort ever arranged. Contingents from every part of London and the vicinity met in procession and marched to the Park. Here were erected ten platforms, around which many thousands of men gathered, to hear addresses from speakers of all shades of political and religious thought, and to pass resolutions condemnatory of the Government clauses. This important protest originated with, and was admirably carried out under the direction of Mr. F. N. Charrington, "the apostle of the East-end," and leading Members of Parliament, ministers, and others were among the speakers.

Voices of the Ages.

"Thou shalt not drink wine or anything that may intoxicate." - Buddhist Commandment.

"Temperance is a tree which has contentment for its root and peace for its fruit." - Arabian Maxim.

"Bodily enjoyment depends on health, and health depends on temperance." - Thales, of Greece, 600 B.C.

"Strength of mind depends upon sobriety, for this keeps reason unclouded by passion." - Pythagoras, of Greece, 550 B.C.

"Look not upon the wine when it is red, for at last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." - King Solomon, 1000 B.C.

"Far from me be the gift of Bacchus - pernicious, inflaming wine that weakens both body and mind." - Homer, of Greece, 800 B.C.

"It is good neither to eat flesh nor drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth or is made weak." - Paul, the Apostle, 50 A.D.

While the intemperate man inflicts evil upon his friends, he brings far more evil upon himself. Not only to ruin his family, but also to bring ruin on his own body and soul, is the greatest wrong that any man can commit." - Seneca, 100 B.C.

"The man who drinks intoxicating liquor, pulls up his own root, even in this world. Dig up thirt by the roots, and the tempter may not crush you again, and again, as the stream crushes the woods." - Buddha Sakya, Hindu, born 600 B.C.

PRESENT CENTURY QUOTATIONS.

"The liquor traffic is the gigantic crime of crimes." - Senator Morrill, U.S. Senate.

"The alcohol is the one evil genius, whether in wine, or ale, or whiskey, and is killing the race of men." - Dr. Willard Parker.

"Total abstinence has been found to be an auxiliary to the promotion of Christianity and to the conversion of sinners." - Thomas Clarkson.

"If it is a small sacrifice to discontinue the use of wine, do it for the sake of others, if it is a great sacrifice, do it for your own sake." - Samuel J. May.

"Every day's experience tends more and more to confirm me in my opinion that the temperance cause lies at the foundation of all social and political reform." - Richard Cobden.

"Nothing is so great a friend to the mind of man as abstinence. It strengthens the memory, clears the apprehension, and sharpens the judgment, and, in a word, gives reason its full scope of acting." - Dr. Scott.

"Beer is brutalizing, wine impassioned; whiskey infuriates, but ultimately unmanes. Alcoholic drinks, combined with flesh and fat diet, totally subvert the moral nature, unless their influence be counteracted by violent exercise." - Dr. Beck, Leipzig, Germany.

"This is no party, no sectarian question; and I am convinced that there is no cause more likely to elevate the people in every respect, whether as regards religious or political opinions, or as regards literary or moral culture, than this great question of temperance." - Earl Russell.

"The rum trade makes men mad, and under the influence of rum, men will assault their neighbors, starve and beat their wives and children, commit theft, arson and murder. We ask men of every shade of politics, of every creed of religion, to join with us in our earnest efforts to stop the liquor traffic and seal up the dram-shops." - Hon. R. C. Pittman, St. Louis Times.

The War in Ohio.

G. C. Rooder, of Cleveland, writes us under date June 2nd - The township option vote is being rapidly pushed in this State, and the Good Templars are leading in the good work. G. C. T. Harry White is in the field constantly, Hon. Ansel Gray spends most of his time in Ohio work with his usual success, and Mrs. J. J. C. Stone has returned from the East to join the Good Templar forces. Secretary Williams reports an unprecedented growth in the order since the beginning of the year. The Prohibition sentiment is also increasing, and a large accession is predicted from the Democratic as well as from the Republican ranks. The Prohibitionists intend to carry on an aggressive campaign, and tent meetings will be one of the special features.

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