

and arraying a formidable opposition to temperance, which but for those extraneous influences would never have existed.

Third. The liquor traffic has created and sustained a powerful political interest against temperance.

All the effective opposition which has been made to the enactment of stringent laws on this subject, and to the execution of such laws, has come from the men engaged in this traffic.—They give money and can afford to do so. The tens of thousands which were contributed by the New-York dealers to influence the Connecticut election last spring, have been returned tenfold to their coffers by the sales of the year in the State. They can afford to do the same thing another year, and doubtless will do it. It is hardly possible to overestimate the political power which such a body of dealers are able to wield. If this power were withdrawn or annihilated, how soon would intemperance, with all its horrors, be banished from the land.

Fourth. The liquor traffic furnishes "recruiting officers" all over the country, to swell the mighty array of intemperate men. The usual law is, "the demand regulates the supply," but in this case the rule is reversed for "the supply regulates and creates the demand."—Were it not for the immense supply which this traffic furnishes, nine-tenths of the demand for alcoholic drinks as a beverage would cease in a year.

Is it any wonder, then, that the Temperance Reformation has met with reverses? Could any success be sure? Could any triumph be permanent, while the enemy were possessed of such resources? Can any man in his senses doubt the wisdom, nay, the necessity of storming this fortress, scattering the forces it has sheltered, destroying its stores and levelling it with the ground? But can we do it? Yes, we can!—The Maine Law has proved itself adequate to the work of destroying this traffic, and once destroyed it can never be revived. Its supporters will have gone into other employments and connected themselves with other interests.—There will be no basis for operations in another campaign. One more struggle then, and victory is secure. The social, the moral, and the political power of society will all be ours. To our posts, then, brothers! and may God prosper the right.

### Miscellaneous Table-talk Topics.

THE TEETOTAL THEORY.—The teetotal theory is, that alcoholic liquors are not necessary in any sense as ordinary beverages; that the drinking usages are seen to be the fountain of the intemperance of our country; that to set aside these usages is not only safe physiologically, but right economically, sanitarily, virtuously, and religiously; and that to carry out the teetotal principle and practice, would confer a blessing on mankind—through the sobriety of this great nation—greater than has ever yet been conferred by commerce, by politics, by education, or by the scientific advancement of civilization under any name.

DR. ABERNETHY, AND A LADY'S NOSE.—Lady (affectedly) "where in the name of wonder, Doctor, could I have got such a nose as this?" Dr. A: "Out of the Decanter, Ma'am."

—Over ninety-three millions of letters passed through the Post Offices of the United States during the last fiscal year. The revenue under the reduced rates of postage has fallen off nearly a million of dollars.

—Keep up weekly Temperance meetings everywhere. Don't be afraid that it will get to be "an old story." Zeal and energy will keep up the interest. Religious meetings do not become old stories—and why should those for the promotion of the cause next to religion—indeed one of its chief elements? Keep up the meetings, then. If the interest flags, try your ingenuity in devising means for its renewal.

The "order of exercises" need not be monotonous.—*Chrysal Fount.*

CAPITAL ILLUSTRATION.—Senator Rusk, referring to the fact that any proposition brought before Congress now is sure to produce a vast number of political speeches and a vast amount of political capital, said that the fact called to his mind an incident. He was present on one occasion at an Indian 'talk,' when a man drove up with a barrel of whisky; an old Indian who was sitting by, fixed his eye on the barrel, and after looking earnestly for some time, asked Mr. R. if he knew what was in that barrel.—He said it was whisky, he presumed. 'No,' said the Indian, 'there are about a thousand songs and fifty fights in that barrel!'

—Punctuality is said to be the life of business, but few make it the business of life.

GAS FROM VEGETABLES.—Mr. Geo. R. Booth of Wands-worth, has patented some improvements in the production of gas, which consist in manufacturing of vegetable gas from seeds, leaves, fruit and stems of plants, instead of employing the oils, gums or resins obtained therefrom in such process. Any seeds, or parts of plants, capable of yielding oils or gums from which gas may be produced, may be used in this manner, and the form of apparatus or retort employed, may be very much varied.—*Mining (Eng.) Journal.*

THE GROWTH OF TEA IN INDIA.—We have authority for stating, that the East India Company have determined to renew their important attempts at introducing tea into the Himalayas, and that Mr. Fortune is again charged with the operations. It is understood that he will sail in about a month.—*Gardener's (London) Chronicle.*

—There is considerable activity in Michigan in getting up petitions in favor of the Maine Law. The Michigan *Organ* some time since expressed the opinion that there is a majority of the Legislature soon to assemble at Lansing, favorable to its passage, and proposed, if we remember correctly, to publish a list of the members elect, showing who is for and against the law, but we have as yet seen nothing of it.

### THE CUP OF LIFE.

Youth unwarned in sweets delighting,  
Quaffs the cup of life with glee;  
Finds the nectar still inviting,  
Nor the change to come can see!

Ago all wearily,  
Ago uncheerily,  
Hold the cup when the charms are past;  
Dreads to think of it—  
Loathes to drink of it—  
Yet must drain it to the last!

Youth, take heed! nor drink too madly!  
Lest for aye no sweets remain!  
Ago, take heart! nor dip so sadly!  
Bitters may be turned to gain.

—*Bentley's Magazine.*

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THE EYES.—A wit remarks, that "no dust affects the eyes so much as gold dust." We might also add that no glasses affect the eyes more unfavourably than glasses of brandy.

—MOREWOOD says, it is estimated that one-half of the port, and five-sixths of the white wines consumed in London, are the product of the home presses.—*On Inebriating Liquors.*

—Wanted immediately, a respectable steady middle-aged man as groom and gardener—one capable of assisting in the Wine and Spirit Business, and accustomed to the Washing of Bottles.

[We cut the above from an old country paper. Of course it requires a very respectable and steady man for such a dirty, dangerous business.—Ed. C. T. A.]