Just a Few Words.

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obt the pain of the neutrals. Of the harden'd word's sting; oh! the balm ou! the balaliness That hind ones will bring.

only a tros n, but it dempen'd The cheer of a dear little beaut; Only a sunlo, but its awootness Check'd tears that were ready to start.

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Ob that the rules of our living t More like to the golden would be; Much, oh! so much more of sunshins
Would go out from you and from me. Less profestion, more with,

In our every-day life,

More justice, then earnly, Lighter bearts and less strife. For better and kinder we all mean to be, But there' lack in the thinking of both you and me.

-G. N., in Boston Transcript.

How a Young Husband got Weaned from His Cups.

A young wife in Michigan had just got settled in her new home. All seemed fair and promising, for she did not know that her husband was a drunkard. But one night he came home at a very late hour, and much the worse for liquer. When he staggered into the house, the wife, who was greatly shocked, told him he was sick, and to lie down at once; and in a moment or two, he was comfortably settled on the sofa. to lie down at once; and in a moment or two, he was comfortably sottled on the sofa in a drunken sleep. His face was reddleh purple, his breathing was heavy, and altogether he was a pitiable looking object. The doctor was sent for post haste, and mustard applied to his feet and hands. When the doctor came and felt his pulse,

only drunk, he said:

"He will be all right in the morning."

But the wife insisted that he was very sick, and that severe remedies must be

"You must shave his head and apply blisters," she urged, "or I will send for some one who will."

The hysband's head was accordingly shared clocely and blisters applied. The patient lay all night in a drunken sleep, and, notwithstanding the blisters were eating into the flesh, it was not till near morning that he began to beat about, disturbed by

About daylight he waked up to a most uncomfortable consciousness of blistered

What does this mean," he said, putting "Hat does this mean," he said, putting his hands to the bandaged head.
"Lie still—you musn't stir," said the wife, "you have been taken very sick."
"I'm not sick."

"I'm not sick."
"Oh, yes, you are; you have brain fover.
We have worked with you all night."
"I should think you had," groaned the
poor victim; what's the matter with my
feet?"

"They are blistered."

"They are blistored."

"Well, I'm better now; take off the blisters, do," he pleaded pitiously.

He was in a most uncomfortable state—his head covered with sores, and his feet and hands were still worse.

"Dear," he said; groaning, "if I should ever get sick in this way again, don't be slarmed and send for the doctor, and shove all don't blister me again."

"Oh, indeed I will—all that saved you were the blisters, and if you ever should have another such spell, I should be more frightened than ever—for the tendency I am sure is to apoplexy, and from the next

am sure is to apoplexy, and from the next attack you would be likely to die, unless there were the soverest measures used."

He made no further defence: suffice to say he never had another attack.

Temperance Items.

THERE was not an indictment in Maine last year for a capital offence. Has the Maine Liquor Law had anything to do with that?

THE citizens of Williamsville, Ills., recently took a vote on the license question, resulting sixty-three for no license, one for license.

MARBLEHEAD, Massachusetts, has 8,000 inhabitants, 5,000 have signed the total abstinence pledge and a cauvass is being made to get the others to sign.

NEVADA, with 55,000 inhabitants, has 900 licensed saloons, and it is estimated that the cost of drinking and gambling amounts to \$5,000,000 per year.

The drink traffic keeps a standing army of 25,000 extra and unnecessary police at an expense of \$17,500,000 annually, simply to guard rum-shops and their

Our of 2,925 cases successfully treated in a temperance hospital in London, from Oct., 1873, to Dec., 1875, alcohol was used in one case, and then being found valueless, was given up.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons in Philadelphia, after a careful examination, certify that in the city of Philadelphia alone at least 700 deaths were traced to intemperance in a single year.

Tur drink bill for Great Britain and reland, for 1875, amounted to \$714,450,845, or about \$12 for each man and woman and child of the population. This is merely the cost of the materiai maad.

Dr. Young estimates the cost of liquors in 1871 to be \$600,000,000. He says, "It would pay for 100,000,000 barrels of flour, averaging two and one-helf barrels to every man, woman and child in the dountry."

THE Vermont Legislature has enacted AME YOUROUS Legislature has enacted a law declaring any place where insociat-ing liquer is sold or given away as a bever-age "a public nuisance," liable to be sumi-marily closed on conviction. The public sentiment that led to the pas-sage of the law should insist on its execu-tion.

Bumble Bees.

It is one of the most important late discoveries, that the yield of red clover seed depends upon the bumble boss. These insects fortilize the blossoms, conveying the pollon from one blossom to another by means of their long probossis, and no other is known to do this accessary work. Without the bumble bees we can have no clover out the bumble fees we can have no clover seed. The netural enemy of the bumble bee is the farmer's boy, who, when he stumbles over a cert and gets stung never forgives or forgets it, but becomes a lifellong enemy to this busy bee. Give these inscets a wide berth, and let them five to increase the yield, and to reduce the price of clover seed, which is getting higher every year.—American Agriculturalist.

FAITH discovers a world beyond the meen, and trades thither. Leaving the men of the certh to load themselves with clay and coals, faith pursues its staple commodity, and traffics for grace and glory.

LET no one say, I am too young to do any good. Samuel was but a youth when he bore the Lord's message to Eli; it was a little Israelitish maid who led Nasman to the cure of his loprosy; and the great multitude fed by Jeaus was furnished with the loaves and fishes he miraculously multhe loaves and libres he miraculously multiplied by a lad. Do not say, I am too poor. The widow of Saropta entertained Elijah, and Josoph and Mary had but "a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigcons," to offer at the presentation of the "Holy Child Jesus." Do not say, I have no harning or influence. Peter and John were Californ Chleman. Galilean fishermen; and God has promised by the weak things of the earth to confound the mighty. Put is no excuse. Rather say, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" "Here am I; send me." Leave results to Him who commanded her who "did what she could," and who can make all labor consecrated to Him abundantly successful.

To BE a conspicuously great minister these days requires an expenditure of energy that will result in premature decay. We have read recently the biographies of Hamilton, Arnold, Guthrie and Maeleod, and they all tell the same story of too much to do, and of lives that were themselves out in excessive toil that could not be abated. And now sive toil that could not be abated. And now we read of Mr. Spurgeon that he can not preach a sermon without pain, and that he has gone off to the continent seeking rest for his over-worked brain. Writing home to his people, he says: "When it was a matter of feet and legs (alluding to his former attacks of gout) I took service as soon as I could. Now that it is brain weariness I mean to be still. Even last night I lost sleep because I attended a meeting of friends in a garden on the rocks." As the whole evangelical church rejoices in the work done by the great London preacher, so it symby the great London preacher, so it sym-pathizes with him in his illness, and prays for his early and complete restoration.

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