

## INTEMPERANCE THE GREAT SOCIAL BATTLE OF THE AGE.

This is the great social battle of the age which we are fighting between the flesh and the spirit—between the animal and the man. We are living in a time when nothing can save us but moral principle in the individual. Our government is an equal government, as such. We have cast in our destiny on this great principle of popular government, and we must go up with it, or go down with it. It is for us to maintain our institutions, if they are maintained at all; and unless we can teach individuals and the masses self-respect and self-control, we are utterly ruined. It is a mere matter of time. There is no salvation for institutions like ours except in the principle of self-control. And there is no single evil, social or political, that strikes more at the foundation of such institutions than the drinking habits of society. If you corrupt the working-class by drink; if you corrupt the great middle-classes by drink; if you corrupt the literary and wealthy-classes by drink, you have destroyed the commonwealth beyond your power to save it. And we are making battle for the preservation of this moral principle. It is the great patriotic movement of the day. Therefore we must have clear heads; we must have right conscience; we must have all the manhood that is in men, or that can educate them to it. The good that is in society will not be a match for the evil that is continually pulling it down.

Now, young men, which side are you to take in this great struggle? Will you go for license? Will you go for passion? Will you go for corruption? Or will you range yourselves on the side of those who are attempting to lift men up toward spirituality; toward true reason; toward noble self-control? You can afford to go but one way. Every young man who has one impulse of heroism, one generous tendency in him, ought in the beginning to take his ground beyond all controversy, and say, "I work for those who work for the good and beautiful and true."—*Henry Ward Beecher.*

### TAKE A STAND.

If temperance men would take a stand,  
And show their true position,  
Nor yield a point to friend or foe,  
Or scheming politician;  
If they would fight for principle,  
For justice and for right,  
And whatsoe'er they find to do,  
Would do it with their might,  
Our land, which else will grow corrupt  
Till all good men abhor it,  
Might lift her trailing banner up,  
And be the better for it.

If those for whom we cast our vote  
Would not so oft betray us,  
And, weakly shrinking from their trust,  
On error's side array us;  
If they would only bravely stand  
And face the wily foe,  
And in each point of right or wrong  
Say firmly, "yes" or "no,"  
Our land, that else must grow corrupt  
Till all good men abhor it,  
Would see the growth of evil stopt,  
And surely be the better for it.

—*Christian Statesman.*

Jabesh Snow, Gunning Cove, N. S., writes: "I was completely prostrated with the asthma, but hearing of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. I procured a bottle, and it done me so much good that I got another, and before it was used I was well. My son was cured of a bad cold by the use of half a bottle. It goes like wild fire, and makes cures wherever it is used."

Consumption is a disease concentrated by a neglected cold; how necessary then that we should at once get the best cure for Coughs, Colds, Laryngitis, and all diseases of the Throat and Lungs. One of the most popular medicines for these complaints is Northrop & Lyman's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil and Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda. Mr. J. F. Smith, Druggist, Dunnville, writes: "It gives general satisfaction and sells splendidly."

## THE FIRE THAT OLD NICK BUILT.

AN IMITATION OF "THE HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT."

"Intemperance."—This is the fire that Old Nick built.

"Moderate Drinking."—This is the fuel that feeds the fire that Old Nick built.

"Rum-selling."—This is the axe that cuts the wood that feeds the fire that Old Nick built.

"Love of Money."—This is the stone that grinds the axe that cuts the wood that feeds the fire that Old Nick built.

"Public Opinion."—This is the sledge with its face of steel that batters the stone that grinds the axe that cuts the wood that feeds the fire that Old Nick built.

"A Temperance Meeting."—This is one of the blows that we quietly deal to fashion the sledge with its edge of steel that batters the stone that grinds the axe that cuts the wood that feeds the fire that Old Nick built.

"Temperance Pledge."—This is the smith that works with a will to give force to the blow that we quietly deal to fashion the sledge with its face of steel that batters the stone that grinds the axe that cuts the wood that feeds the fire that Old Nick built.

"Eternal Truth."—This is the spirit so gentle and still that nerves the smith to work with a will to give force to the blows we quietly deal to fashion the sledge with its face of steel that batters the stone that grinds the axe that cuts the wood that feeds the fire that Old Nick built.—*Temperance Banner.*

### Contributed Articles.

#### NINE PLAIN GOOD REASONS FOR TEMPERANCE.

BY S——

I. The very best conditions of body and mind are attained without intoxicating liquors. Science and experience pronounce alcohol entirely unnecessary to persons in health; in fact worse than useless.

II. Strong drink greatly endangers character. Multitudes under its influence have been led to infamy, guilt and ruin.

III. Total abstinence fits one for helping to reclaim the fallen, for leading the young in the safe course, and for exerting a beneficial influence on society.

IV. The money which the injurious indulgence would cost, can be made to do much in adding to the comforts of life, and aiding in religious and benevolent undertakings.

V. Not only is drunkenness vile in itself, but the drink also increases and intensifies other evils. The practice of total abstinence tends to counteract every vice, and favor every virtue.

VI. Common sense can find no good or substantial reasons in favor of using the poisonous drink. No advantage is lost by entirely giving it up, but many positive benefits are gained.

VII. There is no good Christian who indulges in intoxicating liquor (however moderately,) who would not be a yet BETTER Christian if a total abstainer, and no wicked Teetotaler but would, if a drinker, be made thereby a still WORSE member of society.

VIII. Great would be the improvement in the well-being of any community—if all adopted temperance principles and practice.

IX. Compared with drinking even only a little, strict total abstinence is safer, more patriotic, and consistent with all that is good and right.

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#### CAPITAL CONSPIRING FOR MONOPOLY.

Editor CITIZEN:

The question of the price to be charged by municipalities for permission to run a liquor bar is now being agitated a good deal, and some of these who approve of increasing the fee heretofore charged, actually claim the dignity and honor of a temperance argument for their views. They come to us with the word Temperance on their lips, and how cheering it is to have such further proof of the fact that the world moves on.

Some years ago it involved a brand of odium to acknowledge being a temperance man, and now, so far have we advanced in our movement that the whisky interest, which then stigmatized us, now approaches us fawningly and makes claim to approval of our principles, or rather of our name. How changed! Now the friends and