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with which it always succeeds in silencing any disposition on the part of the Home Government to abolish this gigantic evil. The Government of India is thus raising a revenue by one of the meanest, lowest and most disgraceful means that a people can be guilty of—trading on the vices of others, and that, too, solely because the latter are too weak to help themselves.

For many years the "Society for the Suppression of the Opium Trade," representing the best sentiment of the British people, has been seeking to force Parliament to wipe

out this, the greatest stain that ever blotted the fair name of any enlightened nation. Largely through its influence, the British Parliament, in 1891, passed a motion declaring that the method by which the Indian opium revenue was raised was "morally indefensible"; yet, notwithstanding this motion, the monopoly still continues. Other countries are, we are glad to note, moving in the matter. As soon as Port Arthur fell, a movement was set on foot to induce Japan and the United States to unite in exercising their "friendly offices" to induce Great Britain to release