

TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

BY THE WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION OF ST. JOHN.

[Trust the people—the wise and the ignorant, the good and the bad—with the gravest questions and in the end you will educate the race.]

AUTUMN VESPER.

All gray and quiet ends the heavy day, In listless languor hangs the smoky air; Through leafless branches gleams a sullen glare...

ALCOHOL VERSUS FOOD.

As Professor Atwater's polemics on the old alcohol-a-food dogma have been addressed to the laity, who are not generally in a position to detect the fallacies of which his arguments are constructed...

1.—A certain quantity will produce a certain effect at first, but it requires more and more to produce the same effect when the drug is used habitually.

2.—When used habitually it is likely to induce an uncontrollable desire for more in ever increasing amounts.

3.—After its habitual use a sudden total abstinence is likely to cause a serious derangement of the central nervous system.

4.—Alcohol is oxidized rapidly in the body.

5.—Alcohol, not being useful, is not stored in the body.

6.—Alcohol is a product of decomposition of food in the presence of a scarcity of oxygen.

7.—Alcohol is an excretion and, in common with all excretions, is poisonous. It may be beneficial to certain phases of the disease, but it is never beneficial to the healthy body.

8.—All medical men advise healthy persons to avoid alcohol altogether.

9.—All connoisseurs advise people to avoid taking alcohol into the empty stomach.

10.—The young, developing individual is always advised to abstain from alcohol. (See Atwater's Chicago address.)

11.—The use of alcohol, in common with narcotics in general, is followed by a reaction.

12.—The use of alcohol is followed by a decrease in the activity of the muscle cells and the brain cells.

The Truth About Food.

1.—A certain quantity will produce a certain effect at first, and the same quantity will always produce the same effect in the healthy body.

2.—The habitual use of food never induces an uncontrollable desire for it in ever increasing amounts.

3.—After its habitual use a sudden total abstinence never causes any derangement of the central nervous system.

4.—All foods are oxidized slowly in the body.

5.—All foods, being useful, are stored in the body.

6.—All foods are products of constructive activity of protoplasm in the presence of abundant oxygen.

7.—All foods are formed by nature for nourishment and are by nature wholesome and always beneficial to the healthy body, though they may injure the body in certain phases of disease.

8.—No medical men advise healthy persons to avoid food.

9.—People are universally advised to take food into the empty stomach.

10.—The young, developing individual is always advised to partake bountifully of food.

11.—The use of food is followed by no reaction.

12.—The use of food is followed by an increase in the activity of the muscle and brain cells.

became a total abstainer, because I was easily convinced that the use of alcohol was not a necessity, and a great deal turns upon that. I saw, for instance, that whole nations not only lived without it, but had flourished without it. I believe that the human race had existed and flourished a considerable time before it was discovered. I saw the remarkable fact that there was some twenty thousand prisoners in England, and that though many of them had made themselves mere funnels for drink; though they had been accustomed to drink from their childhood; though most of them had been brought to prison, either directly or indirectly, through drink, yet the very day that they entered the gates of a prison, all drink was entirely taken from them, and yet there was not a single instance on record in which any of them had suffered in consequence. On the contrary, men who have entered prisons sickly and debilitated have been made compulsorily sober by act of parliament, and after a few months, left prison hale and strong and hearty; and women who had been put into prison perfectly horrible and hideous in their loathsomeness and degradation, after a short period of deprivation from the source of their ruin, left prison with the bloom of health and almost of beauty.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

(A call for the observance of the World's Sunday School Temperance Sunday, November 25th, 1900.)

All Sunday school superintendents and teachers, all W. C. T. U. workers in the Sunday school, all friends of temperance, teaching in the Sunday school, are hereby urged to make the observance of the World's Sunday School Temperance Sunday a notable occasion.

This appointment is made by the International Sunday School Convention, through the International Lesson Committee, who have named as a lesson to be taught on that day, "Sober Living." Titus 2:1-15.

The drink-curse is world-wide, and young people in particular must be taught that it is a crime against the nation, and a sin against God. It is fitting therefore that the subject be presented from both national and personal points of view.

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SEVEN DAYS OVERDUE.

Furness Line Steamer Daltonhall Arrives at Sydney Short of Coal.

Experienced Head Winds and Rough Weather During the Entire Trip—Escaped Without Damage.

SYDNEY, Nov. 25.—The Furness line steamer Daltonhall, Capt. Heeley, arrived at the International pier Saturday short of coal and seven days overdue from London to Halifax. The progress of the steamer across the Atlantic was impeded by rough weather and head winds, which the ship experienced from the time she left until she arrived on this side. The ship was light and this made head winds more effective. Two or three times the winds appeared to shift and promise better weather only to return to the old quarters and blow still harder.

Large quantities of coal were consumed without the steamer making much headway. Last Tuesday the steamer was off Cape Race, but on account of the weather, Captain Heeley thought it prudent not to approach near enough to be signalled. By this time the coal supply was becoming quite low and the captain decided to change the course and head for Sydney. Low Point light was made on Friday night, but owing to the heavy gale that was blowing, Capt. Heeley decided to lay off until next day, when a pilot was signalled for and the steamer piled in in his charge. It was somewhat before she could be brought into the harbor, owing to the high wind that was blowing. The engines were kept going in order to prevent the steamer from dragging her anchors.

The Daltonhall has quite a cargo of explosives for the Halifax garrison. This would prevent her bunkering at the pier, but Captain Heeley agreed to an indemnity in case of accident, and the steamer was allowed to coal. It was at first thought this would have to be done in the stream. She will complete bunkering tomorrow afternoon, when she will at once clear for Halifax. The steamer had a hard time of it, but she withstood heavy cross-seas and raging storms without damage of any kind.

Fred Sherrard of St. John was a passenger by the Daltonhall.

"Miss Kendrick is taking the first course in the Female College of Journalism. It will last three months. 'What is the subject for the first few months?' 'Learning to sharpen a lead pencil.'"—Pearson's Weekly.

LIQUEUR CREATES LITTLE LABOR. According to the United States census report, the breweries of Rochester have \$6,455,098 capital invested; they pay \$381,000 in wages, and employ 484 hands. The men's clothing industry, with \$300,000 less capital, pays \$1,561,000 in wages, and employs 3,132 hands. The boot and shoe industry, with \$3,281,000 invested—about one-half the amount invested in breweries—pays \$2,001,000 in wages, and employs 4,888 hands.

One-half the investment in the shoe industry, employing eleven times as many hands, and paying five times as much wages as the beer industry, or the same capital that employs 484 men in the breweries of Rochester would employ 9,736 hands if they were invested in making boots and shoes.

THE DRINK CURSE.

Drink is the curse of the country; it ruins the fortunes, it injures the health, it destroys the lives of one in 20 of its population, and anything that can be done to diminish this terrible sacrifice of human life and human happiness is worthy of all the attention and study we can give it. If we are silent the very stones will cry out. If I could destroy tomorrow the desire for strong drink in the people of England, what changes we should see! We should see our gas and work-houses empty, and we should see more lives saved in twelve months than are consumed in a century of bitter and savage war.—Joseph Chamberlain.

CANON FARRAR'S REASONS.

Some of his reasons for becoming a total abstainer are stated thus by Canon Farrar: About ten years ago or more I first

A BIT OF HISTORY.

How the Yankees Thrashed the French Troops.

Phil Sheridan's Little Battalion Showed a Regiment of Mexicans the Way to Take a French Fort.

(Chicago Times.)

Whenever the Americans and the French are mixed up together in any part of a civil function, such as the opening of a world's fair building in Paris or in Chicago, it is always in order for the prevailing dignitaries to mention the traditional friendship of La Belle France for Uncle Sam. Then the minds of all the hearers revert to Lafayette, Rochambeau, De Grasse and the others, and everybody feels good. There probably is not a Frenchman living, and precious few Americans, too, for that matter, who has the faintest idea that the hand of the one nation was ever raised against that of the other, excepting at sea during the latter part of the eighteenth century, when the navies of the two countries made things exceedingly lively for each other down the West Indies way. There is a story, however, which veterans of two United States regiments tell occasionally which goes to show that on one occasion at least the Yankees and the French fought each other in a land battle. It was not until some time after the affair took place that the veterans told it. They waited until time's "effacing finger" had a chance to remove all possibility of the French taking advantage in the way of damage claims, of the knowledge which would then come to them for the first time.

Just before the French troops returned from Mexico in 1866, following closely upon Seward's famous communication beginning, "We view with regret," Gen. Phil Sheridan, as everybody knows, was sent with an army corps of veterans fresh from the victories attending the sweep through the Shenandoah valley, after the famous campaign up to the gate of Richmond. Two regiments of Little Phil's command were isolated from the rest of the outfit and were stationed on the frontier just across the river from a place where a regiment of Mexican troops held a fort. Some of Juarez's republican soldiers started up across country to take this fortification, which was among the last to hold out. The republican troops went into camp about two miles away from the fort, and the Mexicans were not more than those of the ordinary "throw-up" defense. The Americans from their side of the river, by the aid of their glasses, saw the approach of Juarez's soldiers, and it goes without saying that the proceedings interested them intensely.

The Mexican troops were dressed in white uniforms, and the day after their arrival the Americans saw them leave their camp, pass up under the cover of the night a bit of timber, and then emerge into the open not more than 300 yards from the fortification behind which the Frenchmen were grimly watching the approach. Suddenly the republican line broke into a charge, and the Mexicans were rebuffed. The Frenchmen opened a galling fire and the white line wavered, broke and fled faster by several yards to the second than it had advanced. Every morning regularly for a week the Yankee soldiers to the north of the river saw the Mexicans come out, form, charge, break and fly. The whole Yankee camp took a lively interest in these proceedings until they became monotonous, when only a handful of the soldiers went through the motions to look at the regular after reveille attack.

One night the American regimental adjutant visited all the officers of the command. Then there were talks with the first sergeants, and finally the adjutant began inquiring that something was up. Later in the night a visitor to the camp of the Americans if he were a close observer would have noticed that about one-third of the men were missing. In the morning the third of the men were left, every member of the outfit save the guard—lined the north bank of the Rio Grande and stood watching Maximilian's redoubt. Pretty soon from a point far down to the left the republican troops with bayonets fixed to their rifles, appeared to be only about half as many of them as usual. They marched to a point not more than 200 yards away from the fort, and seemed to pay less attention than usual to the parapet, passed up and over it and into their custom to form for a charge, and then, changing from column into line, they swept for the redoubt like a storm. They reached the foot of the fort, which was then a low wall, and into it like unleashed war dogs. There were shouts, shots and yells, and then in a moment the flag of republican Mexico had replaced that of the Emperor Maximilian.

It was then that a curious thing occurred. Another regiment of republican troops emerged from the tents where the camp had been pitched ten days before and marched up and into the redoubt. They had no sooner entered than the white-coated detachment which had captured the place moved out.

A queer sight presented itself. The soldiers who in one swift, undaunted charge had taken the redoubt, passed down the river and out of sight into a clump of trees. There, stranger sight than all, they threw off the white cloth suits of republican Mexico and donned the army blue of Uncle Sam. In a few minutes they were in some flat-bottomed commissary barges and were on their way across the river to a clump of trees. There, stranger sight than all, they threw off the white cloth suits of republican Mexico and donned the army blue of Uncle Sam. In a few minutes they were in some flat-bottomed commissary barges and were on their way across the river to a clump of trees. There, stranger sight than all, they threw off the white cloth suits of republican Mexico and donned the army blue of Uncle Sam. In a few minutes they were in some flat-bottomed commissary barges and were on their way across the river to a clump of trees. 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