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OF

The Grande-Ligne Mission.

In sympathy with almost the whole world, this country has been passing through exciting times and scenes by the great public battle in the Temperance cause, and the whole nation has been stirred by the endeavor of devoted reformers to secure a vote for the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks. Our Society, while sympathizing with that cause and aiding it, has continued to be busy in the pursuance of a deeper work of reformation, knowing well that the primary cause, the deeper source of evil is to be found in poor human nature. The drink traffic is recognized as the most terrible and insidious auxiliary to all that is bad and wicked in humanity, increasing miseries, making sin more sinful, making havoc and causing so many wrecks in families, working to destruction of body and soul. But we all know that a man may be temperate as to intoxicating drinks, even quite abstemious, and still remain so intemperately worldly, vain, cruel, sensual, dishonest, avaricious, as to have the door of heaven closed against him. With the Gospel in our hands, in our minds and in our hearts ; and having felt its saving power and sanctifying influence, we go wherever we can secure access to undertake the deeper and larger work of the conversion of the soul to God, the regeneration of men whether they profess, or allow themselves to be called members of some church organization or not, knowing full well that if this deep change is wrought by the truth received in sincerity, and with the work of the Spirit of God in the soul, the latter will have power to keep the whole being in all soberness and resistance to all sinful passions.