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Chasing Shadows.

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HE children are chasing shadows,
The shadows that dance on the wall,
Eagerly trying to grasp them
As they rise and waver and fall.

We smile as we see them grasping
For the shadows that flee away
Before the glorious sunlight;
But are we much wiser than they?

Ah! we too are little children
In the great loving Father's sight,
Busy on earth chasing shadows
That flee in eternity's light.

God smiles, and says to the angels,
As they watch from the world on high,
"The children are chasing shadows,
They will know better by-and-by."
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Vote It Out!

HE legal licensed liquor traffic now stands before the bar of public opinion on trial for its life. Whether it shall live or die it is for the jury—the intelligent voters of our land to say. On September the 29th every voter from Halifax to Vancouver will be asked to answer "Yes," or "No," to the simple question, "Are you in favor of the passing of an Act prohibiting the importation, manufacture, or sale, of spirits, wine, ale, beer, cider, and all other alcoholic liquors for use as beverages?" No country has ever had such an opportunity for such a sweeping reform, and for delivering itself from the blight and thrall of the drink traffic. Patriotism never had a more glorious occasion for declaring for that righteousness that exalteth a nation and against that woeful traffic that is the reproach of our modern civilization.

What the anti-prohibition plan of campaign is has not yet been ascertained. One thing is certain, there will be no public meetings for the discussion of the question. The traffic has always lost ground when it has sought to defend itself on the platform. The representatives of the "trade" are declaring ostentatiously their purpose to do nothing, but to leave the whole matter to the unbiassed judgment of the people. This may be taken for what it is worth-absolutely nothing. It means simply this: the traffic dreads agitation. If the consciences of the people are thoroughly aroused, the drink curse would be voted out with an overwhelming majority. It is the best policy, therefore, for the liquor leaders to create as little excitement as possible and depend on the "still hunt" for success. For this very reason, temperance workers must make use of every available means that the people may be aroused to a recognition of the tremendous import of the plebiscite, and thoroughly organize so that as large a vote as possible may be polled in favor of Prohibition.

Christian Endeavor, from the first, has been a consistent and persistent foe of strong drink, and every society from ocean to ocean should make itself felt in this great campaign for the triumph Every municipality will be of righteousness. organized for this particular campaign, and it is best that the Christian Endeavor societies should work in full harmony with these organizations. Every Plebiscite Association will be glad of the co-operation of every young people's society. There is no time to be lost. In any way that you can, and in every way that you can, labor earnestly, faithfully, and prayerfully that our land may be freed from the shame and misery, the crime and ruin of this implacable foe of Christ and the church.

"I Am Ready."

HE prompt and efficient manner in which the Christian workers of the United States have availed themselves of the opportunities of caring for the spiritual welfare of the soldiers in camp and at the front is deserving of all com-