



The Drink Curse.

(R. E. L., in 'Alliance News.')

O, sad are the homes which the drink curse hath smitten,
And changed the sweet cradle song into a sigh;
Where those of the household the serpent hath bitten,
And on the cold hearthstones they languish and die.

O, fierce is the strife with this arch foe of gladness,
This traffic which thrives on the death of the soul;
But look up to Him who amid the world's madness
Doth still all the issues of battle control.

O, sure is the victory for ev'ry brave soldier,
Who, strengthened with virtue, maintains the long fight;
With Christ as our Leader, our prowess grows bolder,
Already the triumph of truth is in sight.

Do You See It?

A laboring man leaving a large saloon saw a costly carriage and a pair of horses standing in the front, occupied by two ladies, elegantly attired, conversing with the proprietor.

As it rolled away, he said to the dealer: 'Whose carriage is that?' 'It is mine,' replied the dealer, complacently. 'It cost \$1,000. My wife and daughter cannot do without it.'

The mechanic bowed his head a moment in deep thought, and looked sad. Then, with the energy of a man suddenly aroused, he said:

'I see it! I see it!' 'See what?' said the dealer. 'See where for years my wages have gone. I helped to pay for that carriage and team and that gold-mounted harness, for the silk and laces and jewellery of your family. The money I earned, that should have given my wife and family a home of their own and good clothing, I have spent at your bar. My wages and those of others have supported you and your family in luxury. Hereafter my wife and family will have the benefit of my wages, and by the help of God I will never spend another coin for drink. I see the mistake—and a cure for it.'—'Temperance Leader.'

A Governor With a Backbone.

It does one good to read the utterances of a public official who dares to say what's what concerning the enforcement of law. It seems like half the battle to have men sworn to enforce the law declare that the law shall be enforced.

Governor Haskell of the new state of Oklahoma, in his Christmas Day address, said:

'They tell you "prohibition won't prohibit." Don't you believe a word of this. When the Legislature has given us a plain, emphatic law, you will see that prohibition does prohibit.'

'They will also tell you that it will cost the taxpayers money to enforce this law. Certainly it will, just as it costs the taxpayers money to capture and convict horse thieves or any other criminals, but it won't cost to enforce prohibition five percent of what it will cost to punish crimes, keep orphans, paupers, and criminals that the whisky traffic creates.'

That is the way to talk it. Tell the truth. The liquor traffic is criminal. It is unconstitutional. It is legalized vice. It ought to be put down: It can be put down. It will be put down. Three cheers for the governors who dare say so!—Michigan 'Christian Advocate.'

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