

The Lifting of the Curse.

BY JAMES C. CLARK.

Swing inward, O gates of the future!
Swing outward ye doors of the past,
For the soul of the people is moving
And rising from slumber at last—
The black forms of night are retreat-
ing,
The white peaks have signaled the
day,
And freedom her long roll is beating,
And calling her sons to the fray.
And woe to the rule that has plundered
And trod down the wounded and
slain,
While the wars of the Old Time have
thundered
And men poured their life-tide in
vain;
The day of its trumpet is ending,
The evening draws near with its
doom,
And the star of its strength is descend-
ing,
To sleep in dishonor and gloom.
Tho' the tall trees are crowned on the
highlands
With the first gold of rainbow and
sun,
While far in the distance below them
The rivers in dark shadows run,
They must fall, and the workmen shall
burn them
Where the lands and the low waters
meet,
And the steeds of the New Time shall
spurn them
With the soles of their swift flying
feet.
Swing inward, O gates, till the morning
Shall paint the brown mountains in
gold!
Till the life and the love of the New
Time
Shall conquer the hate of the Old,
Let the face and the hand of the Mas-
ter
No longer be hidden from view,
Nor the lands He prepared for the
many
Be trampled and robbed by the few.
The soil tells the same fruitful story,
The seasons their bounties display,
And the flowers lift their faces in glory
To catch the warm kisses of day;
While our fellows are treated as cattle
That are muzzled when treading the
corn,
And millions sink down in life's battle
With a sigh for the day they were
born.
Must the sea plead in vain that the
river
May return to its mother for rest,
And the earth let the rain clouds to
give her
Of dew they have drawn from her
breast?
Lo! the answer comes back in a mutter
From domes where the quick light-
nings glow,
And from the heights where the mad
waters utter
Their warning to dwellers below.
And woe to the robbers that gather
In fields where they never have sown,
Who have stolen the jewels from labor
And builded to Mammon a throne;
For the snow-kings asleep by the foun-
tains
Shall wake in the summer's hot
breath,
And descend in hot rage from the
mountains
Bearing terror, destruction, and
death!
And the throne of their god shall be
crumbled,
And the sceptre be swept from his
hand,
And the heart of the haughty be hum-
bled,
And a servant be chief in the land,
And the Truth and the Power united
Shall rise from the graves of the
True,
And the wrongs of the Old Time be
righted
In the night and the light of the
New.
For the Lord of the harvest hath said
it,
Whose lips never uttered a lie,
And His prophets and poets have read
it
In symbols of Earth and of Sk.
That to him who has revelled in plun-
der
Till the angel of conscience is dumb,
The shock of the earthquake and thun-
der
And tempests and torrents shall
come.
Swing inward, O gates of the future!
Swing outward ye doors of the past,
A giant is waking from slumber
And rending his fetters at last—
From the dust, where his proud tyrants
found him
"Honored and scorned and betrayed,
He shall rise with the sunlight around
him
And rule in the realm he has made.

A Tap at the Door.

A HAND tapped at my door, low down,
low down.
I opened it and saw two eyes of brown,
Two lips of cherry red,
A little curly head,
A bonny, fairy sprite, in dress of white,
Who said, with lifted face: "Papa, good
night!"
She climbed upon my knee, and kneel-
ing there,
Lisped softly, solemnly, her little prayer,
Her meeting finger-tips,
Her pure, sweet baby lips,
Carried my soul with hers, half un-
aware,
Into some clearer and diviner air.
I tried to lift again, but all in vain,
Of scientific thought the subtle chain;
So small, so small,
My learning all!
Though I could call each star, and tell
its place,
My child's "Our Father" bridged the
gulf of space.
I sat with folded hands, at rest, at rest,
Turning this solemn thought within my
breast:
How faith would fade
If God had made
No children in this world—no baby
age—
Only the prudent man or thoughtful
sage:
Only the woman wise: no little arms
To clasp around our neck; no baby
charms,
No loving care,
No sinless prayer,
No thrill of lisping song, no pattering
feet,
No infant heart against our heart to
beat.
Then, if a tiny hand, low down,
Tap at thy heart or door, ah! do not
frown:
Bend low to meet
The little feet;
To clasp the clinging hand; the child
will be
Nearer to heaven than thee nearer
than thee.
Lillie E. Barr.
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The Prohibition Drums.
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HARK! the beating of the drums!
Temperance drums!
As the mighty army comes!
Hear them shouting from afar!
See their banners in the air!
As they're coming from the hills,
And a marching from the rills;
There are young and there are old—
Men who can't be bought with gold
See! they're wheeling into line,
And they're marching to the time—
To the drums, drums, drums,
The drums, the drums, drums, drums,
To the beating of the Prohibition
drums!
List! the gospel's glorious notes!
Warning notes!
Call to every man who votes!
Rouse! ye men who love your homes!
Who have daughters, who have sons,
Say for once (and dare the foe
To stay your hand) "Strong drink must
go!"
Put the helmet on your head,
Lead where others have not led,
Gird around you right and truth—
Lead, O lead to God our youth!
Pass the word along the line,
Note the music, keep the time,
To the drums, drums, drums, drums,
The drums, the drums, drums, drums,
Keep time to the Prohibition drums!
Last! the chiming Sabbath bells!
Silver bells!
How my heart with rapture swells!
As I see ten thousand feet—
Children coming, fresh and sweet!
These can't vote but hear them say—
"Father, vote this curse away,
Father, vote that we'll be free—
Won't you vote this once for me!
Ma says don't forget the time,
And be sure to fall in line
With the bells, bells, bells,
The bells, the bells, bells, bells—
Fall in line with the Prohibition bells."
Hark! the cannon's mighty boom!
Iron boom!
"Hopeful it is or it gloom!"
Ah! September's close will tell
Whether ill or whether well!
Whether tears or joy will flow
Down our cheeks or those of woe—
Whether in October's sky
Hope will live or hope will die!
Whether we will then be found
Marching up or marching down
With the drums, drums, drums,
The drums, the drums, drums, drums,
Where we march with the drums,
drums, drums.
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against gambling all their lives on
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YEAR	PROFITS	ASSETS	GROSS
Ending	Paid on Policy	Per \$100 of	Accumulated
Jan. 1st.	No. 1,556.	Liabilities.	Funds.
1878	\$11.32	\$115.86	\$21,111,125
1879	12.74	116.00	23,120,000
1880	13.75	118.10	25,000,000
1881	14.85	119.22	26,000,000
1882	15.95	120.34	27,000,000
1883	17.05	121.46	28,000,000
1884	18.15	122.58	29,000,000
1885	19.25	123.70	30,000,000
1886	20.35	124.82	31,000,000
1887	21.45	125.94	32,000,000
1888	22.55	127.06	33,000,000
1889	23.65	128.18	34,000,000
1890	24.75	129.30	35,000,000
1891	25.85	130.42	36,000,000
1892	26.95	131.54	37,000,000
1893	28.05	132.66	38,000,000
1894	29.15	133.78	39,000,000
1895	30.25	134.90	40,000,000
1896	31.35	136.02	41,000,000
1897	32.45	137.14	42,000,000
1898	33.55	138.26	43,000,000
1899	34.65	139.38	44,000,000
1900	35.75	140.50	45,000,000
1901	36.85	141.62	46,000,000
1902	37.95	142.74	47,000,000
1903	39.05	143.86	48,000,000
1904	40.15	144.98	49,000,000
1905	41.25	146.10	50,000,000
1906	42.35	147.22	51,000,000
1907	43.45	148.34	52,000,000
1908	44.55	149.46	53,000,000
1909	45.65	150.58	54,000,000
1910	46.75	151.70	55,000,000
1911	47.85	152.82	56,000,000
1912	48.95	153.94	57,000,000
1913	50.05	155.06	58,000,000
1914	51.15	156.18	59,000,000
1915	52.25	157.30	60,000,000
1916	53.35	158.42	61,000,000
1917	54.45	159.54	62,000,000
1918	55.55	160.66	63,000,000
1919	56.65	161.78	64,000,000
1920	57.75	162.90	65,000,000
1921	58.85	164.02	66,000,000
1922	59.95	165.14	67,000,000
1923	61.05	166.26	68,000,000
1924	62.15	167.38	69,000,000
1925	63.25	168.50	70,000,000
1926	64.35	169.62	71,000,000
1927	65.45	170.74	72,000,000
1928	66.55	171.86	73,000,000
1929	67.65	172.98	74,000,000
1930	68.75	174.10	75,000,000
1931	69.85	175.22	76,000,000
1932	70.95	176.34	77,000,000
1933	72.05	177.46	78,000,000
1934	73.15	178.58	79,000,000
1935	74.25	179.70	80,000,000
1936	75.35	180.82	81,000,000
1937	76.45	181.94	82,000,000
1938	77.55	183.06	83,000,000
1939	78.65	184.18	84,000,000
1940	79.75	185.30	85,000,000
1941	80.85	186.42	86,000,000
1942	81.95	187.54	87,000,000
1943	83.05	188.66	88,000,000
1944	84.15	189.78	89,000,000
1945	85.25	190.90	90,000,000
1946	86.35	192.02	91,000,000
1947	87.45	193.14	92,000,000
1948	88.55	194.26	93,000,000
1949	89.65	195.38	94,000,000
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1951	91.85	197.62	96,000,000
1952	92.95	198.74	97,000,000
1953	94.05	199.86	98,000,000
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1999	144.65	251.38	144,000,000
2000	145.75	252.50	145,000,000
2001	146.85	253.62	146,000,000
2002	147.95	254.74	147,000,000
2003	149.05	255.86	148,000,000
2004	150.15	256.98	149,000,000
2005	151.25	258.10	150,000,000
2006	152.35	259.22	151,000,000
2007	153.45	260.34	152,