

### HOW WHISKEY STARTED THE REBELLION.

General Thomas W. Conway, at a temperance lecture in Norwich, repeated an interesting story, told him years ago by Admiral Semmes, of the rebel cruiser *Alabama*, of the way in which whiskey started the Rebellion. According to Semmes, just after the election of President Lincoln, a conference of Southern leaders was held at the St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans, to decide upon which course they should follow. At the opening of the discussions of that conference the prevailing sentiment and a decided majority were against a declaration of war. The majority of cooler heads, when sober, were against it. The discussion continued until a late hour. At length whiskey and ice were brought up. The members of the conference, some of them sparingly at first, imbibed. Bottle after bottle was produced. As a result those at first opposed to war, under the influence of drink, were influenced by the others; and when the conference broke up, near daylight, nearly the entire body of Southern representatives were in favour of making war upon the flag and the government.—*Albany Journal*.

MONTE CARLO suffered less from the effects of the earthquake shocks last week than any of the other places affected. Scientists say this is due to the fact that Monte Carlo is built on a rock. The hotels were crowded to the utmost limit by the rush to the city of thousands of the pleasure-seekers frightened away from the Riviera, especially from Cannes, Nice, Mentone and San Remo, all of which were thronged with visitors when the earthquake came.

THE *Globe* has taken a new departure, not in the direction of weakening in its political creed, but in its journalistic enterprise. It now runs a special morning train to London, reaching the metropolitan city of Western Ontario at a quarter to seven a.m., enabling readers of the leading Canadian journal to have it on their breakfast tables. This striking illustration of energetic management is certain to secure general appreciation.

EIGHT Chinese have just been received into Dr. Behrend's Church in Brooklyn. Chinese were received into several California Churches as early as 1874; Mount Vernon Church, Boston, has admitted no fewer than eight within ten years, other Churches in the city, three; while Worcester, Springfield and Providence have each had accessions to their Churches from among this nationality. Nor is this the first time that Brooklyn itself has received Chinamen to Church membership.

A QUAKER was once advising a drunkard to leave

off his habit of drinking intoxicating liquors. "Can you tell me how to do it?" said the slave of the appetite. "Yes," answered the Quaker; "it is just as easy as to open thy hand, friend." "Convince me of that, and I will promise upon my honour to do as you tell me," replied the drunkard. "Well, my friend, when thou findest any vessel of intoxicating liquor in thy hand, open the hand that contains it before it reaches thy mouth, and thou wilt never be drunk again." The toper was so well pleased with the plain advice that he followed it.

IN most churches a cordial welcome is given to strangers who desire to be present. To this, however, there are occasional exceptions, as the following will show: Two respectable and well-connected young ladies in Montreal on the afternoon of a recent Sabbath entered the Notre Dame de Bonsecours Church and knelt down in a pew. They were not acquainted with the regulations of the church, and, shortly after their entrance, the proprietor of the pew came in and took his seat. He appeared quite satisfied, when suddenly the beadle of the church approached the young ladies, and caught one by the arm and the other by the neck, and endeavoured to drag them out through the aisle into the street. A large number of worshippers noticed the scene, and three young gentlemen who were passing at the time came to the ladies' rescue. They were indignant at the beadle's conduct, and applied through their attorneys to Mr. Justice Ouimet in the Practice Court for leave to take a joint action of \$1,000 against the beadle and the reverend gentleman of St. Sulpice Seminary.

LONDON Socialists and their sympathizers have recently begun a new phase of their propaganda. It certainly is an improvement on the method adopted a year ago of attacking carriages on the streets, plundering shops and breaking club windows. They have of late been visiting churches in a body, and expressing their approval or disapproval of the services according to their inclination. So far as appears, Church authorities have preserved their equanimity during these unwonted interruptions. A nearer acquaintance with religious services might be beneficial to the Socialists. Their recent visit to St. Paul's Cathedral attracted crowds of people, and the edifice was crowded. The archdeacon preached from Proverbs xxii. 2: "The rich and poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all." When the text was announced, there were shouts of "bravo" and other exclamations of approval and some growls. Otherwise there was no demonstration. A large force of police were present. In the evening an affray occurred between the police and a body of Socialists who were returning to their homes, but the affair was not of a serious nature.