

general city management of Chicago ever published. And this frightful corruption the jury traced to the saloons—the High License saloons. The jury said: “The ordinance requiring the closing of saloons at midnight has by long custom become a dead letter in the community, and a partiality seems to exist in favor of ‘doggeries’ of the very lowest character, and which have been described, upon the sworn testimony of policemen before our body, as ‘robbers’ dens.’ Dives of the lowest order defy the city ordinance by keeping open from dawn until midnight, and from midnight until dawn, wherein congregate disreputable women, thieves and criminals.”

The working of High License in Omaha presents a frightful picture. A letter from Rev. R. W. Coulter, formerly a pastor in Omaha, asserts that saloons have *not* decreased under High License, and have become far more corrupting and dangerous. *The rummies practically control Omaha to-day.*

The position of the Church should be one of uncompromising hostility to the liquor traffic. Said John B. Gough, in a letter written only a few days before his death, “I would about as leave sell liquor as to vote for a man to license the sale.”

Important Temperance Bills before Congress.

CIRCULATE PETITIONS.

Senator Colquitt has introduced an important bill in the Senate of the United States, entitled, “A Bill to provide for the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors in the District of Columbia.” Section 1 provides for an election by the people of the District in favor of the legal suppression of the traffic, or for its continuance. Sec. 2 makes it unlawful, after the date of such election, if the vote “Against the Traffic” prevails, to sell or barter or give away any intoxicating liquors, alcoholic or malt. Sec. 5 enacts, that “any person who shall sell, barter, expose or offer for sale such intoxicating liquors . . . shall for each offense be punished by a fine of not less than \$100

nor more than \$500, or imprisonment not less than 90 days, nor more than one year,” etc. The bill contains several other sections, all aiming at the suppression of the traffic.

This bill is in the hands of the Committee on the District of Columbia. It is one in which the friends of temperance have a deep interest, and they should bestir themselves to bring every possible influence to bear upon Congress in favor of this bill. The occasion is one that ought to arouse enthusiasm and earnest effort in every State and Territory of the Union.

SENATOR BLAIR, from the Committee on Education and Labor, reported a bill in the interest of Temperance, which was twice read by unanimous consent, and is now awaiting the further action of the Senate. The Bill is as follows:

“To provide for the study of the nature of alcoholic drinks and narcotics, and of their effects upon the human system, in connection with the several divisions of the subject of physiology and hygiene, by the pupils in the public schools of the Territories and of the District of Columbia, and in the Military and Naval Academies, and Indian and Colored Schools in the Territories of the United States.”

This measure is an attempt to apply to the schools within Federal control, and where Congress is primarily responsible for the education of youth, the provisions of laws now in active operation in fourteen States. It is impossible to urge a good reason against the bill. Senator Blair says: “In reporting this bill favorably, and earnestly recommending its passage, your committee discharge a grateful duty with a sincere pleasure, which is enhanced by the unanimity of their action.” “The eloquent and powerful addresses delivered before the committee in support of the bill, will be found appended to the report.”

We append a form of Petition in favor of these two very important bills, which ought to be circulated at once in every part of the country, and signed and forthwith forwarded to Congress.

FORM OF PETITION.

[Write the following at the head of a sheet of legal cap, or other large sheet of paper, and then circulate for signatures. Let each church ap-