

ing the effects of alcohol on the brain, the nerves, the digestive organs and the circulation of the blood. These are used in almost all parts of the world. * * * * * The poet Grey said as he watched the Eton boys at play and thought of the temptations of their future life, "where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise." We would rather inculcate the thought, "to be forewarned is to be forearmed," and teach the young everywhere, the blighting, degrading, destroying nature of alcohol.

What splendid work the next century will see, when these young people, thus instructed and equipped shall bend their energies to establish and maintain laws which shall make the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor an impossibility! Across the border the temperance people rejoice over the decision of the courts, regarding the "original package" bill, where in some of the States at least the penalties and fines for its infringement are so much to be dreaded that few will venture to do it. In England the recent decision of the celebrated case of "Sharper *vs.* Wakefield" has been cause for joy and thanksgiving in the Temperance Camp. An Irish paper says of it: "The claim for *compensation* has received its quietus, in fact, been laid in the grave without hope of resurrection, by the *coup de grace* administered to it by the Lord Chancellor and his most noble and learned colleagues." Sir Wm. Harcourt, referring to it, in a letter to Sir Wilfred Lawson, says: "If the magistrates have the *will*, as they have the *power* to discharge their duty, a great advance will be made." In some of the Australian colonies the rigorous and persistent effort of the temperance people, has been rewarded by the enactment of a law by which, by a simple majority vote, the number of licenses may be reduced to the statutory number—though this number is far too large the licensed houses in many places have been reduced by fifty per cent. * * * While our Antipodian cousins have admitted the principle of compensation—a mistake I hope the electors of Canada will avoid—they have provided that the liquor party bear the burden, by an increased duty on their goods. In Canada, while we have no great victory to record, we feel hopeful regarding the recent agitation caused by the "petition of the churches." Its reception at Ottawa will be of great service to the people, in opening their eyes to the fact, that if they would have good wholesome laws, they must have good upright legislators to enact such laws. * * * * * That it should be *advocated* that the *revenue must* be raised though homes be desolated and souls destroyed is very painful, but we are glad to know there are statesmen, eminent and of large experience who do not see any great difficulty in cutting off a yearly revenue of 5,000,000 from a traffic which is the cause of 20,000,000 of outlay. So we say, though this petition may not give us prohibition, it will serve to educate the people, and when the "Sovereign people" have determined they will have it, it will come. * * * We must not "grow weary in well-doing," but continue to roll up the

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