

which warm no one, feed no one, clothe no one, beautify no one, add no good thought, no good impulse, but which rob many a man and many a home of all happiness, all prosperity, all hope.

3. *He is not a patron and encourager of labour.*

The cotton manufacturer calls for workers. Set him down in a community and lo! the idle are employed and the busy hum of industry succeeds to the lazy stillness of indolence, and men are employed, wages are paid, homes are full of plenty, business prospers.

Set the sewing machine manufacturer down in your city. 400 men are called for, early and late they are busy, the forge glows, the molten iron runs into its mould, the countless machines polish, drill, put together and beautify; and all the time wages are paid, families are supported, wants are supplied, prosperity is afoot and happiness sings her endless song.

But the Rumseller stands lazily behind his bar, trusting to the appetite he forms and the attractions he spreads, to find customers; and passes to them *Alcoholic liquors*, which steal the mechanic from his work, the labourer from the mill, the workman from his place in the foundry or factory, and in addition take his wages for nothing, aye, worse than nothing. If he gave him nothing, the labourer would only be out of his money. He gives him drink, and the labourer is out of both *money and time*; lies drunk in the rumseller's den or the police cells, and the place in the factory is vacant, the daily wage for the home is lost.

4. *He supplies no mental food and develops no intellectual faculty.*

The teacher studies at his home, devises ways and methods for instruction, is alert to invent and constant to enforce, and for six hours per day works with the young brains and hearts of the children, and all to present information, to inculcate habits of thought and work, to develop mental powers, and make intelligent, competent and cultured citizens. He holds up the bright ideal of excellence, he implants

the noble and quick ambition, he opens the closed portals of knowledge and brings the hidden and wondrous things of nature before the admiring eye of man. He guides the unskilled hand and directs the unskilled eye until nature's best moods are caught and transferred to canvass, a perennial delight to all beholders. He imparts precision to the touch and taste to the execution until sweet strains of music are drawn from the silent pipe of the organ and struck from the ivory key of the piano.

But the Rumseller stands lazily behind his bar, trusting to the appetite he forms and the attractions he spreads, to find customers; and to them he passes *Alcoholic liquors*, which deaden the quick action of the brain, paralyze the skilful touch, poison intellectual ambition, sensualize the bright ideal, and degrade the god-like mind.

5. *He adds no moral stimulus and develops no spiritual powers.*

The preacher communes with God, is taught of his wisdom, studies the chart of life, spends his time in meditation and thought, and all to feed and stimulate and help us develop our spiritual natures. He extols the tenderness of love, the strength of moral rectitude, the grandness of patience, the rewards of virtue and the abiding riches of character. He takes men by the hand and leads them from sorrow, affliction and sin the earthly evils, up to the joys, the rewards, the purity and heavenly blessings of the better life. He ministers to all ills, advises in all trials, helps in all difficulties, and spends his life in the service of his fellow-men.

But the Rumseller stands lazily behind his bar, trusts to the appetite he forms and the attractions he spreads, to find customers, and to them he passes *Alcoholic liquors*, which rob the soul of its purity, quench all aspirations after God, becloud the spiritual sense, sap the very foundations of rectitude, destroy character, fill the mind with sensuality, and chain the better nature to a vice which renders hope impossible and Heaven unattainable.

We find, then, that the Rumseller

- (a) Supplies nothing useful.
- (b) Supplies nothing necessary to health, happiness or prosperity.
- (c) Is not a patron or encourager of labour.
- (d) Supplies no food or stimulus for mental improvement.
- (e) Adds no moral impulse or spiritual force to the community.

Let him step down then from the company of honest toilers. He has no place among manufacturers, traders, shopkeepers, mechanics, teachers or preachers. All of them would do better work if he were not; each of them meets him as an obstacle to this full success.

Our Divisions.

Freedom Division.

DEAR SIR.—It is with pleasure that I inform you and the readers of the *Son* of the progress our Division is making. We have a good number of members, but only a few who take enough interest in the cause to keep it in working order. To stimulate the members and bring new life in the Division, we concluded to hold a social on Friday evening, December 24th, and to invite some of our friends to participate with us. At the appointed time the W.P. took the chair, and the Division being opened in usual form, the routine business gone through with, and the officers elected for the next quarter.

The W.P., then announced a short recess, and then followed a bounteous feast, prepared by the Sisters of the Division, which all partook of. Bro. Carson Hewitt, was then called to the chair, when a pleasant time was spent in listening to speeches, songs, recitations, and stories.

After the entertainment was over, votes of thanks were tendered to the visitors for their attendance, and to the Sisters for providing refreshments, and we all went home well pleased and encouraged with the evening's performance. May the members of the Division long be