

# For Temperance People

## Editorial Views and Other News on the Great Prohibition Movement

Our temperance and prohibition page seems to have many interested readers judging from requests sent in to keep it going brightly. Many of our readers might like to contribute short articles to this page, and we hereby extend a cordial invitation to use our columns. The temperance sentiment is growing steadily, and is supported by all right thinking people.

### The Perfect State

Where is the perfect state?  
 'Tis where no palace stands  
 Trembling on shifting sands  
 Morning and night;  
 'Tis where the soil is free,  
 Where, far as eye can see,  
 Scattered o'er hill and lea,  
 Homesteads abound.  
 Where clean and broad and sweet  
 (Market, square, lane and street,  
 Belied by league of wheat)  
 Cities are found.  
 Where is the perfect state?  
 'Tis where no lives are seen  
 Huddled in lanes unclean,  
 Crying for food;  
 'Tis where the home is pure,  
 'Tis where the bread is sure,  
 'Tis where the wants are fewer,  
 And each want fed;  
 Where plenty and peace abide,  
 Where health dwells heavenly eyed,  
 Where, in nooks beautified,  
 Slumber the dead.

### TEMPERANCE BY COMPULSION

Every little while the daily press reports a news item of some railroad or business firm whose heads have forbidden their employees to drink or even to enter a saloon. This is what might be termed temperance by compulsion and shows that conditions and laws have a great deal to do with the spread of the temperance sentiment. A good many workers no doubt become enraged at the curtailment of their personal liberty at the behest of a soulless corporation.

This is an age that demands men of strong character; the weakling is shoved to the wall. The man who cannot control his appetites will be hurried to economic destruction under the present competitive system. The corporations insisting that employees shall not drink are simply looking to their self interest. But in so doing they are developing a strong race of men who will also look to their self interests. These men who are made to obey moral laws from above will one day develop a consciousness of their own interests. When they do that, they will perceive how crooked and corrupt present election methods are. They will perceive that morality in political as well as private life will pay them. When that day dawns there will be the full fruition of the present compulsory temperance movement enforced by employers for their own financial interests.

### THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT

No reform movement seems to go all alone. When we hear of a reform movement in some line, there will generally be reports of reform movements along other lines. To-day the world is going through a great period of practical measures for the harmonizing and uplifting of the conditions of life. China is awakened to representative government and also to the necessity for the suppression of the opium traffic. Turkey is awakened also to representative government. She is also awakened to the brotherhood-of-man idea and is leaving behind the narrow bigotry of strict Mohammedanism. India is burning with new thoughts and ideas and the zenanas are being thrown open to Western influences.

In Great Britain and America a new spirit of morality is arising. Old shibboleths are failing and the people are looking for new maxims of right. In the crush of new hopes and ideas the liquor traffic has been found detrimental to progress. Therefore the liquor traffic is going. The harping of the temperance papers has had something to do with this advance, but the ad-

spent, he said, nearly one hundred and eighty million pounds annually on sleeping draughts. This is surely strong talk from one of the leading physicians of the Empire.—Christian Guardian.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS

There are 804 municipalities in Ontario, and in 312 of them the sale of intoxicants is prohibited under the Liquor License law of the Province.

It is estimated that 150 public houses will be put out of business in New Zealand as a result of recent voting. The New Zealanders of all the colonies used to be counted most like the Englishman in his way of looking at things; but he is making an exception in the case of the beer bottle.

The executive committee of the local Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Omaha, have decided on October 22 to 29, 1909, as the dates for the National W. C. T. U. convention. The last convention, at Denver, voted to come to Omaha next year, the date being left to the local union.

Temperance victories are the more cheering when it is considered how powerful is the foe from whom they have been won. The liquor traffic of the country has a capital of \$3,500,000,000 invested in 3632 distilleries, 17,111 wholesale houses and 225,000 saloons.

Five separate ouster suits have been filed at Indianapolis by Attorney-General Bingham against the Indianapolis Brewing Company, the Terre-Haute Brewing Company, the Home Brewing Company and the American Brewing Company. It is charged that the brewing companies are exceeding their corporate powers by leasing saloon buildings.

The Swedish painter, George Van Rosen, remarks: "Very far from believing that the use of alcohol helps to produce artistic ideas or conceptions. I am of the contrary opinion and believe they will only be hysterical and monstrous, and in most cases will lead to a weakening and finally to a break-up of all inspiring effort."

Behold Kentucky, the traditional cradle of all good whisky! In less than two years the liquor traffic has been practically obliterated, and yet this State has \$160,000,000 invested in distilleries. Only four counties are wholly wet at this writing, and the Jailers' State Association has petitioned the Legislature for regular salaries, because, under prohibition conditions, the empty jails do not bring them fees enough to live on.—Carrington A. Phelps, in Broadway Magazine.

The distillers of the State of Tennessee are in a panic over the outlook for prohibition. It has been given out that the gin mills have done no distilling for about six months, and that none will be done until after January next, when the Legislature is to meet; and that probably means that no more distilling will be done in the State of Tennessee, for it is confidently asserted that the next Legislature will abolish both the sale and the manufacture of intoxicating liquors in the entire territory of the commonwealth. Surely there will be no more talk in Tennessee that "prohibition does not prohibit." We rather think if it gets a chance it prohibits most effectually.—Dominion Presbyterian.

### A WOMAN'S PROTEST

A man at Joplin, Mo., was driving a team of sad-eyed horses, hitched to a wagon that contained a heavy load. The wagon went into a mudhole and the horses could not draw it out, although they devoted all their energies and talents to the task.

Then the man took a large whip, with a braided lash that would cut through sheet iron, and proceeded to flay his horses. He larruped away until he was tired, and the horses plunged and reared, but did not move the load; so the patient and strenuous driver took a shovel from the wagon and began pounding the horses' ribs, keeping time, time, time, in a sort of Runic rhyme.

With long and swinging strides there came a woman down the street; she took in the situation at a glance, and without wasting time in argument or expostulation, seized the shovel and batted the man over the head and knocked him into the mudhole, and

### ANALYTICAL CHEMIST TELLS OF PATENT MEDICINES

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pounded him until he yelled for the police.

If there should be any talk of sending a bouquet to that woman, the Gazette would like to contribute a few posies.

—From our Dumb Animals.

### Character by the Face

The face will tell us a great deal as regards a person's character, and appearances will not be deceitful, but helpful. It is by the face that we, all unconsciously, base our judgment of one another. That we do so erroneously is not the fault of the face, nor of the rules of character reading, but of ourselves. In reading character from the face we must take the strongest or most prominent features and balance their proclivities well with the others, and it is in weighing and comparing the various qualities that your subject possesses that you get a true estimate of his character, both mentally and physically.

That the face in the mirror of the mind there is very little room to doubt but we must be careful not to look into the mirror with distorted glasses over our eyes, nor yet wear rose-colored spectacles.

Not long ago Chang Suho's Gardens, Shanghai, saw a strange sight, when a bonfire of opium pipes blazed merrily up. Coolies stripped the pipes of their metal work, while others broke the boxes used to hold the drug, or the brass lamps for lighting the pipes. The ivory pipes were sawn into small pieces and the wooden ones were dipped in kerosene, to facilitate their burning. Surely this is a "New China." Yet from this very land, now in death grip with its great opium enemy, comes the warning cry that already whiskey is being substituted for opium, and that the liquor traffic is obtaining a foothold. Surely this should, by international consent, be rendered impossible!

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