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"The distillers and whisky men are acting more senselessly than boys, increasing the production of an article in the face of a constantly decreasing demand for it. There can be but one outcome—disaster, widespread and crushing—crushing to all industries and interests alike. It is unbusiness-like, it is idiotic, to risk so much capital in a single business so uncertain and precarious as whisky. The annual consumption of whisky in this country is not above 60,000,000 gallons a year, and decreasing; while the production is double that, and increasing. No combination of the liquor interest, no 'pool' will save them, nor can the defeat of prohibition do them any good."

With these facts before us there can be no doubt of the success of temperance agitation. While only here and there has it yet become strong enough to effect prohibition, it has been silently at work everywhere cutting down the resources of the liquor business, and forming and elevating the sentiment of society upon the liquor question. The more thoughtful have wisely cautioned distillers and liquor dealers against antagonizing, or rousing up the temperance element, or moral sentiment of society against them.

The letter from which our quote goes on to mark out a policy for the future by which the threatening panic in the whisky business may be avoided, if indeed it is not too late to offer a remedy. It says: "Let the liquor men go on quietly; let them take out their licenses and obey strictly the law; let them provoke as little attention as possible by seeking to conciliate rather than antagonize the moral sentiment of the whole country, and their business will go on with as little disturbance and annoyance as it is possible to do."

But let a financial collapse of the distilling interest occur now, or in the near future, and it will scare every capitalist and business man from ever reëngaging in the distilling business. Then, with the temperance element rampant, and no capital to fight it with, prohibition can be enforced, and in ten years there will not be left a distillery, a brewery, or a saloon in the whole United States.

Temperance workers have every reason to be encouraged over the success of their cause. It cannot be estimated by the number of

States that they have induced to insert prohibition clauses in their constitutions. The cause of humanity is growing everywhere. The great centers of the iniquitous rum business are being moved by the temperance war. The sky is not everywhere so bright as in Iowa and Kansas, but it is brightening. Men can afford to wait. Eternity is God's to work out his righteous purpose, and the right will triumph in the end.—*Evangelist*.

Temperance Compositions by Boys and Girls.

Says the *Sunday-school Worker*: A few years ago a Total Abstinence Society in Massachusetts offered prizes to the scholars in the high and grammar schools for the best compositions on the "Evils of Intemperance, and the Remedy." In two years, seven thousand scholars, in one hundred and fifty towns wrote on the subject; and one hundred and eighty prizes, of from two dollars to ten dollars were awarded.

This plan is in some respects one of the most important ones ever adopted in connection with the interests of intemperance. All these five thousand children and youth who have written on the subject, have committed themselves to the cause.

The amount of reading on the subject has been truly wonderful. All the books on the subject, in the Sabbath school and public libraries, have been sought for; and messages have been sent to the city for works on temperance and intemperance. All the knowledge of parents, older brothers, sisters and friends, has been laid under contribution to aid in this work. This has awakened new interest in the subject in these families, and especially in those in which prizes have been obtained.

Then, in nearly every town where these prizes have been given there have been held public meetings, at which the prize compositions have been read and the prizes publicly presented to the successful competitors, followed by addresses. These meetings in some instances have been very largely attended.

Drunkenness in St. Petersburg.

A commission has been appointed in Russia, and has recently been sitting at St. Petersburg, under the Presidency of Prince Schtscherpatoff, to consider what measure

should be taken against the spread of drunkenness in that country. The drink-havoc among the peasants is very great. A St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Cologne Gazette* says, "The peasant's earnings are nearly all spent for brandy; and this is the chief cause of the famines which periodically devastate the country." The same writer adds: "When last year subscriptions were collected all over the empire to provide the south-eastern provinces, which were suffering from famine, with seed-corn, it was proved that the inhabitants of those provinces had in that year paid 7,000,000 roubles in taxes for the brandy they had made for their own consumption out of the corn which would otherwise have prevented them from starving. What brandy is doing for the ruin of the peasants of Russia, beer and whisky are doing to degrade and destroy many of their devotees in this country. Of the \$60,000,000 revenue which distillers and brewers boast that their traffic pays to the government of this country, a very large part comes from the scant purses of working men and women who continually, day by day, waste their half-dimes and dimes for mugs of beer and whisky.

A "National Total Abstinence Society" has been organized in Switzerland, to stay the tide of drunkenness which is sweeping over the land.—*The Watchman*.

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Within six months 315 persons have been killed by tornadoes in the United States, and several hundred wounded. The year 1882 will be known as the tornado year.

Did Him Good.

Mr. Charles H. Bauer, editor of the *New York Union* and Notary Public, in a late issue mentions the following: Patrick Kenny, Esq., some time ago, suffered much from rheumatism and tried almost every means to rid himself of this painful evil, but in vain. He was advised to use St. Jacobs Oil which he did so successfully, that all pain has left him and he is as healthy and strong as ever before. Mr. Kenny is an enthusiastic advocate of St. Jacobs Oil, and it has done him good.—*New York Union*.

Infidelity reproves nothing that is bad. It only ridicules and denounces all that is good. It tears down—it never constructs; it destroys—it never imparts life; it attacks religion, but offers no adequate substitute.—*Rev. J. R. Paxton*.

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*It is the common observation that the standard of natural health and normal activity, among American women, is being lowered by the influence of false ideas and habits of life, engendered by fashionable ignorance and luxurious living. It is a happy circumstance that Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham has come to the front to instruct and cure the sufferers of her sex.

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