

as the luminous symbol of resistless and beneficent power, they have led the brave to victory and to glory, they have floated over our cradles. Let it be our earnest petition to God, and our life struggle that they may be allowed to float over our graves, in honor and peace.

Second.—*Religious and Temperance Reform.*

We consider religion and temperance are most intimately connected. It seems to me one cannot be a truly religious character and not believe in temperance and organizations which are originated to crush the influence of the greatest curse in existence. On the other hand a man can hardly hope to be a successful advocate of temperance unless he places his talents in the possession and under the direct guidance of a supreme power.

Oh what an everlasting disgrace that nations will license this terrible destroyer of mankind. No matter what the consequences may be, no matter what poverty and destitution are produced by selling according to law. The rum-sellers have paid their money for the privilege and are licensed to pursue without molestation, their ignominious calling. No matter what families are distracted and rendered most miserable. No matter what wives are treated with violence, what innocent children starve or mourn over the degradation of a parent. Their business is legalized and no one can interfere with them. No matter what fond mother may agonize over the loss of her darling son, or sister blush for the shame of a loved brother. They have a right to utterly disregard them all, and pursue their legal calling. They can fit up their lawful place of business, in the most enticing and captivating form. They can furnish it with the most elegant and costly equipments, for their lawful trade. They may fill it with the many allurements to amusements. They may use all their artifices to induce visitors. They may induce thirst by all their contrivances to produce a raging desire for drink, and then may supply that terrible desire to the full—because it is lawful.

Children are permitted to frequent their institutions of sin and allowed to observe their seniors quaffing with apparent satisfaction the beverage of hell. They all too soon learn to participate, although contrary to law. Oh! can they not give to the fond parents a few short

years of their youth, until their plastic natures are moulded into something like mental strength, so that they may enjoy the precious boon of their innocence, to repay in some degree the care and undy-

ing love which they have so spontaneously lavished upon them. At the age of twenty-one will be soon enough, for their mother, for their sister, and for the community to see them take the broad road to certain destruction and death. Oh! youth, you who are learning to quaff with unconcern, the sparkling glass, do you realize that you are standing on the tottering verge of an unfathomable abyss? Do you realize that you are courting a most malignant foe, a deliverer, hypocritical friend, and an inveterate enemy? Do you realize that it will ruin your manhood, disgrace your loved ones and lead you down to a premature and dishonored grave? It is only too true! stop before it is everlastingly too late. Reform and tread forever the path of rectitude, relying unreservedly upon the divine love of your Creator, who is ever ready and willing to aid, support and comfort you. Do this, and your lives will be lives of joy and peace. It is said that a traveler ascending the Alps soon arrives at a place where he is surrounded with mist and fog, ascending a little farther he is completely enveloped in the clouds which sweep along the mountain side, advancing still farther he arrives above the clouds and storms and looking far, far away in the distance he can behold other mountains whose icy crests glisten in the glorious light of the sun. Thus I trust it will be with all earnest advocates of political, religious and temperance reform. The struggling conflict between corruption and reform will still go on. The cry of uncertainty and doubt will still continue to be heard in our land. The demand for universal reform will yet be made! But the true Christian will not fear. His mind will take to itself the wings of faith and rising with its pinions above the mists, and clouds, and storms of corruption, will rejoice and abide forever in the glorious light and love of Him who inhabiteth eternity.

May we as an organization strive for the growth, prosperity and healthful influence of our order and the upbuilding of true Christianity. May our most earnest efforts be constantly made to reform ourselves in the many ways in which we go

astray, and exert to our greatest ability a reforming influence over our fellow men.

Temperance Items.

—Of 900 insane persons in Georgia's asylums, nearly all are victims of the drinking habit.

—In Edinburgh, the most beautiful city of Great Britain, noted for education and refinement, a new and elegant hand-barrow has just been introduced for the convenience of policemen in carrying drunkards to the police stations.

—This time it must be acknowledged that there is considerable liquor consumed in Maine, notwithstanding the prohibitory law. President Arthur's party anchoring in Bar Harbor gave some grand receptions with wine suppers on board their boats.

—Here is Mr. Blaine's testimony as to the influence of prohibition in Maine: "Intemperance has steadily decreased in the State since the first enactment of the prohibitory law, until now it can be said with truth that there is no equal number of people in the Anglo-Saxon world among whom so small an amount of intoxicating liquor is consumed as among the 650,000 inhabitants of Maine."

—Dr. Howard Crosby writes to the *Chicago Advance* his opinion of the "Western movement," or of prohibition in general, which of course is an opinion unfavorable to prohibition. It is against nature, he says. Nevertheless, if he were a resident of Kansas, Iowa, or any State in which the question was submitted to the people for decision he would vote for prohibition.

We are glad to observe a rise in the tide against the tobacco habit. Some of our leading secular papers are doing valient service in this direction, and are especially emphatic in denouncing the habit among boys. The principal of Philips Academy, at Exeter, N. H., has issued a circular to the parents of his students, asking whether they would consider the prohibition of tobacco reasonable and practical, and a very great majority of the parents are of course anxious that their boys should abstain.

The use of tobacco, as we have before stated, has been forbidden to the students in the naval academy at Annapolis and the military academy at West Point. The medical profession almost unanimously condemn its use, especially by boys.

Is it not quite time that older persons who are indulging in its use, even if they honestly believe it does not injure them, desisted from the practice for the sake of others?

Those especially who occupy public positions, who by reason of their place or their fame are influencing many who respect and honor them because of their good works and their sterling qualities, should not be oblivious to the influence for evil of an example that has many willing followers. Many a boy has been led into the tobacco habit and many another has been encouraged in it by the example of those in prominent positions. The public conscience should be quickened in this matter, and some of our so-called great men would do well to inquire into their responsibility.—*Domestic Journal.*

We never could understand why all the whisky makers, whisky dealers and whisky guzzlers are so radically opposed to prohibition, if 'prohibition doesn't prohibit.' If more whisky is used, where prohibitory laws have been passed, as is generally claimed by whisky-men, then every dealer in the land should vote for prohibition. The very fact that the men who want to sell or drink whisky oppose prohibition, shows that they know there is no truth in their own statements.—*Old Path Guide.*

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