

conscience by the opiate of a court license."

Emphatic was the testimony of the late Archdeacon of Bombay, who, after thirty years' experience said, at a public meeting in London: "For one really converted Christian as the fruit of missionary labors the drinking practices of the English made one thousand drunkards. If the English were driven out of India to-morrow the chief trace of their having been there would be the number of drunkards left behind."

The late General Dix, Governor of New York: "I am very glad you have allowed the Woodland House to remain vacant instead of renting it for the sale of liquors. I would rather let it remain vacant till the end of time than to have it rented for such a purpose. I consider rum the cause of nine-tenths of all the murders, poverty and crimes in the country, and no earthly consideration would induce me to contribute in the remotest manner to its sale."

**Stop Now.**

Why not? It is best to stop at all, put on the brakes at once. Why? Because you are on a down grade, and the longer the delay the greater the momentum; hence if you ever succeed in stopping, it will be increasingly difficult. "But why should I stop?" Because you have a habit that is wrong, or at best inexpedient. It may seem to your unwilling scrutiny only an indulgence. Very well, it is an indulgence that roots back into the old life of selfishness and carnality. It is not safe to link your spirituality in yoke fellowship so questionable. The spiritual mind never breathes the air of true Gospel freedom while the shackles of old selfishness are upon it.

Therefore, stop now! Smoke no more; chew no more; drink no more; swear no more; cheat no more; be gluttonous no longer. Kill lustfulness. Let the royal spirit of crowned manhood be sovereign over self. Stop, now! If you can not do it unaided, as very probably you can not, then call on God for help. He loves to help the helpless, and give victory to the oft-times defeated, and deliverance to the captive to-day. Stop now!—*Seb.*

We let our blessings grow moldy, and then call them curses.

**Crossing The Line.**

A boy who went with his father on a voyage to South America was anxious to see the equatorial line.

and said to an old sailor:

"Jack, will you show me the line when you cross it?"

"Oh, yes, my boy."

After a few days the boy asked whether they had crossed the line.

The old tar said:

"Yes, my lad."

"Why did you not tell me and show it to me?"

The sailor replied:

"Oh, my lad, we always cross the line in the dark."

Moderate drinker, you always cross the line between moderate and immoderate in the dark. Mental and moral night settles down on you as you cross the line between moderate drinking and inebriety, blinding you to the awful faces of ruin and death only a little way on the road you are traveling.—*Presbyteriana.*

**Is There Danger?**

You are thinking like silly idiots, when you say there is no danger in the cup. I know from the blood of five generations of cider-drinking ancestors in my veins, the danger there is in this thing. There is not a scent of liquor that is not pleasant to me, that would not be a precious drop on my tongue. Look at me? Do I look like a man easy to be overcome by temptation? Do you know my life? Go back and learn it, and see what I have suffered, and yet I say to you, with this background of evidence I declare to you, as I value my manhood, and my standing, and my soul, I would not dare to drink for three weeks a glass of liquor a day. That chasm yawns at your feet, at my feet. Those who say there is no danger in the first glass of liquor, do not recognize the perils of hereditary weakness.—*W. H. H. Murray.*

A liquor journal predicts that "if spirituous liquors are only to be used for medicinal purposes, there is going to be an alarming amount of sickness in this country." If said journal will strike out the word "only" we think it will hit the mark. Alcohol is a great deceiver, but he has deceived people more with regard to his value in the sick room than any where else. The grog shop is not a necessary adjunct to the sick chamber; it has helped far more people into it than it has ever helped out of it.

**Saloon Politics.**

BY MARY ALLEN WEST.

The greatest danger that threatens America to-day threatens her through the ballot-box, and the danger to the ballot-box comes through the liquor law.

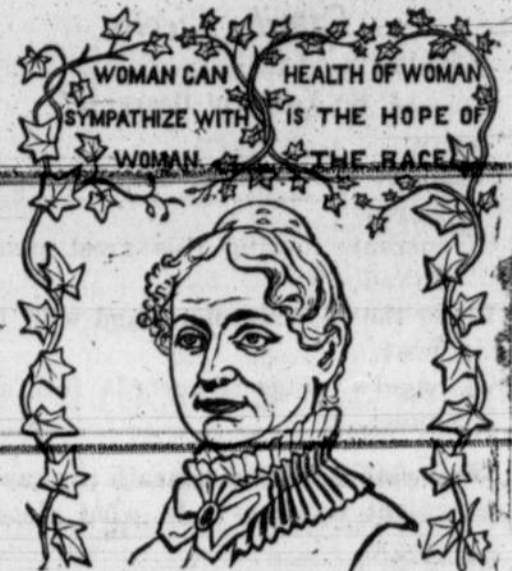
So long as ward caucuses are held in saloons, so long is the Republic in vital danger. It is well known that the influence of the saloon is felt in every caucus; and in every election, from that of pathmaster to President, this influence is ever wielded solidly, not for right, justice and the good of the country, but always, everywhere in the interests of the liquor traffic. These things being so, it stands Christian men in hard to make their power felt on the side of right, by attending the caucuses, nominating men who will not bow the knee to Baal, and electing them.—*Ex.*

There must be four things behind a successful temperance movement in a community: An aroused conscience; organization; a tremendous amount of will; a pocket with an open mouth. To be stirred up, to come together, to keep at it, to pay out your money—these four things mean business that will be profitable.

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\*Among the ladies who may read this there may be several sickly ones who have made up their minds to act on the saw which specifies that "What can't be cured, must be endured." While the truth of the old proverb is self-evident it is just possible they may have erred in judgment as to the possibilities of the healing art outside of the medical profession, and before giving up in despair they had better test the efficacy of Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which is now attracting universal attention.

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