

feeling in Pennsylvania. The way is preparing to bring the issue up for a decision at the polls. Signs of the times plainly publish this fact forth as an actual issue in the campaign of next year. Cold water camp-fires are lighting over the State. For a sample of one note the work of the Law and Order League in Erie City, where \$10,000 have been subscribed by the leading business men to fight the saloons and insist in the county courts that the men who run them shall recognize and observe the laws and take criminal punishment for violations. Erie is a fair example of one feeler as to public sentiment. Another we find in Philadelphia this week in a gathering of over three hundred earnest, active temperance men whose deliberations are made in but one resolution which insists that the voter shall hear and that the voter shall know the reason why prohibition should be made a constitutional amendment.

If the liquor interest imagine the contest simply a passing agitation, similar to the local option wave of 1872, some day the dream will be broken. The amendment is ready to be presented to the next legislature in January, and in every county over the State, organizations to bring the issue properly to public attention have been formed. The temperance men are united and there lies their strength. Men like Agnew and Black and Wagner are in their councils and the fight for prohibition in Pennsylvania promises to be interesting and very warm.

It is a matter of education—that is all. Give the statistics. Place the poor houses, jails and reformatories in one long line before the people and the story of argument is complete. Arm a man with reason, and his decision will come with the force of a cyclone. The battle is, therefore, not far off.—Harrisburg Daily Independent.

Can Grog Shops be Abolished?

We heard two men engaged in earnest conversation on Monday morning, at the corner of Prairie and Main streets. All we heard was this challenge: "You cannot put down the grog shops."

The press and people in reply have only this to say, if dram shops cannot be abolished, then there is no truth in religion, no hope for society. And what is our religion good for, if it is incompe-

tent to deliver us from so dreadful a corrupter and destroyer? If it will not serve us on earth, what reason have we to think it will serve us in heaven? Religion will abolish dram shops. False religion will only let them alone; true religion will sweep them from the land. If they are not swept away it will be because there is no religion in the land, or rather it will be because our Christianity is counterfeit. Show us the professor who cares less for the abolition of dram shops than for the building of meeting houses and churches, and we will show you a counterfeit Christian.

Talk about the impossibility to put down dram shops! We may as well say that men are wronged and ruined from the necessity of the cause. We may as well cast our Bibles in the flames and burn up our statutes and constitution with them, as to act upon the belief that there is no escape from the dram shops. We may put down dram shops if we have a heart to put them down, and will engage heartily in the work. If we don't put down the dram shops, we are a ruined people. Life is no longer desirable. If dram shops are not put down they must live upon the blood of our industry and fortunes. So long as we do not put them down, of course we shall be punished by the immolation of our children and friends. God will not consent that we endorse them but—*Ec.*

A Rumseller's Advice.

A rumseller in Grafton had a son, a bright, promising boy, whom he regarded with pride and affection. For a long time the father kept his son away from the bar; but at length, in the pressure of business, love and prudence gave away to avarice, and the son was made bartender. The father took the son behind the bar, and pointing to a long row of bottles, said: "Do you see those bottles?" "Yes," said the son. "Well, there is poison in every one! There is poison in every one! Don't you never drink a drop—not a drop!" But the influence of the bar proved too strong for his father's counsel. Example is mightier than precept. The son drank and went down, through descending steps of sin and shame, till he died a miserable drunkard. Thus it is that the crime of the rumseller recoils upon his whole family, and his iniquity is visited upon his own children.—*Ec.*

One Glass of Rum.

At a meeting where temperance experiences were given, a man arose and told what one glass had done for him. He said: "I had a little vessel on the coast; she had four men beside myself. I had a wife and two children on board; the night was stormy, and my brother was to stand watch that night. The seamen prevailed on him to take one glass to help him to perform his duties, but, being unaccustomed to liquor, he fell asleep, and in the night I awoke to find my vessel a wreck; I took my wife and one of my little ones in my arms, and she took the other, and for hours we battled with the cold waves. After hours of suffering the waves took my little one from my embrace; then after more hours of suffering the waves swept my other little one from my wife's arms, and our two little dears were lost to us forever. After more battling with the storm and waves, I looked at my wife, and, behold, she was cold in death. I made my way to the shore, and here I am—my wife, my children, and all my earthly possessions lost for 'one glass of rum.'—*Temperance Record.*

Drink's Doings.

—A drunken man, Cornelius Carter, fell into a bonfire the morning after election, in East Ninth street, N. Y. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

—At the election in Orlanda, Fla., William Williams, a peaceable colored citizen, after being considerably abused, was fatally stab-

bed by one John Hervis, a drunken Democrat.

—At Naples, Ontario county, N. Y., the other day, while at his dinner, George Parr drank a solution of sugar of lead and laudanum by mistake from a bottle labelled "Plantation Bitters," and died in a few hours.

—In a drunken rage Sunday evening a Mrs. Weyman in Pittsburgh, Pa., threw an oil-lamp at Mrs. Mary Googins. The lamp exploded, burning Mrs. Googins so badly that she died soon after. Mrs. Weyman is under arrest.

—A lad named William Eustice was the other morning found lying between the tracks of the railroad in Plainfield, N. J. He was badly injured, and the next morning he died. The supposition is that he fell from a train while in a drunken condition.

—James Renshaw, claiming to be a deputy-sheriff of King's county, while laboring under a fit of delirium tremens, Friday morning, created consternation in the Delavan House, Albany, N. Y., by firing off a revolver promiscuously in his room. He was arrested.

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