

includes the narrower one of woman's temperance vote.

11. In questions where the decision is so easy as that between license and no license, woman's vote would not often be unintelligent, and so would not add to the ignorant suffrage.

12. In questions so important to the home as those relating to temperance laws, women's vote would not often be unused, and so would not add essentially to the danger of absenteeism at the polls, and of unexercised suffrage.—*Ex.*

The Nation's Curse.

The most carefully prepared statistics show that there are not less than three hundred thousand drunkards in these United States of America; and this statement is probably much below the truth. Of these, thirty thousand die annually; one hundred thousand men and women are remanded every year to prison; two hundred thousand children are annually sent to the poorhouse; five hundred murders are caused by drink every twelve-month, and four hundred suicides—*four deaths to one*, as proved both in England and the United States—is the awful proportion compared to the non-drinking population. Magistrates, chaplains and prison-keepers come forward with their statistics and prove that not less than four-fifths of all the crimes, have their origin in strong drink. On the same authority it is proved that dealing in the deadly draughts causes seven-eighths of all the pauperism that exists. It costs the United States \$60,000,000 a year to support pauperism and crime. At least two hundred and fifty million gallons of fermented and brewed liquors are made every year in the United States; of distilled liquors, eighty-five million gallons, and twenty million gallons are imported. Here we have the fearful sum total of three hundred and fifty-five millions of gallons consumed in our country, and at what direct cost? At a direct cost of \$700,000,000. This on the debit side, and on the credit side what does our government receive? A paltry sum of \$50,420,815 in exact figures. What, then, is the direct loss to the nation? Not less than ten dollars to every dollar received as revenue. By this waste the national debt could be paid in less than three years. But this is not all. Put \$700,000,000 on the debit side—this is direct—

then we have only begun to reckon the real damages. Who can compute the loss from sickness, from squandered time and paralyzed energies, from property destroyed, and taxes increased? Bring in the bill for indirect damages and put it on the losing side, and you have the sum total, the appalling aggregate of not less than \$2,000,000,000 a year loss to this nation by this iniquity, licensed by government and tolerated by public sentiment.

We read that righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people," and we ask how long shall our government continue to license a business which poisons the body and destroys the soul? How long shall a government, claiming to be Christian, protect a business which lights the fire-brands over property, that brandishes the blade of the assassin, that fills our institution with pauperism and our prisons with crime, that handicaps the entire society of our land in its race toward prosperity and liberty.—*Rev. A. McElroy Wylie.*

Boys Out Nights.

The boy who spends an hour of each evening lounging idly on street-corners wastes in the course of the year three hundred and sixty-five precious hours, which, if applied to study, would familiarize him with the rudiments of the familiar sciences. If, in addition to wasting an hour each evening, he spends ten cents for cigars, which is usually the case, the amount thus worse than wasted would pay for ten of the leading periodicals in the country. Boys, think of these things. Think of how much time and money you are wasting, and for what? The gratification afforded by a lounge on the corner or a cigar is not only temporary, but positively hurtful. You can not indulge in them without seriously injuring yourself. You acquire idle and wasteful habits, which will cling to you with each succeeding year. You may in after life shake them off, but the probabilities are that the habits thus formed in early life will remain with you till your dying day. Be warned, then, in time, and resolve that as the hour spent in idleness is gone forever, you will improve each passing one, and thereby fit yourself for usefulness and happiness.—*The Youth's Evangelist.*

The Lager Beer and Brewers Association defiantly offered a reward of \$1000 for the "detection of any poisonous or deleterious substance or any adulteration found in their beer." Messrs. Hadley and Scharman, of the Business Mens' Moderation Society, analyzed their beer and discovering glucose and other substances, demanded the money. The bold Brewers refused to fork over, and contended that "foreign elements" is not adulteration. Under the pressure they make the following admissions, which all along they have, and even now deny, in their advertisements and on their signs:

This answers the question to those who know anything about glucose, its preparation and its action on the stomach, liver and kidneys. The *Gazette*, Cincinnati, Ohio, says:

If the Brewers want to "act fair and square" in the light of their admission, submit the question to a competent jury, whether or not their "foreign elements" which they declare "legitimate materials" are "deleterious" and our word for it their \$1000 banter will pass into another's hand. Why not these Brewers give a definition of "adulteration?" What does it mean in their vocabulary?—*Old Path Guide.*

One day after election in a certain city a liquor dealer asked a provision merchant who had voted "No" to license, "Why did you vote against my business? Haven't I always paid you for the meat I've got?" "Yes," replied the merchant, "but some of the men that drink your rum, haven't."—*Ex.*

The Macon, (Ga.) *Telegraph* gives an account of a smoker and drinker of that city who, when congratulated upon the appearance of a well-browned meerschaum which he was using, replied that it had cost him "about five hundred dollars to give it that color." He had smoked in it about four hundred pounds of tobacco! He had kept both a tobacco and a whisky account. For a period covering about eight years he had consumed about two thousand dollars' worth of whisky—not less than sixteen barrels in quantity—for much of which he had paid the high retail price of a single drink. These are fearful figures, indicating the enormous drink and tobacco waste continually going on. The waste of material substance is appalling in the aggregate; the waste of health and character is more appalling.—*Ex.*

The last report of the Philadelphia Home for Inebriates says that the free lunch system is responsible for more drunkards than almost anything else.

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