

THE TRAFFIC OR THE REMEDY, WHICH ?

"Had I ten million tongues and a throat for each tongue I would say to every man, woman, and child throw strong drink aside as you would an ounce of liquid hell. It sears the conscience, it destroys everything it touches. It reaches into the family circle, and takes the wife you have sworn to protect and drags her down from her purity. It induces the father to take the furniture from his house, exchange it for money at the pawnshop, and spend the proceeds in ram. It damns everything it touches. I have seen it in every city east of the Mississippi River, and I know that the most damning curse to the laborer is that which gurgles from the neck of the bottle. I had rather be at the head of an organization having one hundred thousand temperate, honest, earnest men, than at the head of an organization of twelve million drinkers, whether moderate or any other kind. Every dime spent in the rum-shop furnishes a paving-stone for hell. In one Pennsylvania county in a single year seventeen million dollars were spent for liquor, and it was estimated that eleven million dollars of the amount came from the workmen."

"One of the reasons why labor organizations have failed in the past is because the leaders didn't have the manhood to denounce liquor as a curse."

"In the whole English Language I can find no word that strikes more terror to my soul than the one word RUM."—*T. F. Powderley, Grand Master Workman, Knights of Labor.*

"All the labor expended in producing strong drink is utterly unproductive; it adds nothing to the wealth of the community."—*Adam Smith.*

"Let every laborer know this fact: That at least one full hour's toil of each day's labor is his tax for the support of the dram-shops of America."—*Rev. J. H. Skerriman.*

"The principle of Prohibition seems to me to be the only safe and certain remedy for the evils of intemperance."—*Father Mathew.*

"The question of revenue must never stand in the way of needed reforms."—*W. E. Gladstone.*

U. S. Ex. Senator Reagan, of Texas, in reply to the letter from Jefferson Davis opposing the Texas Prohibitory Amendment, wrote:

"The great charter of English liberty, the portions of the Constitution of the United States which operate as a bill of rights, the bills of rights of the several States of the Union, may be analyzed in all their aspects, and it will not, can not, be found that they anywhere, under any circumstances, protect personal liberty where its exercise is a crime or effects injuriously the interests of society. They only protect those great and sacred rights without which men cannot be free, cannot enjoy either personal liberty or popular rights."

"If the liquor traffic is right, if it promotes peace, if it promotes prosperity, if it increases the happiness of the people, if it promotes the general welfare, if it is a necessary means of maintaining our private and public rights and liberties, then I agree that it is protected by the bills of rights and ought not to be interfered with."

"But if it is evil; if it produces drunkenness, idleness, and crime; if it leads to the waste of fortunes; if it causes the impoverishment, disgrace, and ruin of men; if it deprives women and children of the comforts of life and home; if it causes men to insult, abuse, maltreat, and murder one another; if it causes them to neglect, to abuse, to degrade, starve, and beat their wives and children, then I submit it does not come within the protection of our bills of rights, and that these things are not personal liberties which should be held sacred and inviolable."

"My liberty ends when it begins to involve the possibility of rain to my neighbor."—*John Stuart Mill.*

"The liquor traffic exists in this country to-day only by the sufferance of the membership of the Christian Churches. They are masters of the situation so far as the abolition of the traffic is concerned. When they say "Go," and vote "Go," it will go."—*Hon. Neal Dow.*

On January 1st, 1894, let every elector be true to himself, to his home, to his country, and to his God, and our fair land will soon be free from the accursed traffic.

"God is going to count the votes. Vote for Prohibition and you will be voting for Him, for order, for religion, and for the highest civilization. He will see every ballot."—*Hon. John Wanamaker, Ex.-P.M. General, U.S.*

Work for Prohibition now, and vote "Yes" on New Year's day 1894.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE MOTTO, LOVE, PURITY AND FIDELITY.

The three cardinal principles of our Order are familiar to every member, while their full import is but little understood. The lessons they teach commend themselves to every worthy person, and should be studied by all especially by those whose names are upon our roll book.

LOVE.

The Love inculcated among the principles of the Sons of Temperance is not that selfish passion which leads members to esteem those merely who administer to their daily want, or to whom they are bound by social or family ties; but it is broad like the mantle of Jehovah in which the universe is swathed, and unselfish like the life of Him who died for humanity.

It teaches us to watch by the bed-side of a sick member with a solicitude born of tender affection; to succor the weak, the ungrate and the feeble; to lead back tenderly the erring member whose feet have wandered from the paths of rectitude and duty; and to make our Noble Order a fit instrument for that God whose grandest name is Love.

PURITY.

The Purity we inculcate is not only an abstinence from the use of liquors which degrade, and from those carnal lusts that deface the image of God, and make men only reasoning brutes; but that cleanliness which shuns defilement like a pestilence, and would welcome death rather than suffer dishonor.

Believing our bodies to be temples consecrated to the most High, we pledge ourselves to inviolable chastity in speech and action, avoid blaspheming God, or traducing man or woman, and to live lives of such spotless virtue that whoever shall say, "he is a Son of Temperance," may be able to add, "he is a clean handed and clean hearted man."

FIDELITY.

Our noble Order teaches Fidelity, proof to all earthly seductions; faithfulness that can bear the bufftings of a tempest of temptations with a serene brow. Firmly sensible of the exalted worth of our Order we solemnly consecrate ourselves to advance its cause, not only by precept but by the Divine gospel of practice. True to every obligation, esteeming nothing so trivial that it may be slighted we aim to make our organization a beacon to the world, the Alma Mater of many noble sons and daughters.

These are our principles, and who is there so sordid that can speak out against principles like these.

On the rock of these, our trine virtues, we have built an edifice that as long as we are true to ourselves will stand as stable as an eternal rock.

Rooted in the noblest aspirations that animate mankind its ramifications will reach through the world and twine around and cement together the hearts of the fraternity.

"As some tall cliff that lifts its stately form
Swell from the vale and midway leaves the storm,
Tho' round its breast the rolling clouds may spread;
Eternal sunshine settles upon its head."

—*Temperance Journal*.

The Sons of Temperance co-operate with all other temperance organizations, either secret or open, and by the influence of love strive to make happy homes, pure lives, and more exalted characters, thus hastening the day when peace, temperance and righteousness shall triumph over war, intemperance and sin. Will you aid us in this beneficent work? If you so desire, please send your name to any member of the Order in your vicinity; or if no member of a Subordinate Division is near your home, communicate direct with W. H. BEWELL, Whitby, Ontario, the Grand Scribe of the Order in Ontario, who will at once give you all the necessary information with regard to joining an existing Subordinate Division or organizing a new one.