

M. C. T. U. NOTES.

THE FESTIVAL AND WINE.

By Little Binkley.
In the little old brown church-house
There's a festival to-night,
And its walls are decked with garland
That reflects the golden light.

And around the bounteous table,
Stand the radiant maidens fair,
Roses painted in their dimples,
Garlands twined within their hair.
And their lips, so red and rosy,
Rival e'en the sparkling wine,
And they laugh like thoughtless children,
As their hands the cup incline.
Ah! they tip the ruddy wine-glass,
Like no demon lurked within;
By-and-by the pleasant pathway
Leads them to the road of sin.

Years have flown.
Years have flown, the festal ended,
Flushed the merry laugh of youth;
Gone are all the rosy dimples,
Gone the innocence of truth.

Demons dwell where angels tarried,
Sorrow fills the heart of mirth;
And those fair-haired lads and lassies
Have returned to Mother Earth.

Some who ne'er the wine had tasted,
Tipped the tempting glass that night;
Stung their souls, before untarnished,
Gave their lives its first deep blight.

Then, oh! shun the gorgeous festal,
Where the sparkling wine is drunk;
Steer your boat from that deep shoal
E'er amid the waves 'tis sunk.

At a meeting of the liquor league held in New York not ten days since to consider methods for the defeat of temperance at the approaching local option fight in Atlanta, there was a cool and deliberate calculation made as to the cost of buying 3,000 nigger votes to be cast for the "wet ticket." It was thought it would cost \$1.50 each, \$4,500 for the nigger votes and \$800 extra to the man who was to deliver the goods—\$5,300 as a thanksgiving offering to the shrine of the drunkards' Moloch at Atlanta was ordered. How long, Christian citizens of the United States, will any of you consent to be counted among the advocates of the saloon, by registering your votes with the allies and stipendiaries of a system pledged against every agency of a Christian civilization? How long can the Republic endure the strain? God hasten the day when the Christian commonwealth and the Christian church shall combine its forces for the protection of American homes against the ravages of the American saloon, and the deepest disgrace of our great country shall be voted out of existence, and no longer be a factor of our politics.—Gen. Clinton B. Fisk in *Chataquan*.

LABOR AND LIQUOR.

At present the workingman can hardly make both ends meet. It is not because he insists on creating capitalists out of the saloon keepers, and, not content with that, on submitting all his rights of citizenship to the same object of worship? The saloon in politics is the most hideous abuse of the day, but where would it be if the workingmen withdrew their support from it? It keeps them poor. It keeps our politics corrupt. It supplies a constant stream of base adventurers who disgrace the American name at home and abroad. It makes the terms "public office" and "public plunder" synonymous. It stifles progress, fosters pauperism, brutalizes husbands and fathers, breaks women's hearts, puts rags on the workingman's back, disease in his body, and shame and despair in his heart. Yet when labor is most disturbed, when the demand for advanced wages is loudest, when strikes are most frequent, when hunger and misery are most rife in the homes of the poor, the saloon flourishes still. There may be no bread, but there is always bread and whiskey at the bars; and the men who consider themselves the victims of circumstances of the "thrill" of capital, squander their earnings and spend their savings in these dens. Can there be a serious labor question while this state of things continues? Can workingmen talk gravely of their wrongs while it is plain to all the world that if they only saved the capital they earn they would be comfortable?—*Atlantic Monthly*.

TEACH YOUR BOYS.

Teach them to respect their elders and themselves.
Teach them that a true lady may be found in calico as frequently as in velvet.
Teach them that to wear patched clothes is no disgrace, but to wear a black eye is.
Teach them that one good, honest trade, well-mastered, is worth a dozen beggarly "professions."
Teach them that, as they expect to be men some day, they cannot too soon learn to protect the weak ones.
Teach them that a common-school education with common sense, is better than a college education without it.
Teach them by your own example that smoking in moderation, though the least of vices to which men are heirs, is disgusting to others and hurtful to themselves.
Teach them that by indulging their depraved appetites in the worse forms of dissipation, they are not fitting themselves to become the husbands of pure girls.—*Selected*.

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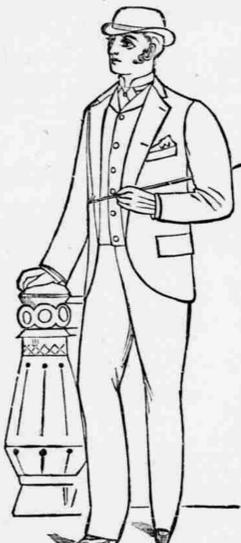
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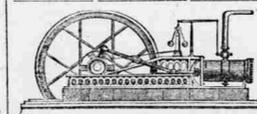
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