

Object is Ultimate Extinction

The object of the League is the ultimate extinction of the liquor traffic. It does the "possible good" while pressing on to what is yet the "impossible best." It has no permissive feature in its creed. It stands for prohibition for every foot of territory that existing public sentiment will capture and keep. To this end it bolts conventions, puts principle above party, and absolutely refuses to quarrel with any individual or agent that hates the liquor traffic.—Rev. P. A. Baker, General Superintendent.

What Whisky Does

This is from an Irish priest's sermon, as quoted in Samuel M. Hussey's "Reminiscences of an Irish Land Agent:"

"It's whisky makes you bate your wives; it's whisky makes your homes desolate; it's whisky makes you shoot your landlords, and'—with emphasis, as he thumped the pulpit—"it's whisky makes you miss them."

I expect to my dying day to fight the drink with every lawful weapon.—John B. Gough.

Production of Wine

Liquor Organ Shows Astonishing Figures

"Look not on the wine when it is red in the cup," quoted the man who talked as if he might be a temperance speaker, but his nose didn't look it, "is what the Bible says, but the perverse generation now inhabiting the world doesn't seem to be living up to it, because the annual production of wine in all the countries is about 4,000,000,000 of gallons, or about two and a half gallons for each man, woman and child on earth. I'm mighty sure a whole lot of us don't drink that much every year, so somebody somewhere must be getting our share to maintain the average. France is the greatest of wine growers, producing nearly half, or 1,747,000,000 gallons, and Italy comes second with 1,135,000,000 gallons. Spain is third, with 554,000,000 gallons, and Russia produces only 18,000,000, little Switzerland beating her with 26,000,000. All America turns out only 185,000,000 gallons, about one twenty-fifth of the entire product. However, we make enough beer and whisky to offset our wine shortage. But we are steadily advancing in our wine product, and some of these days we will rank among the first, because we have wonderful grape possibilities which we are bound to develop when the demand comes. It will be a good thing for us, too, when we do, because it is an established fact that there is much less drunkenness in wine countries than in those where the drinks contain a higher per cent. of alcohol."—Comfort, Liquor Organ.

Frisco Has No Saloon

Authorities Revoke All Licenses and Drought to be Indefinite

San Francisco is today a city without saloons. At the suggestion of Mayor Schmitz the board of police commissioners has revoked all liquor-selling licenses and the mayor announces that drinking places are to be kept closed indefinitely. He attributes the remarkable absence of crime and the exceptional order that have prevailed since the earthquake to the fact that the city has been strictly "dry."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Wisconsin Lost in Fight

Badger State Refuses People a Right to Home Rule on the Saloon Question

The legislature of Wisconsin refused to pass the residence district local option bill at its last session. The Wisconsin Issue contains the bill in full, which is very much the same as the Jones bill in Ohio.

The Anti-Saloon League of the prosperous state to the north of us is fighting a good fight. Superintendent Hare is not the man to get discouraged. If the bad legislators think they have carried the day they have another guess coming. If they think they can go back and slap the people in the face again, they will also very likely be allowed one more guess. Hare is after them and will have them taking to the woods like so many rabbits.

We quote from the Wisconsin Issue the following:

"This bill was introduced early in the last session of the legislature, by Assemblyman Thayer, of Chippewa county. He managed the attempt to pass the measure in a remarkably able and statesmanlike manner. Of course, all the forces of the opposition were directed against it, and the usual unscrupulous methods were used in securing its defeat. Misrepresentation, direct falsehood, unlimited boodle and barrels of booze were the weapons that finally secured its defeat. Even with these agencies at work the death blow had to be administered by parliamentary sharp practice.

"The Thayer bill proposes to give the people the right to say what kind of nuisances, if any, shall be permitted in the community that they have spent their money and energy in developing. It takes from the council or board the right to determine whether saloons shall be licensed or not in all residence communities that file a remonstrance against license. It gives the people the final voice in the matter. The bill is

so conservative and fair that it is difficult to see how any effective opposition could be made against it. Yet the entire strength of the brewery opposition was out against it at the last legislature, and with their paid attorneys and usual lobbying methods, finally secured its defeat.

"That defeat, however, was only temporary. The measure will be introduced at the next session of the legislature and a strong fight for its passage will be made. In the meantime the friends of temperance should know the friends and foes of the measure, so as to conduct themselves accordingly at the coming election. Its foes should be sent to defeat wherever possible, and its friends should have the united support of the Christian voters of their districts. The men who were for the Thayer bill will be found supporting any conservative temperance legislation that is introduced and, as a matter of course, they ought to be returned.

"The provisions of the Thayer bill, robbed of all legal phraseology, are as follows: It shall be unlawful to issue a saloon license in a residence district in any town, village or city whenever a majority of the voters file a remonstrance against the same with the town, village or city clerk; the district must be fully described by meets and bounds in the remonstrance; the district must not be more than four times as long as wide; the remonstrance must be filed on or before May 15 of any year; the district must contain not more than one thousand nor less than one hundred voters; it must include no block where in more than one-half of the foot frontage is used exclusively for business purposes; it must not contain that part of any street whereon for six hundred feet or more sixty per cent. of the foot frontage is exclusively devoted to business purposes; the district to remain no-license until a petition, prepared in all ways like the remonstrance, has been placed on file; the courts under certain conditions to have the right to review the proceedings."

Kansas was never as temperate a state as it is today, and the prohibitory policy was never surer of popular endorsement, taking the state as a whole.—Topeka Daily Capital.

One of the questions asked at a Bristol school examination was, "What is a prophet?" One of the answers was, "A man that's put in a fiery furnace and won't burn."