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This is a New One

Arguments in favor of the saloon have been numerous. In most cases they have been confined to "license lessens taxes," "saloons make a lively town," "farmers won't go to a dry town to trade," etc., etc. These are all stale arguments. It will, therefore, be quite refreshing to get something new.

In the last no-license contest a man (?) in a small town, not a hundred miles from Galva, Illinois, was an enthusiastic campaigner. He has been to a whisky cure institution twice and does not now use liquor.

Having a good standing with the management of the cure home he has been rewarded for sending drunkards to the cure. It is said that some twenty odd fellows have been to the cure from his neighborhood.

Now comes this man and pleads thus:

"I get a commission for sending drunkards to the whisky cure. If the saloons are voted out no drunkards will be produced. If no drunkards are made I cannot send any to the cure and cannot get my commission. Hence, I am in favor of the saloon."

Whatever may be said about this argument there is no use denying the frankness thereof.

Give the Boys a Chance

Judge Prefers to Close the Saloon Rather Than Hinder Youth's Chances

Patrick A. Collins, mayor of Boston for a number of years past, believes that a boy's word is worth listening to. Recently complaint was made to him that a saloon was located too near a certain

public school. The politicians and others interested in keeping the place open, urged him not to interfere with the resort. The school authorities desired it closed or removed.

After the mayor had listened to arguments from both sides, he said: "Well, I'm going to let the boys of the school tell me what they think of the place. Send me," he said to the principal of

the school, "half a dozen of your brightest boys. I'll listen to them."

The next day half a dozen of the boys, ranging from ten to fifteen years of age, called on the mayor. Each boy gave some reason why he believed the saloon ought to be taken away, until it came to the last one, a youngster of twelve. He looked the mayor squarely in the eye and gave as his reason: "My school gives me a chance to be mayor of Boston some day; the saloon can't. I think us boys ought to have all the show we can get to be mayor. That's all I know about it."

The mayor threw himself back in his chair and laughed heartily; then straightening up, he said to the last spokesman: "My boy, you have said more than did all the politicians and teachers. You shall have the show to be mayor. That saloon will have to quit business at once."

The boys gave the mayor a hearty cheer and marched out of his office. They had conquered, and were consequently happy and triumphant.—Congregational Work.

Gov. Hoch of Kansas has appointed eight assistant attorneys to aid law enforcement in counties where the sheriffs and attorneys are unfaithful or inefficient.

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One thousand men and women, boys and girls, to solicit subscriptions for this paper and thus help the great work of the Anti-Saloon League in our state, and at the same time earn good wages while doing it.

All who wish to take advantage of our plan will please write at once to Mr. G. D. Conger, 1534 First National Bank Building, Chicago, Illinois, sending your name and address, and also the name and address of your pastor as reference, and we will send by return mail our special plan whereby we are confident an average person can easily earn, for a short time at least, from \$2.50 to \$5.00 per day, and at the same time do splendid service to the cause of temperance and hasten the coming day when the saloon shall be no more.

We especially solicit the interest of pastors to write to us themselves, or have some bright boy or girl in their congregation write. We want this paper to be going into one hundred thousand homes upon the close of this year.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES K. SHIELDS, Editor.