

with but one ideal—the almighty dollar—for the sake of which it will not hesitate to sacrifice everything worth while to Christian manhood and womanhood.

One Touch of Nature.

This intelligent German writer repeats a story told by Superintendent Humphrey of the Wisconsin Anti-Saloon League.

Mr. Humphrey was spending an hour between trains in the Turtle Lake railroad station. It was a blustery winter's day. A German, a man of large frame and splendid physique, entered the room and, flecking the snow from the lapel of his overcoat, addressed Dr. Humphrey in deep, guttural tones:

"Any restaurant 'round here?"

"Don't know," said Humphrey; "I'm a stranger here."

The German started down the street, returning in about twenty minutes, when the following conversation ensued:

"You say you vas a stranger here. So vas I. Let's git acquainted togedder. Vat's your name?"

"Humphrey."

"Vat you do?"

"I'm one of the workers for the Anti-Saloon League."

"Ha! You one off dem fellers? Vell, I yust vas ofer dere to a saloon und got me a trink, but I say, 'Tam dem saloons!'"

"Why, how is that? You say you've just been patronizing a saloon, and now you curse the saloon? I don't quite understand."

The German's whole demeanor suddenly changed. Then, with a look of anguish and in a trembling voice he continued:

"Ach, Gott! Dere vas mine brudder's poy in Milwaukee. He vas a goot poy, und such a fine young feller. Up to sixteen years he vas leading his classes in de schools. Denn he begins to hang 'round dem saloons, trink peer und visky. Und vere he iss now? Ofer on de Reform farm. I say, 'Tam dem saloons!'"

And as he continued the story, detailing step by step the downward career of that young lad, whose splendid prospects were shattered by the American saloon, the two strong men wept together over the ruin.

One touch of nature makes the whole world kin, and when the American saloon invades a German-American home and strikes down the pride and hope of the family, that instant the scales drop from the eyes of the victim's friends and they are ready to strike hands with those whom they had always regarded as fools and fanatics.

Can You Explain It?

The International Anti-Alcoholic Conference of London has decided that the United States, Canada and Australia lead the world in advancement toward prohibition, but that Germany is far ahead in scientific investigation of the evils of intemperance. According to the liquor advocates, there are no evils of intemperance in Germany, so how are we going to account for Germany's interest in that subject?

It also seems rather strange that there are some 85 or 90 thousand members of temperance societies in Germany, besides thousands of boys and girls who are enlisted in juvenile temperance work. In 1902 there were, according to the best authorities, 35 thousand members of various temperance organizations in Germany, so that the membership in these societies has much more than doubled itself in the last half dozen years.

Catholic War Plans

Chicago, during the next twelve months, is to be the center of the most determined warfare on the liquor industry ever undertaken by Roman Catholic temperance advocates. This was announced the other day by the Rev. P. J. O'Callaghan, newly elected president of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, which held its thirty-ninth annual convention in Chicago the first week in August.

The initial step in the proposed battle against the saloon will be the establishment in Chicago of national headquarters of the organization, which heretofore has had no general offices. Following the selection of quarters President O'Callaghan and his supporters will map out a plan of campaign against the saloon along aggressive political lines.

Appeal to Catholics.

Catholics throughout the country will be urged to join the temperance forces and literature on the liquor subject will be spread broadcast, particular attention being paid to those districts where local option is likely to become an issue in political elections. Keeping in mind that more than 1,000 townships in Illinois were voted "dry" in 1908 and that the same issue will come before the voters next spring, the temperance workers declare they will make their influence tell at the coming elections.

"The establishment of national headquarters marks a departure in the policy of the union," said Father O'Callaghan, "but with the aggressive campaign which we have in view it was deemed advisable to open headquarters, and to make Chicago the center of the battlefield. The convention just closed will have a mighty influence on Catholics throughout the United States and will do much for the cause of temperance. The large majority of Catholics are opposed to the liquor industry and when the seriousness of the problem is pointed out to them I am sure they will not be slow to act."

Aim at Sunday Saloon.

"In our plans for the coming fight we aim first of all to strike at the Sunday saloon, and to urge vigorously and persistently local option in those districts where that issue soon will be voted on. Absolute prohibition, of course, is our ultimate goal and we intend to fight our way inch by inch."

"Many of the eastern states, notably those which comprise New England, have long been strongholds of the anti-liquor forces, but the showing made by Illinois at our convention served to encourage us in the belief that this state soon will join the ranks of total abstinence. We will not confine our efforts to the work in Illinois, however, but we shall give our aid wherever it is wanted, from coast to coast."

College Men Enlisted

The Oberlin Association of Illinois, composed of former students of Oberlin College, is trying to enlist college and university men in the state to join in a movement against the Sunday saloon.

In a circular which is being sent out attention is called to a statement of former President Eliot of Harvard University that lawlessness is rampant throughout the United States.

The section in the Illinois criminal code providing that saloons shall not be open on Sunday is cited and college men are urged to join in a movement for the enforcement of this and all other laws.