

Moral Reforms.

Prohibition.

"Prohibition by constitutional amendment has been in force, more or less, in Kansas for twenty-one years, which is time enough to test its value. The statistics which have been gathered are full of interest. In five of the one hundred and five counties the prohibitory law is not enforced. These five counties have seventeen per cent. of the population, and furnish over thirty per cent. of the crime. The population in these twenty-one years has increased from 996,616 to 1,470,495, while the number of prisoners has decreased from 917 to 788. That prohibition is generally enforced appears in the fact that the United States collects in Kansas only \$7,700 for each 100,000 inhabitants, while in Nebraska, not a prohibition state, it collects \$252,000. In the last ten years Kansas has gained three cities of over 10,000 inhabitants, while Nebraska has lost three. Kansas, while purely an agricultural state, is one of the most prosperous in the union, and can afford to spend \$2,000,000 annually on her schools. She saves it in beer and whisky."—The Independent.

A Fearful Summary.

The results of intemperance are so enormous and so far beyond all human comprehension that it is not easy to summarize this stupendous evil. We do not know the name of the author of the following epitome, but it is so meritorious that it would reflect honor upon any pen, as it at the same time reflects dishonor upon all who abet or help forward this terrible traffic:

"Intemperance cuts down youth in its vigor, manhood in its strength, and age in its weakness. It breaks the father's heart, bereaves the doting mother, extinguishes natural affection, erases conjugal love, blots out filial attachment, blights parental hope and brings down mourning age in sorrow to the grave. It produces weakness, not strength; sickness, not health; death, not life. It makes wives widows, children orphans, fathers fiends, and all of them paupers and beggars. It feeds rheumatism, nurses gout, welcomes epidemics, invites cholera, imports pestilence, and embraces consumption. It covers the land with idleness, poverty, disease and crime. It fills your jails, supplies your almshouses, and demands your asylums. It engenders controversies, fosters quarrels, and cherishes riots. It crowds your penitentiaries and furnishes victims for your scaffolds. It is the life-blood of the gambler, the ailment of the burglar, the prop of the highwayman, and the support of the midnight incendiary. It countenances the liar, respects the thief, and esteems the blasphemer. It violates obligation, reverences frauds, and honors infamy. It defames benevolence, hates love, scorns virtue, and

slanders innocence. It incites the father to butcher his helpless offspring, helps the husband to massacre his wife, and aids the child to grind the parricidal ax. It burns up man and consumes woman; detests life, curses God, and despises heaven. It suborns witnesses, nurses perjury, defies the jury box, and stains the judicial ermine. It bribes votes, disqualifies voters, corrupts elections, pollutes our institutions and endangers our government. It degrades the citizen, debases the legislature, dishonors the statesman, disarms the patriot. It brings shame, not honor; terror, not safety; despair, not hope; misery, not happiness, and with the malevolence of a fiend it calmly surveys its frightful desolation, and, unsatiated with havoc, it poisons felicity, kills peace, ruins mortals, blights confidence, slays reputation, and wipes out national honor, then curses the world and laughs at its ruin. It does all this and more. It murders the soul. It is the sum of all villainies, the father of all crimes, the mother of all abominations, the devil's best friend, and God's worst enemy.—Exchange.

Confusion and Turmoil Gone.

Since we reincorporated without saloons business has steadily grown better. Trade is better every way, deposits in the banks have increased and better than all this, the confusion and turmoil which we used to have is all gone. We could get along without a policeman. The one we have has nothing to do. The man who contends that saloons help a town is either controlled by thirst or prejudice.—J. E. Hacker, Greenville, Tenn.

A Great Temperance Sermon.

It was not preached by a minister, nor even from the pulpit. It did not come from a Christian church, but from the prison where Thomas Sharkey was confined for the murder of Mr. Fish, the New York banker. Thomas Sharkey himself was the preacher, and this is what he said: "If Mr. Fish had not been drinking and I had been sober, there would not have been any trouble, and Mr. Fish would be alive and I out of the Tombs."

There is the whole sermon. It will not take long to read it; it will take a good while to think about it. "If Mr. Fish had not been drinking"—he probably would not have been in such a place with such companions, his home would not have been desolated, and his character blackened. "If Thomas Sharkey had been sober"—he would not have had any trouble with an old man, and would not be facing the extreme penalty of law, and, possibly, feeling the torture of repentance.

If it were not for drink, 90 per cent. of the crime which brings its suffering and expense upon the country would be

done away. If it were not for drink, thousands of wretched hovels would be happy homes, multitudes of miserable people would be in comfort, myriads of hopeless children would be full of the promise of joy. If it were not for drink, much of the political corruption would be impossible; and most of the disturbances of peace would be removed. If it were not for drink, vast sums of money could and would be turned into channels of usefulness, and material comforts, educational advantages, moral instruction, and spiritual inspiration would be fostered.

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