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DON'T AGREE WITH THE SPIRIT. Rev. J. H Jelbart Comments on Smith's

STANTON, PA., Nov. 14, 1895. EDITOR STAR:- I wish to offer a few comments on the doctrine taught by the editor of the Punsutawney Spirit regarding the prohibition of the liquor traffic. His arguments are based upon the assumption that Prohibitionists relieve the drinker of all responsibility for drunkenness: in which he is entirely in error. The doctrine of the Prohibitionists is "For the individual total abstinence, for the traffic absolute prohibition." We have not at any time said that "the drunkard, poor fellow, is not to blame," that is, for his own drunkenness or the consequence of his own inebriety; but for the existence of the legalized liquor traffic, he, with all others of pulpit and pew, editor's sanctum, or legislative hall, is responsible only so far as he uses his influence and vote to support a license policy. This false assumption, which is so much emphasized, is for the purpose of drawing the attention of the people away from the real question, viz: The liquor traffle is in politics, and in politics to control it. It touches our political life at every point. When it is overthrown it will be by political action.

We are gravely told that "you cannot make men good by law." True, legislation will not change the depravity of the human heart, but certainly the tendency to evil doing is largely restrained by law, and society itself is constructed upon that basis. Should this be denied we have only to say that this modern philosopher did not flourish in the beginning of our national life, that he might have taught our fathers this doctrine, and thus saved the millions of dollars spent by legislators while enacting laws for the prevention of evil. Law is the safeguard of society, and for the protection of society we have laws against profanity, theft, adultery, perjury, assault, murder. When these laws are violated the common weal demands that the culprit shall be punished and where justice reigns penalty is inflicted. Thus we see society trying to make men good by law, this theory to the contrary notwithstanding. We ask that it go farther and legislate out of existence this traffic which benefits none, and is the prolific mother of

In his issue of October 16th a minister of Fredonia, N. Y., is quoted and endorsed by him. He says: "Temptations are in the world for a wise purpose, and men develop character and virtue only by resisting them." I should like to take a peep into his bible. I very much fear that it fell into the water and became childhood. The wholesale liquor houses blurred, so that it is no longer a safe guide. He had better buy a new one. Let us try this by syllogism using his theory for our major premise. "Temptations are in the world for the promotion of character and virtue." It is to be inferred from the teaching of this minister that he who has not been subject to the fire of temptation is a poor specimen of manhood, and if this be true what a weak invertebrate Adam must have been when he stepped forth from the creative hand of God and was pronounced by his creator "very good." His ideal man is a very inferior being to that of this minister and the editor of the Spirit. The Lord, too, must have been very short sighted when he taught his disciples to pray "lead us not into temptation." Upon the theory that the presence of temptation promotes manhood, we should expect to find manhood where saloons, brothels, gaming dens and all manner of iniquity prevails; and among that class of men that are tempted by these things. But the contrary is true. To thousands of men the saloon, the brothel, the gaming den offer no temptation. Among this class is found the highest virtue, the best character to be found in the race. The men whom the world delights to honor are not those whose lives are spent fighting the desire for intoxicating liquor, but rather those who spend their lives endeavoring to help others, to lift the world to a higher moral plane, to remove temptation from the way of his weaker brother.

In the issue of Nov. 6th the editor voices his sentiments in a conversation, real or imaginary, between a Prohibi-Monist and an anti-Prohibitionist. Here we find the anti-Prohibitionist claring that the principle of Prohibition would wipe out the inspiration for od conduct and the respect of our owmen. "There would be no disause the means to do evil had been

pointed out as one who would be a drunkard if he could get it." Let us see: Stealing is prohibited by law, hence there is no distinction between the bonest man and the thief. Therefore the law should be repealed. Murder is prohibited by law, hence there is no distinction; any man may be designated a murderer at heart, the law preventing him from being one in fact, therefore the law against murder should be repealed. Indeed, should his doctrine obtain, all laws against crime must be repealed and society be reconstructed. However there is no prohibitory law that would make such a "mess of it" as the licensed saloon. The assumption that temptation in the shape of a saloon is necessary to develop character and virtue, and give men self reliance and individuality, would be amusing were the subject less serious.

In their anxiety to shield this iniquitous business from the public gaze and condemnation, men permit their imaginations to drive them into all manner of absurdities, and paint fearful ogres with which to frighten the public away from the consideration of this question.

In the same issue, editorial page, 3rd column, is an article entitled "Intoxication," which, by the way, is a remarkable production, its slur upon the masses considered, coming as it does from one who holds office by virtue of the franchise of the same masses. In the 2nd paragraph of this astonishing article he eems to assume that liquor is beneficial to at least a portion of the race; and a portion that is distinct from the drinking class. He addresses the drinker thus: "Shall all mankind be treated as infants because you are a fool? Shall the individual be sacrificed to the masses and the race permanently weakened? Because you cannot ascend to the plain of manhood, shall all be pulled down to your level?" He advises the drinker to "quit drinking." The class for whose manhood he is pleading is evidently not the drinking class, but the non-drinking. Permit me as one of that class to say that his concern is entirely unnecessary. We do not at all feel that the removal of the liquor traffic would wipe out our self-reliance or individuality. In the last paragraph is a wail for the "Splendid Apostles of temperance" of the John Goff, Francis Murphy type. We vie with this editor in doing honor to those men who did so much to rescue drunkards from their wretchedness, but they dealt only with the product of drunkenness, leaving its source untouched. Pledges signed do not remove the saloon, and any system or campaign against intoxication that leaves the saloon flourishing is a fail-

It is taken for granted that men who are addicted to the drink habit are fools, moral cowards, lacking in manliness, etc., and an occasional man is found who, having conquered his appetite, is seized upon by the saloon's apologetes as an example, and all drinkers are bidden "go thou and do likewise." We have no criticism to offer here, except that calling the drunkard hard names does not abolish drunkenness. All men, however, do not have the same advantage in the battle field of morals. Man is, in no small measure, the result of heredity plus his early environment. The appetite for intoxicating liquor is transmitted from parent to offspring. It is further fed and cultivated by contact with it in early have their agents visiting houses taking orders, the delivery wagon follows close upon their heels dropping off a keg of beer here, a quart, half gallon or gallon of spirits there; and homes become periodical scenes of debauchery. obscenity and crime. The children of such, parents, reared in such homes, enter the active sphere of mature years morally handicapped. The battle was fought out in childhood and liquor was the victor. Would we ask children to fight men's battles, or perform labors intended for those of mature years? Shall we place children in the arena face to face with a foe before whom few men can stand, and when they fail and become mature inebriates, sneer at them as lacking manhood?

The minister from Fredonia above quoted says there is no reformatory measure about prohibition. Certainly not. It is a preventive measure, which is as much more to the point, as "prevention is better than cure." I presume he fears a loss of occupation should Prohibition prevail. If he were a physician he would oppose sanitary legislation on the ground that there would be no curative feature about it. Permit the cess pool to remain, breeding various epidemics, that we may have subjects for our remedies.

This sneers at the idea of "making perfect laws to fit imperfect men." It is because men are so imperfect that law-makers should aim at perfection in legislating against evil. If men were perfect our office bolders, politicians and preachers would be "out of a

All of this argument against the prohibition of the liquor traffic is based upon the erroneous, but oft repeated aphorism, "Every man for himself and the devil for the hindermost." We offer no apology here for bringing for-ward the Word of God as the embodiment of all truth and foundation of all righteous law. This Book links life to

asks the question, "Where is thy brother?" and Cain's impudent interrogative, 'Am I my brother's keeper?" is not sufficient to avert the stern declaration, 'Thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground." Here we are taught the claim of the weak upon the strong. Here the strong are exhorted to bear, not despise, the infirmities of the weak. Paul urges, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." We, with many of the readers of THE STAR and Spirit, accept the teachings of this Book as paramount, even though they should be the utter negation of all the arguments of the editor of the last named paper and the minister whom he so heartfly endorses.

In his issue of Nov. 6th, 1st column. editorial page, is found a slur upon the voters of Ringgold township. He says of those who voted for Mr. Ames for judge, "they must have been thinking through their hats." However, he was more complimentary than he intended: it is better to think through one's hat than not to think, especially in the matter of voting. Measured by the same standard, the arguments against Prohibition, the burlesque on legislation to which both our Commonwealth and the nation have been treated in recent sessions of our legislative bodies, the men that represent us, elected by two dominant parties, being considered as evidence, whatever thinking has been done by our political opponents must have been done through brazen hel-J. H. JELBART.

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[Written by a little girl of Reynoldsville.] In our town there is something funny And to all I'm going to tell. First, it's the Hopeless Dozen; Second, the N. T. L.

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Just think no more of these worldly cares, Darning your stockings or mending you

tears, Doing your washing or making your soup. We have our opinion of a gentlemen troop But think of those teas in the summer, They're what you might call a "blowout;" Eating, and laughing and chatting, With not a sign of a man about.

Now just you quit your batching And cover those white spots on your head, And take unto yourselves a little wife, For it is well for man to wed.

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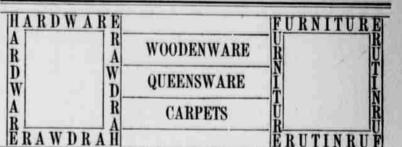
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