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The article below entitled "What One Glass of Rum Did" it appears needs no comment as it contains a very striking illustration of the urgent demand of the country; And, again, it does seem that comment is needful upon that class of subjects. The article testifies to a great loss by so small an act, and so little thought of. Are we not just on the brink of suffering great and lamentable losses? It suggests a thought which should rest heavily upon the mind of every parent in the universe. The idea of dear little children being snatched from the embrace of a fond and tender hearted mother is enough to bring about a serious consideration which might bring about a glorious solution of a much dreaded and very dangerous question.

What One Glass of Rum Did.

A sailor once spoke as follows to a large audience of people: "My friends I don't know how to make a speech, but I want to tell you what one glass of rum did for me. I had a small vessel on the coast. My brother was the mate, and there were two other sailors. I had my wife and two children on board. One night it was stormy. My brother was to keep watch that night. The sailors persuaded him to take one glass of rum to help him through the night. He was not used to liquor. It overcame him, and he sank into a heavy sleep. I woke after midnight to find my vessel a wreck. I took one of the little ones in my arms and my wife took the other. For hours we battled with the cold waves. After a long struggle the waves swept the little one from my embrace. Before long the other little one was swept from the arms of my wife, and our darlings were lost from us forever. We battled on with the storm and the waves. Then I looked at my wife, and she was cold in death. I struggled on and made my way to shore. Then I found that my wife, my children, and all I had in the world were snatched from me by one glass of rum. —North Carolina Baptist.

What is in thine hand? A broom? Use it for God. The broom of the domestic servant may be as truly used for God as was the sceptre of David or Solomon. What is in thine hand? A trowel, a hammer, an axe, a chisel, a saw, or some other mechanical tool? Use it for God. Jesus Christ gave dignity to labor; the sweat beads of honest toil stood on his brow. What is in thine hand? A pen? A pen is mightier than the sword. The pen of Shakspeare, of Longfellow, of Tennyson, of Whittier! Oh, matchless instrument! Have you a pen? Use it for God. Perhaps it is a typewriter. Touch the keys, make sweet music that shall echo around the globe. We need grit and grace to use the old sword, the old hammer, the old fire, the old and always new gospel. Oh, can you not find some poor soul to-day who does not know Jesus? can you not tell some wanderer about the Christ? What is in thine hands? Wealth?

Consecrate it now to God. What is in thine mouth? A tongue of eloquence? Use it for God. The tongue is the mightiest instrument that God ever made. What is in thine hand? A kindly grasp? Give that to some sad soul. Let us consecrat everything to him—the office, the plow, the pen, the needle, the tongue, the hands, the feet and the heart for Jesus. When the pierced hand of Jesus Christ is laid on the printing press, on wealth, on learning, on beauty, on culture, on every gift and grace in every relation of life, then the splendor of the millennial dawn will color the eastern sky with its crimson gold.—Selected.

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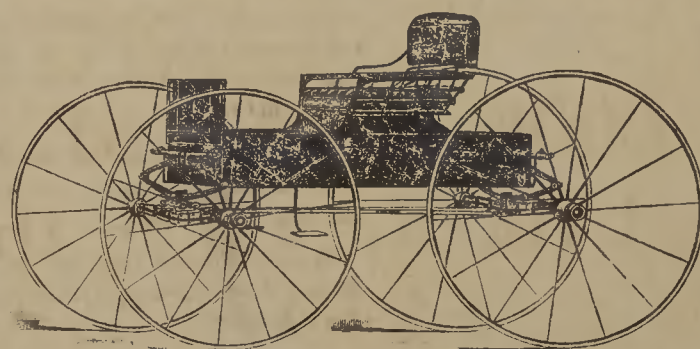
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