

EVERYBODY'S WAR.

The liquor traffic might do for other lands—it will not do for ours; it might do for earlier centuries—it will not do for the last quarter of the nineteenth century.

In this vast and enlarging army, the mild, soft-voiced ones, who are afraid of guns and gunpowder, may march side by side with the gallant and strong.

But besides being a war of the mothers and daughters, the sisters and wives, this is a war between religion and the rum shop.

SEEDS OF KINDNESS.

Cries of distress come from a distant part of the garden, where Maggie and Jack are busily at work. Auntie hurriedly leaves her gardening, and runs to see what new misfortune has befallen them.

"They have grown from those seeds I helped you sow, and you are taking them out of the box that they may grow into lovely flowers by-and-by."

At Magnolia, Duplin county, there are extensive tobacco farms. One of them contains ten, and one other twenty-five acres. One bulb produces from ten to twelve small bulbs.

"Flowers, auntie, of course." "What sort of seed did you sow just now?"

"I'm afraid it was an ugly little nettle. You did not think it would sting, but Maggie thought differently, did she not?"

OUR EXCHANGES.

The liquor-traffic is the giant evil of this as well as other nations. It is the out-spoken enemy of the church, and a very prolific source of Sabbath desecration, pauperism and crime.

youth, withers the fond expectations of mothers and fathers, curses happy homes and fills our prisons.—Echo New Jersey.

One thing is certain, a political crisis is near. The rum power and the church of God will shortly face each other at the polls. This issue cannot be avoided.

A venerable clergyman of Virginia said lately, "Men of my profession see much of the tragic side of life. Beside a deathbed the secret passions, the hidden evil as well as the good in human nature, are very often dragged before the light."

I knew her first as a young girl, beautiful, gay, full of spirit and vigor. She married and had four children; her husband died and left her penniless.

"She succeeded; sent the boys to college, and the girls to school. When they came home, pretty, refined girls and strong young men, abreast with all the new ideas and tastes of their time, she was a worn-out, commonplace old woman."

Boys, when you come from college, don't consider that your only relation to your father is to "get as much money as the governor will stand."

How many men and women sacrifice their own hopes and ambitions, their life itself, to their children, who receive it as a matter of course and begrudge a caress, a word of gratitude, in payment for all that has been given them.

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