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 plain and grammatically with ink, and on one side
 only of white paper. Let them be short and to the
 point.

LICENSE.

The connection between intemper-
 and the liquor traffic, and between
 crime and intemperance, justifies the
 assertion that to sanction the traffic by
 legislation is in effect to justify crime.
 The nature of good government is to
 protect the lives, property and happi-
 ness of its citizens. Our State and
 General Government should be based
 on the motto "The greatest good of
 the greatest number." The question
 is often asked by the zealous op-
 ports of the temperance cause, "Has
 the Legislature of a State the consti-
 tutional right to pass laws prohibiting
 the sale of intoxicating liquors as a
 beverage?" We answer affirmatively.

1st. From the nature of government.
 Government was instituted for the good
 of the governed. That the good and
 virtuous may be protected, laws with
 proper penalties are enacted. It is the
 object of all good government to pro-
 tect the innocent and punish the guilty,
 and thus wisely aim at the amelioration
 of the human race.

2d. They legislated on other ques-
 tions involving the same objections.
 Laws have been passed against Sab-
 bath breaking, profanity, horse racing
 and gambling, &c. And even in this
 day, a certain class are continually ut-
 tering their enathemas against these
 wholesome laws. But will any good
 citizen say that such laws are not for
 the good of community, and have they
 not the right to legislate on intemper-
 and, the stepping stone to the above
 named vices. Nay, more, may we
 not rise en masse and crush out this
 destroyer of the souls and bodies of
 men.

3d. Laws in certain localities have
 been passed. I refer now to the law
 prohibiting the sale of liquor to the In-
 dians. No one has a right to sell or
 give away, in large or small quantities,
 spirituous liquors to this portion of com-
 munity. Two reasons appear obvious
 for this law. In the first place, rum
 would increase their already intolera-
 ble want, misery and degradation and
 secondly and unprincipled men
 would take advantage of their drunk-
 enness and drive sharp bargains at the
 disadvantage of the natives. And for
 liquor, they would be induced to make
 bargains that they would not other-
 wise make. If there is a constitutional
 right to pass a law to prevent the sale
 or giving away rum to the Indians, has
 not the Legislature the same constitu-
 tional right to prohibit the sale of in-
 toxicating liquors to us as
 a people. If I am not misinformed,
 the Supreme Court of the United
 States has decided that each State has
 a constitutional right to pass laws pro-
 hibiting the sale or the giving away of
 intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

"Woe unto him that giveth his
 neighbor drink!" FRANK.
 March 16th, 1869.

The first glass of liquor has been
 the ruin of tens of thousands. Boys!
 never take the first glass, and you
 will not be drunkards.

The rum shops of New York city.
 The places in a line, would extend along
 the Broadway from the Bar-
 canvas of the Central Park, ten miles of
 "Six" stories high, four stories
 wide and two deep.

A Judge said to a reporter on trial
 for drunkenness: "Prisoner, habitual
 drunkenness, what have you to say
 in your defense?"
 "Nothing, please your Honor, but
 habitual thirst."

"A three year old" neighbor saw a
 drunken man "tacking" through the
 street. "Mother," said he, "did God
 make that man?" She replied in the af-
 firmative. The little fellow reflected
 for a moment and then exclaimed, "I
 wouldn't have done it."

Some of the deacons down East seem
 to have a bad practice of snoring loud-
 ly while asleep in church, which ap-
 pears to disturb some folks there, as a
 Maine paper recently had the follow-
 ing polite notice for one of them:
 "Deacon - is requested not to com-
 mence snoring to morrow until the ser-
 mon has begun, as some persons in the
 neighborhood of his pew would like to
 hear the text."

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