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Ohio and Maine Contrasted.

BY REV. A. J. CHURCH.

The persistent assertion that the liquor business conduces to wealth and prosperity, and that Prohibition retards its growth and wealth to a large degr e. influences men to vote for license. T. e best refutation of this monstrous deceit is the facts. Ohio and Maine furnish a good lesson in the line of this inquiry. Anyone would guess on the instant that Ohio is vastly the richer State. Yes, it ought to be! I supposed it was till this examination opened my eyes. It is its own everlasting shame that O. 10 is poor. Her brewers and distillers are rich. Ohio is as central as it can be to the nation; Maine has an insolated, awkward location in the northeast corner. Ohio has a mild, salubrious climate; Maine is much colder. Ohio has rich, easily tilled soils; the downeast State a hard, niggardly surface, Ohio has in abundance all the best minerals; Maine none but granite and ice, yet Maine is rich and Ohio is poor! These States have about the same par centage of people who live by farming, and likewise of those in other industries. In Maine, 92.38 per cent. own their own farms; 71 per cent. in Ohio. A number of Governors have in the last ten years voiced the grief of Ohio farmers because they are so generally and heavily mortgaged. Governor Burleigh said in his message of 1890 that no State in the Union had so little property uuder mortgage or so much money loaned out of the State per capita as Maine; and added, there are whole counties in which there is not a farm under mortgage. In the State, 78 per cent. of farms are free from mortgage. Maine is out of debt; Ohio's obligations exceed a hundred millions. The savings banks furnish pretty searching criteria of the financial vigor and reserve forces of a nation. In Maine these institutions have \$43,000,000 on deposit for 132,000 owners; in Ohio they have \$17,000,000, with a much smaller per centage of depositers. Maine has 650,-000, and holds to each individual in her banks \$66! Ohio has to each of her 3,200,000, \$6! So this State, which is the tip end of every tippler's sneer because of Prohibition, with all natural advantages against her, has cleven times as much cash in reserve for each person's use as her rival, with location, soil, climate and natural resources in her favor. Both States have a sturdy, enterprising yeomanry, and Machine Needles, Alabastine and Dye | make generous provision for their mental, moral, and social developemental Why, then, should the weaker be the stronger? There is but one auswer to this enigma: Prohibition.

Forty years ago Maine put her ban on the grog-soops: and, in spite of the most unscrupulous and satanic efforts of wholesalers, retailers, politicians and the devil, they have very largely reduced the sale of these noxious beverages; while brewery and saloon have slunk out of sight. In '84, by a vote of three to one, she put into her Constitution her anathema on the drunkard factories, and there it is to stay till the nation becomes sober enough to follow suit. Ohio chose, under the lead of statesmen who sneer at Maine's fanatics, to foster the liquor trade. She has had 100,000 drunkards all the time the last 20 years; she has buried a million in this horrible condition, and the six or eight million . whom she would have if as rich as Maine, have gone to debauch her children, gone to push them into beggary. and crime, into poorhouse and jail. and finally into eternity, under the baleful

eclipse of sin and shame. An equally telling refutation of this serviceable old fraud can be drawn from the contrast in those twin States, Kansas and Nebraska, in the work of Prohibetion as compared with high license, by the revelations of the census of 1890. A more impressive one could be written. of the poor little State I live in.

SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA.

A Poughkeepsie young woman is suing the Central Hudson railroad for \$40,000 because the man to whom she was engaged was killed in a collision on

the railway. A two-masted boat carrying wood, having six men aboard, was caught in a whirlwind and capsized below Newburm N. C. The men regained the boat, has the water was freezing, and during the night three of them died from exposure. One other man undertook to swim. ashore and perished. After 15 hours suffering the two remaining men were rescued.

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