

all efforts to regulate the liquor traffic by taxation or license, high or low. These afford no protection from its ravages; but, on the other hand, entrench it in the commonwealth, throw around it an artificial garb of respectability, and make the people partakers of and responsible for the evils resulting therefrom."

The Baptist Church says: "To regulate and sanction by the shield of law a system inherently evil is immoral."

The Congregational Church says: "Christian people cannot consistently endorse a system which gives legal sanction to an evil, and thus concedes its right to exist."

Bishop Baldwin, of the Episcopal Church, says: "Whenever evil is discovered, it becomes the duty of the community, if possible, to remove it. I am a Canadian, born in Toronto, and I feel that I can wish my country no better happiness than that the whole of the liquor traffic should be swept away from the Atlantic to the Pacific."

The Presbyterian Church says: "The general traffic in intoxicating liquors is contrary to the Word of God and to the spirit of the Christian religion. No excuse can be offered for legalizing a traffic that is fruitful only in misery and crime."

Cardinal Manning, of the Roman Catholic Church, says: "So long as the revenue is raised upon intoxicating drinks, I hold that we are all partakers of the crime and misery, and the disease and cruelty, and the evils of body and soul in time and eternity, which are caused in such prolific abundance by the trade in strong drink."

All this is as true of high license as of low. The amount paid for a license does not alter its moral character, nor the guilt of voting for it. Had Judas received, not 30 pieces of silver, but 3,000, it would not have made his act morally right. "Be ye ashamed of your revenues, because of the fierce anger of the Lord," Jer. xii. 13 (marginal reading). Millions of revenue can never atone for one ruined, lost man.

But, to advance, I shall vote for prohibition,

II. Because license, in its practical working, has proved a failure. This is not to be wondered at. Any principle inherently wrong will and must fail to do lasting good. Like produces like. A corrupt tree cannot bring forth good fruit. But we are not left to mere inference, however logical, on this matter. Have we not the bare and terrible facts on every side of us, proclaiming