

fact so many ignore that "there are good and bad men on both sides of the Scott Act question," though as our friend says "the majority of the bad ones have crowded to one side." Another position truly taken is that it is one thing to carry a measure, and another to enforce it." And if in violation of the Act drunkenness increases then the Scott Act has never had a fair trial, and you can never say what a law would do till it is fairly tried." We do not feel sure," our friend continues, "that it was a wise thing to carry it, but it is certain, that after being honestly voted in, it should be fairly tried. Men drunk on the streets have been pointed at as illustrations of the Scott Act. The Scott Act is not responsible for drunkenness, but the opponents of the Act are, mind that. If liquor is sold in any way other than that provided for by the law, that is not the Scott Act, but its violation." The concluding sentences deserve to be pondered by that class of "practical Christians" who are always ready to do their own work by proxy, either of individual or of law. "As a consistent temperance man of upwards of forty years' standing, I am not prepared to say that I can recommend coercive measures to enforce moral reforms. Locks and bolts may be a needful restraint, but they do not make men honest. If the gospel and the loving persuasions that come by it will not restrain a man from intemperance, prohibition is apt to be but a temporary benefit, it may keep him sober for a while, but it effects no reform. A law that is broken is not always useless, but our object is to suppress drinking and induce sobriety. May not this be better done by a high license, a heavy tax on the traffic, and severe law against drunkenness? Let the world attend to the civil law in self-protection. Let the church by the power of holy example, and consistent abstinence, the holding up the example of Christ and that gospel which declares no drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of Heaven, win men to sobriety." These are calm words, but true. Let them have their due weight on our hearts.

THERE is no question about the attitude of a number of Roman Catholic priests on the liquor question—they have worked, are working to-day, heroically against the monster evil of the age; both in Canada and Britain their zeal and self-denial have been worthy of all praise:

such men as Father Matthew and others like him take high rank among humanity's benefactors. Unfortunately also there is no question as to the attitude of that church, as a church, on the same question. It did not need the letters of "Catholicus," which appeared in one of the Toronto dailies early in August, to tell us the sad truth; but that letter reveals such an encouragement of the drink habits as would be disgusting in a saloon proprietor's picnic, but is almost incredible as being under the auspices of "the church." The letter is addressed to Archbishop Lynch, and we give its principal points:—

"Catholicus" says:—The Catholic worshippers at the respective masses on Sunday last had placed in their hands on leaving God's house a handbill, setting forth that a certain Roman Catholic society will on August 6th hold a festival at the Moss Park Rink, when a programme of games will be the chief attraction. Read it and blush for your people.

100 yards race—Prize, bottle of whiskey.
Putting shot—Prize, keg of lager.
200 yards race—Prize, bottle of brandy.
Three quick jumps—Prize, bottle of champagne.
Putting light shot—Prize, bottle of wine.
Single men's race (open to Emeralds only)—Prize, bottle of wine.
Committee's race—Prize, bottle of brandy.
Running long jump (open to Emeralds only)—Prize, keg of lager and bottle of wine.
Irish jig—Prize, bottle of brandy.
Thirteen prizes of intoxicating liquors offering to men and youths! God save the victors.

What wonder that Catholics figure proportionately higher in the returns of offending drunkards than any other people, and that they are not keeping equal step with the non-Catholic community in material prosperity? From the above disgraceful list of prizes it must appear that parents should guard their children, and wives should implore their husbands to give this leprous society a wide berth until this foul disgrace is purged from it. Need I remind your Grace that toleration of such abuses as I have set forth makes you guilty in the eyes of God and man, and now that publicly you are made aware of them, no excuse can be offered by you for non-fulfilment of your duty.

The British House of Commons has agreed to amend the liquor bill by providing for the closing on Sunday of every public house in England, except in London and its suburbs. Why London should be excepted is hard to understand!

When the Queen of Madagascar shut up the saloons in her kingdom, and the ex-saloon keepers asked for compensation, she replied: "Compensate those you have wronged and I will pay the balance."

At last, after a ten years' struggle, the Louisiana Legislature has passed a Sunday law for New Orleans, which will now take its place among Americanized ties.