

we wish towards making men moral, in God's name let us stop making men immoral by Act of Parliament. Why by license or tax give a legal status to that which is fruitful only in wretchedness and crime? Why protect by law a traffic which merits the following statement by Sir Oliver Mowat: "An enormous proportion, probably three-fourths of the vice which prevailed at the present day, of the crime which they had to contend with, of the lunacy, the idiocy, the poverty and the misery of every kind, was owing to the foul evil of intemperance. When from one frightful cause such enormous evils resulted, it was no wonder that the humane, the benevolent, and the Christian were excited in their endeavor to provide some remedy."

I like the trumpet tones of Lord Chesterfield's address in the House of Lords in 1743: "Vice is not to be taxed but to be suppressed. Would you lay a tax upon a breach of the Ten Commandments? Would not such a tax be wicked and scandalous? Luxury may very properly be taxed, but the use of those things which are simply hurtful—hurtful in their own nature and in every degree—is to be prohibited. If these liquors are so delicious that people are tempted to their own destruction, let us at length secure them from these fatal draughts by bursting the vials that contain them. Let us check these artists in slaughter, who have reconciled their countrymen to sickness and to ruin, and who spread over the pitfalls of debauchery such baits as cannot be resisted." Bishop Ireland, in 1889, delivered a speech that contained the following burning words: "The Catholic Church is absolutely and irrevocably opposed to drunkenness and to drunkard-making. In vain we profess to work for souls if we do not labor to drive out an evil which is daily begetting sins by the ten thousand and peopling hell. In vain we boast of civilization and liberty if we do not labor to exterminate intemperance. Education, the elevation of the masses, liberty—all that the age admires—is set at naught by the dreadful evil. The individual conscience is the first arm in opposing it, but the individual conscience has to be strengthened and supplemented by law. The claim of the saloon keepers to freedom in their traffic is the claim to spread disease, sin and pauperism." The late Cardinal Manning stated the