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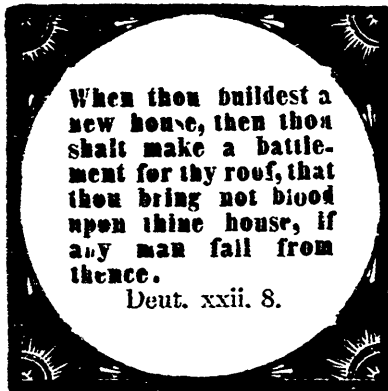
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RESPONSIBILITY.



NO LIABILITY.

WE have recently received the prospectus of a co-operative society, enclosing a form of application for shares. The latter form is headed, "SHAREHOLDERS INCUR NO LIABILITY OF ANY KIND AFTER THE FULL AMOUNT OF FIVE DOLLARS PER SHARE IS PAID." We take up the prospectus, and read, "Departments will be opened as soon as possible for the sale of the following and other goods: Groceries and provisions, WINES AND SPIRITS, TOBACCO AND CIGARS." We are at a loss to know the authority for saying that "No liability of any kind exists after the payment of a certain sum." No financial liability may exist according to human law; but what about the responsibility spoken of in God's law—"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, and putteth thv bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also"? (Hab. ii. 15.)

Can a man be a shareholder, and participate in the profits, and not in

the woes? We trow not. The law looks upon the receiver as equally guilty with the thief; and God's law is no respecter of persons. Whether I put the bottle to my neighbor's lips, or subscribe my money, or in other ways aid and abet those who perform the act of placing it to his lips, I stand condemned. Christian's, lay to heart the solemn injunction, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." (2 Cor. vi. 17, 18.)

Better be a "son of God" with a clear conscience, even though there be an empty purse, than a shareholder in the most profitable business, which however may include the WOES of God among the dividends.

FREE LECTURES.

THE first of the series of free lectures was given last Tuesday in Shaftesbury Hall by the Rev Leonard Gaetz, of Hamilton, on the subject, "Is life worth living?" He opened his remarks by showing how, in the different phases of life, this question is continually rising up in the hearts of men, especially in the hour of discouragement and trial. He proceeded to show how infidels and so-called scientists would have us believe that "the body is a developed clam, the mind revolving protoplasm, the conscience a den of jugglery, heaven a delusion, hell a tugbear, the Bible a fabrication, and religion a myth." The lecturer then asked if they could blame a man for concluding that life is not worth living, for when he is asked to believe such teaching as this. In asking what could such teaching do