

are needed through the country, for the accommodation of travellers, by assuring us that there would be a sufficient number of houses of entertainment were the sale of intoxicating drinks prohibited. This might be so in cities and large towns, but in other parts of the country where such places are equally necessary, or nearly so, the case would be different. On two occasions I travelled in snow-storms; on one of these in company with a friend who met me at a railway station with a sleigh and a pair of horses to bring me sixteen miles to his home; I set off at half-past three o'clock in the morning in the face of a fierce storm of snow, and as we left the village the snow was so deep on the road that we had to leave the horses standing in the drift, and walk side by side some hundred yards to break the road, and then one of us returned to bring up the team. Thus we continued to do until about daylight, when we came to a small hamlet where there was a tavern, and in our thoroughly exhausted condition we hailed it with pleasure. We lost no time in rousing the inmates, and rested there till mid-day. On the other occasion I travelled alone in a similar storm, and after driving twenty-eight miles it began to get dark; in the twilight I passed a little road-side tavern, but before I went half a mile beyond I found myself unable to see the road and guide my horse through the deep snow. Having to go another eight miles, I considered it would be with considerable danger to myself and the beast, so I returned to the tavern, where I found shelter until next morning. I refer to these two instances to show, that were the "Scott Act" in force, there would be no houses of entertainment in these and similar places, and persons situated as I was would be in great peril. May it not be possible that the principal promoters of the prohibition agitation are inhabitants of cities, towns and villages, who were never much exposed to the inconveniences of travelling except in a comfortable railway carriage? A zealous prohibitionist lately said at a temperance meeting: "I do not like to see a house with the words, 'Licensed to sell spirituous and fermented liquors' painted above the door; neither do I like to see a father, mother, or minister of the Gospel enter