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This resolution may be consistent with the general principles and policy of the Alliance, but it places those who are bound by it in a very peculiar position in their relation to the State. In accordance with it a member of the Alliance may find himself required to vote against the candidate whose general politics he approves and in support of one whose general politics he disapproves, even though he may be morally certain that there is not the slightest chance of success for the measure on behalf of which he makes this sacrifice of his political convictions. A good many members of the Alliance have also taken a deep interest in the Equal Rights agitation. Some of them have very likely declared themselves resolved to vote for no unrepentant one of the one hundred and eighty-eight who voted against Col. O'Brien's motion in the Commons. What would be the duty of such an elector should the Equal Rights candidate in a given contest be unwilling, and his opponent, one of the one hundred and eighty-eight, willing, to give the required pledge? Suppose, again, as is quite conceivable, that of two rival candidates, one of whom is known as a man of high character, thoroughly honourable and reliable, and the other a man of loose morals and looser political principles, the latter pledges himself to Prohibition and the former refuses to do so, is the conscientious Alliance man to follow the resolution?