

quote these conclusive words: "The State can only secure a minimum of morality, shifting with the general morality of the community. It is in its appeal to the higher motives that the State is weak; it is in its appeal to the higher motives that the Church is strong." Brethren, we believe in the coming of a better future to the world. We have not lost the vision of the seers. We are now living in the bright tomorrow of ancient days; and every tomorrow will be brighter than the one before it. But how is this hope of the ages to be realized? The prophets, with one voice, say, by the increase of righteousness. "Righteousness exalteth a nation," and nothing else can. "He that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption." Sodom found it so; Nineveh had experience of the truth; so did Babylon, Rome; and the nations of heathenism in every age affirm the truth. The kingdom of God is not to be a kingdom of saloons. It is said the brewers of New York City rule the entire municipality. How? By mortgaging 6,000 saloons, and holding the keepers in political subjection. Does not the city need Dr. Parkhurst and the Churches behind him to smite

the vampire of debauchery and corruption? "And a highway shall be there, and the unclean shall not walk therein." The better to-morrow will see a great diminution of almshouses and miseries of poverty. Professor McCook says more than 56 per cent. of the expense of almshouses and charity in Hartford is due to intemperance. In 1890 intemperance cost the city the sum of \$68,432 in alms and charity. The kingdom of God that we are praying for is not a far-away kingdom, somewhere in the outside universe. It is coming on the earth. The inhabitants shall not want. Poverty and sickness will be swept away. The strife of tongues shall cease. Peace shall reign on earth as in heaven. The New Jerusalem comes down to earth. It is "four-square." It hath foundations. The measuring line in its erection is the plummet of righteousness. Its cornerstone is Christ. Through his reign righteousness and peace are promised throughout the world.

In every movement that Christianity makes to eradicate the corrupt practices of men in political and in social life Christ is setting up His kingdom on the earth.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Sermonettes and Exposition.

DR. JAMES MOORHOUSE has had a long and varied experience as a preacher. As Hulsean lecturer at Cambridge, chaplain in ordinary to the Queen of England, vicar of the populous parish of Paddington, London, bishop of Melbourne, Australia, and now as bishop of the great manufacturing diocese of Manchester, England, Bishop Moorhouse has arrived at the conviction that the length of a sermon should be 20 minutes, and that a sermonette of seven minutes is the best kind of address for a week-day service, and that an expository discourse should be delivered on Sunday even-

ings. The Bishop was and still is one of the most popular preachers in England, and he supports his advice to his clergy by giving incidents from his own ministry, a ministry exercised under the most eventful and varied conditions. Crowned heads, university students, fashionable Londoners, sturdy colonists, and hard-headed Lancashire artisans all like short sermons. The Bishop admits the great difficulty of being brief, but brief you must be if you want people to listen to you.

The expository discourse on a Sunday evening is a good and wise suggestion. Let the short expository sermon on Sunday evening become a recognized institution, and gradually our people