

"Never sit we down and say
 'There's nothing left but sorrow ;
 We walk the wilderness to-day.
 The promised land to-morrow."

We cannot regulate this evil but there is a way of dealing with it which is both right and effective.

3rd. *Prohibition is right in principle.*

This is God's method of dealing with evil. The divine law, with reference to wrong is an eternal NO—"thou shalt not." To such an organized wrong as the liquor traffic one answer should be as fixed and uncompromising as the "no" of God. Is it any wonder that there are so many respectable, moral, conscientious persons in our land, who hold aloof from the church, regarding it as only a time serving institution, its ministers as useless figureheads, and its members as pharisaical pretenders. "Many," says Prof. Bruce, in his "Kingdom of God," pg. 144,— "many, in fact, have left the church in order to be Christians." My! My! But God will bring this matter up in a terrible reckoning one of these days. Prohibition rests upon the great basal truth that society has the right to protect itself. This right it exercises in other things. The State does not license theft, murder, incendiarism or swindling; it sternly prohibits. The State does not license nuisances and immoralities; it prohibits them. Men are not licensed to sell tainted meat or adulterated food: they are prohibited. But

if it be right and proper to prohibit the sale of unwholesome meat (and no one denies it), by what process of reasoning will our opponents show that it is not right to prohibit the sale of unwholesome drink? Does not the authority to license imply the right to prohibit? We live not in a savage, but in a civilized community, and, in such a State, every man's liberty is limited by the good of society. The whiskey seller has no right to interfere with the rights of others. Wives have rights; children have rights; quiet peaceable members of society, who wish to live in security of life and property, have rights: and these rights must be preserved even at the expense of denying to some others the right to sell whiskey and get drunk

The people by their votes have, time and again, declared the rightfulness of prohibition. Our Legislature, our Parliament, our Senate, every civil court from that of Police Magistrate up to the Privy Council, have made the same declaration. Every church in our land, through its courts, has declared that the prohibition of the liquor traffic comes within the power with which God has endowed Government for the good of the people. We reason then that, just as the wrongfulness of license, apart from its utter inefficiency, should condemn it, so the rightfulness of prohibition, apart from other considerations,