

And when scant wage or labor fail to give  
Food, shelter, raiment, wherewithal to live,  
Need has its rights, necessity its claim,  
Yea, even self-wrought misery and shame  
Test well the charity suffering long and kind.  
The home-pressed question of the age can find  
No answer in the catch-words of the blind  
Leaders of blind. Solution there is none  
Save in the Golden Rule of Christ alone."

### Popular Uprisings.

*Go in to possess the land, which the Lord  
your God giveth you to possess it.—  
Josh. i. 11.*

PERHAPS never in our political history has the public conscience more emphatically asserted itself than in connection with the recent elections in several of our States. Iniquity has so long run riot with impunity that Christian men have come to be almost in despair as to their power to overthrow it. The party spirit seemed dominant over everything else. The success of Republicanism or Democracy had hitherto appeared to be the chief consideration with the majority of voters, the result being that the baser element had continued in the ascendant, whichever party triumphed, since it was the baser element that had secured the hold upon both of these parties and swayed them at its will. The time for independent action was certainly ripe. It has at length become the conviction of the better men in both parties that the morality of the people was a more important consideration than any other. To this conviction the party spirit at length gave way. Banding together on the basis of this conviction good men, irrespective of party, assailed the common enemy, and in almost every instance routed it, "horse, foot, and dragoons." Bossism in some of our large cities fell, like the giant of the Philistines before the stone from David's sling, dead as the stone that smote it. In certain localities the gambling evil, which had entrenched itself behind the fortress of political power, met disastrous defeat. On all sides there was given proof of one truth, that if there be unanimity of conviction and effort there is moral

power enough in any community to overthrow the great social evils that have hitherto held up their heads in brazen defiance of law and order. This is as true with reference to the traffic in liquor as it is of any other evil. When the moral forces of a community are ready for its overthrow it can be overthrown. Sooner or later this will be felt to be the case, and the blow will be struck that will prove its death.

The pulpit and the press together were largely instrumental in accomplishing the recent revolution. Let pulpit and press combine for the suppression of the saloon evil and the day of its doom is not far distant. The pulpit has a mighty power over the press. Let it use its utmost influence to foster a popular sentiment that shall demand the extermination of the saloon, and the press will not be slow in following its lead. Popularity is the life of the press; and when these two mighty agencies shall join forces and work together for the overthrow of what is now the greatest foe of our national life and liberties, we shall not have long to wait before we shall see the triumph of the cause espoused by them.

### The Public-School Question.

THE following is the text of a bill which is proposed for submission to the Legislature of the State of New York at its approaching session. It is entitled

"AN ACT FOR THE PROMOTION OF EDUCATION  
THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

"The people of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

"Section 1. That whenever any individual, or body or association of individuals, or any organization of persons, incorporated or unincorporated, shall have established a school for the free education of youth in the primary branches of education, to wit, reading, writing and arithmetic, and such school shall have been in existence for the term of at least one year, with not less than fifty pupils in regular attendance, and shall have been submitted to a satisfactory inspection and examination thereof by the State or local Board of School Trustees, or such other persons as may from time to time be designated for the