

purities of high license, local option, moral suasion, are all about you, poisoning the very air you breathe, as the foul liquors those parties license poison the air your wives, daughters and sons are compelled to breathe, even sometimes at your own doorstep.

As a Society we heartily unite with the Presbyterian and Methodist Conferences when they said, first, "Drinking is immoral;" second, "To license the selling of liquors is a sin." But did we think that if drinking is immoral, then unquestionably those who drink are immoral; and if to license is a sin, then all who vote with the parties who license, or who influence those votes, are undeniably sinners.

I do not like to hear it said, especially by a man, 'if our *sisters* only had a vote, there would be *no doubt* of the prohibition cause.' It makes me doubt if men are men! Do you mean to say that man is so corrupt that although he knows what is right and what is wrong, yet he has not the moral courage to do that right act, but must wait for "poor, weak woman" to help him

Pope says: "A man should never be ashamed to own that he has been in the wrong, which is but saying in other words, that he is wiser to-day than he was yesterday." You know you have been in the wrong, you know you have been prejudiced, and why not be honest with yourself and your neighbors? Come out into the clear, white light of the prohibition cause, where all can stand upright in God's sight and look all mankind honestly in the face, knowing that you are doing as you would be done by; and so cause, not only yourself, but those around you who are younger than you, who are looking to you for their leader, to be more truly a living member of that Society, 'the very end of whose existence is the promotion of peace on earth and good-will amongst men.'

THE INFLUENCE OF THE F.-D. S. ON THE HOME.

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Home, that sacred spot on earth, one of the sweetest words in the English language, the spot from which we start in the morning with the day a blank page before us, and to which we return at evening for rest and refuge from all the disagreeable elements with which we have to battle in the world. Sometimes we return with the page still shining and white, and sometimes with it sadly blotted, and happy are we, indeed, if loving hearts await to soothe and comfort us.

What influence could a First-day School have on such a place? What do we do at First-day School? Study the Scriptures, the lives of Jesus and the Apostles, learn of their joys and sorrows, successes and defeats, and the power that governed and guided their lives. What could be more appropriate or helpful to us?

This study must certainly raise our standard of morality and religion, and the united study in the First day School must strengthen the good influence on our lives, and it takes good people to make good homes.

The First-day School draws the family together, gives them the same thoughts and aims, and also common subjects for conversation. It brings youth and age, parents and children, mind and mind, heart and heart, in nearer sympathy and truer Christian love.

The home should be patterned after and as near like our conception of heaven, our eternal home, as love, joy and peace can make it.

In families where the reading and studying of the Scriptures and higher things of life are attended to, some might say that is sufficient, but must it not be profitable, as well as pleasant, for these families to meet together and exchange views and notes and experi-