

retain your property, though gotten by the robbery of your poor victims—no less robbery, because they consented to it, as lunatics might do—and by the impoverishment of the country, but cease to do this great evil any more, and engage in some just and honourable business that will not destroy your fellow-men.

Now, the liquor dealers have a license only from year to year, which is a warning to them that the public hold their business as one that needs restraint, and that the public may refuse that license at any time. We do not propose to hinder families from making home-made beer for themselves, but only from selling it to others. If men choose to injure themselves, we cannot help it; all we can do is to try and persuade them of the folly of it, and to show them a better way. But if they attempt to murder others, we are bound, in obedience to the Divine law, to prevent them, even by the strong arm of civil law. If the liquor dealers and their foolish friends should resolve to resist the law when passed, the people of Canada must deal with them as with any others who resist the enforcement of the just and necessary laws of the land.

5. Finally, a word of advice to those engaged in the liquor traffic. Infinite wisdom saith, "Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful." I can assure them that I am the enemy of none, but the friend of all, and I fain would guide all into the paths of peace and happiness, according to the commission given me by my Master. I am thoroughly convinced, by long observation, that the Divine blessing cannot be expected to rest on a business so directly opposed to the glory of God, and the present and eternal well-being of men. An aged Christian man, of over eighty years, brought up in the old Niagara District, told me once that he had observed during over sixty years, that those who engaged in the liquor traffic never handed down their ill-gotten gains to the third generation. A blight came on it in some way.