

of reform to be just and not try to mislead the public with half truths.

CHAPTER VII.

A Few Facts.

In the interests of science or correct knowledge, we beg to submit the following facts or figures. While we do not make any comment on the facts, we believe every intelligent reader will acknowledge that Prohibition is not the universal nostrum that is going to cure all our ills. In fact, and I say this conscientiously, I do not believe that Prohibition will remove any of the burdens which lie so heavily on our shoulders today.

The social evil, or curse, the burden of woe today, is not the drink traffic. The evil is an economic evil, and Prohibition does not and will not help to solve it.

What the Prohibitionists should do is to prove scientifically that alcoholic liquors are absolutely bad in any quantity.

After proving that to the satisfaction of intelligent men, they should prohibit absolutely the manufacture of a bad article.

But where is the scientific or enlightened Prohibitionist who will legislate against the manufacture of alcoholic liquors absolutely?

Now, if the thing is not utterly bad, and you dare not try to stop the manufacture of it universally, why try to stop the sale of it locally. The Prohibitionist cry is an anti-bar cry and not an anti-brewery cry; which on the face of it is illogical and absurd. As liquors are not in themselves bad, and indeed in certain quantities are proved to be both food and medicine and stimulating, no intelligent person objects to the manufacture of it.

Prohibition does not cure. I want to quote to you from the Anti-Saloon Handbook, the authority of Prohibitionists. The editor of the handbook