

The early closing by-law, with its serious restriction of personal liberty and its monstrous discrimination against those engaged in purveying useful and necessary merchandize to the advantage of those who are doing just the reverse, has had a short and feeble life, the Recorder having already declared it to be illegal and unenforceable. This does not necessarily preclude an attempt at resuscitation, but the by-law passed by the City Council is altogether so anomalous and indefensible that even the friends of early closing and moderate hours will be wise to let it die a natural death.

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"Clients," says a writer in the *Southern Magazine*, "love a hard fighter, and the on-lookers are impressed with his zeal." A hard fighter is, however, often a dangerous counsellor, as his judgment is apt to be blinded by his zeal. It is lamentable to note the foolish appeals and prolongations of strife which sometimes spring from misdirected energy. The client's appreciation of hard fighting is, perhaps, not so enthusiastic at the end of a campaign as it is at the beginning. The same writer hints that some lawyers allow themselves to be led by their clients instead of leading them. In his own experience, he says, he has had cases where he advised his clients not to sue because he was sure they had no chance, and although they followed his advice, they refused to pay him a reasonable fee; and he adds, that he has seldom advised a client to compromise or submit to arbitration that he did not displease him, and he comes to the conclusion that the aggressive and partisan spirit, whatever may be said as to its morality or true wisdom, is more conducive to success than profound judgment, for he has seen lawyers succeed chiefly by reason of it in whom the logical faculty was not at all conspicuous. There is a certain amount of truth in this, and it is probably equally true that he has seen a much larger