

"So long as the Sunday traffic in intoxicating drinks is permitted by law, promoted by great capitalists, and encouraged by those in authority, so long will immorality abound, poverty increase, and wickedness prevail. This element in our social economy is of itself sufficient to account for half the crime and wickedness in the land. This demoralizing traffic is the great hindrance to preaching, public worship, Sunday schools, holy home influences, and missionary agency. The 100,000 houses open on the Lord's Day for the sale of drink are so many traps to catch souls, so many batteries against everything holy and pure and good. Every step towards the removal of this terrible curse must be a subject of rejoicing to a Christian people, and every prospect of amelioration is an incentive to fresh efforts."

The thanks of the Committee are cheerfully rendered to this excellent Society for the gift of a selection of their Tracts, and for a kind letter from their esteemed Secretary.

SCOTLAND.

Your Committee return thanks to the Committee of the Sabbath Alliance of Scotland for its Report up to the 30th April, 1870. In that Report they are glad to find abundant evidence that the proverbial reverence of the people of Scotland for the Sabbath is still maintained.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Your Committee are deeply indebted to the New York Sabbath Committee for many valuable documents affording matter for serious reflection, and suggestive of modes of action in relation to the day of sacred rest, which, with the blessing of God, may, if duly carried out, lead to happy and unforeseen results.