

means that the human mind is capable of divising being brought into play to stay the mortal ravage of drunkenness. But it is necessary that the drink problem, like other important questions, be studied in all its different phases. The nature of this traffic and more particularly the nature of those who are addicted to liquor have to be thoroughly understood.

One undisputed fact is that an individual in any business let alone in the liquor business cannot be relied upon to do what is right by others. Even within the precincts of the law the proprietors of hotels have made and are making most outrageous moral and social sacrifices to further their own selfish ends. And with regard to the whiskey business, not only the proprietors but their patrons also have to be watched and guarded by the civic authorities, else a larger percentage of them would be ruined.

The principal means employed for the limitation of intemperance have been; first, Prohibition; second, the restriction of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks to licensed houses; third, exclusive control by the government.

Now experience with prohibitory legislation has brought into clear relief the fact that it is very doubtful whether it suppresses to any extent the consumption of whiskey. Especially where it is not supported by public opinion. Prohibition is totally impotent and establishes a condition of affairs much worse than does any other system. Private houses instead of public apartments are in many cases converted into bar-rooms. The club-room is made a rendezvous for those who wish to indulge in revelry and debauchery. Illicit selling is developed; the law is evaded in every possible way; and often under these restrictions men will drink to excess which they would not do if they had more liberty. Consequently, the real and effective prohibition resolves itself into a choice of licensed houses or government control.

When one considers the first method and knows the evil of which it is the direct cause, if God has given him even in the smallest measure the faculty of judging; if he has eyes to see and ears to hear of the atrocities perpetrated under the influence or as a consequence of whiskey; if he values to any extent domestic happiness, decent living, respectable character, physical, mental and moral health; if the faintest rays of civilization and christianity have penetrated and become part of his being; if he be not leagued with Satan in the spread of immorality, impurity and the damnation of souls, surely he will condemn in the most