

soul, in time and in eternity, which are caused in such prolific abundance."

All this is as true of high license as of low. The amount paid for a license does not alter its moral character, or the guilt of voting for it. Had Judas received not thirty pieces of silver but three thousand it would not have made his act morally right. "Be ye ashamed of your revenues because of the fierce anger of God."—Jeremiah 12:13. Millions of revenue can never atone for one ruined, lost man.

But to advance, I shall vote for Prohibition.

2nd. Because *license in its practical working has proved a failure*. This is not to be wondered at. Any principle inherently wrong will and must fail to do lasting good. Like produces like. A corrupt tree cannot bring forth good fruit. But we are not left to mere inference, however logical, on this matter. Have we not the bare and terrible facts on every side of us, proclaiming to us as with the voice of God, the impotence, for good, of license, high or low. The liquor traffic with all its poverty, wretchedness, crime and general demoralization in the world to-day, has become what it is under license. We point to the 800,000 drunkards of Christendom, and we say there is license for you. We point to the 180,000 that every year die the drunkard's death and go down to the drunkard's eternity, and we say, there's

license for you. We point to the \$3,000,000.000 yearly wasted on strong drink, and to all the consequent degradation and ruin, and again we say, there's license for you.

HOW LICENSE RESTRICTS.

Take England, how does license restrict there? In the September number of *The Monthly*, Rev. Mr. Ross tells us that the first license law in England was enacted about 1550, and it was only about 1724 that the drinking customs of England began seriously to effect the masses. Over four hundred License Acts, we are informed, have been adopted in England with the view of restricting the traffic. What does this mean? Just that the first License Act was tried and failed, and so the second, and the third, and the fourth, all the way unto the four hundredth. And still they go on amending the law, and the last is worse than the first, for the evil is acknowledged to be constantly and alarmingly increasing. Gen. Booth tells us of the three millions of paupers, and declares that "strong drink is the tap-root of all." The drink bill of England amounts every year to more than one hundred dollars for every family in the land! Mr. Goschen, Chancellor of the Exchequer, when presenting to the House of Commons his budget for 1889, said, "the figures show a universal rush to the beer barrel, spirit bottle, and the wine decanter." This is how license works in England. Scotland