

to show that they might continue lawfully to practise their nefarious acts of Sabbath desecration, assuming that "the free exercise and enjoyment of *religious* profession and worship guaranteed to them by the Constitution authorized revelry and licentiousness," but forgetting the fact that "the liberty of conscience hereby secured shall not be so construed as to excuse acts of licentiousness, or justify practices inconsistent with the peace or safety of this State."

It has been decided by the Supreme Court that "in the State of New York the Sabbath exists as a day of rest by common law, and without the necessity of legislative action to establish it; and all that the Legislature attempt to do in the 'Sabbath Laws' is to regulate its observance."

SUNDAY LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

"The open traffic in liquors on Sunday has for the most part ceased, and the public scandal and temptation to drunkenness is thus far removed. But there are not a few dram shops provided with back or side entrances still admitting the victims of intemperance to their debauch."

It is impossible within the narrow limits assigned to our Report to do anything like justice to the vast store of important facts and reasonings on the Civil and Sacred Sabbath contained in Document No. XXIV. of the New York Sabbath Committee. It is worthy of all commendation, and deserves to be read and pondered by all who prize their civil and religious liberties and love the Lord and His Sabbath.

CONCLUSION.

We must now reluctantly conclude.* Let us do so in the eloquent words, in one respect cheering, in another startling and alarming, of our highly respected cotemporary, the Society for Promoting the Due Observance of the Lord's Day, the leader in the glorious conflict with the powers of darkness in relation to the Sabbath. May she prosper more and more till these powers are discomfited:—

"In conclusion, your Committee would again point out the one eternal foundation of the Sabbath. Saith the judicious HOOKER, 'We are to account the sanctification of one day in seven a duty which God's immutable law doth exact for ever.' Resting on this foundation, although the waves of mammon and pleasure ever toss themselves against the Sabbath, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it. From the same quarters whence arise the storms that now assault God's word, have come the last attacks upon His day. The Sabbath was born of God's word, it will only die with it. God's day, like His word and His Church, may be despised, neglected, corrupted by the people of one land, until, like once evangelized Asia Minor, or Egypt, or North Africa, that land be again given up to heathenism and superstition; or until, like the land of Judah, the land alone keeps Sabbath, while its children are wanderers. But God's day, like His word and His Church, shall still flourish in other lands,

*We regret from pressure of Provincial matters of great importance, not having been able even to give a brief resumé of the doings on the continent of Europe and other lands, in respect to the Sabbath, according to use and wont.