

prevailed on to send representatives that will do it. Moreover, it is supposed that there may be hundreds of intemperate men themselves who would vote for such a law,—men who see the evil of their course, and their danger; men who desire to reform, but who have not strength to resist temptation, but who would feel that the brighter days of their early years would revisit them again, if the temptation were removed forever from their reach.

We may be told that it would be impossible to execute such a law in our Province, and especially in our great cities. That *may be*; but it is never to be *assumed* in this country that a law deliberately passed by the representatives of the people, and after it has been fairly before the minds of the people, cannot be executed. What law is there that has not been executed? What law is there that cannot be? The remedy for obnoxious laws in this land is not *resistance* but *change*; and it is always to be assumed by our legislators, and by the people, too, that a law *can* be executed, and that it *will* be executed, until the contrary is proved.

But it may be asked still, what if we fail; fail in getting the law; fail in its execution? I answer in the words of Lady Macbeth, "*We fail.*" So be it. We fail now. We fail in all our attempts to stop the progress of intemperance. We fail in moral suasion. We fail under the existing laws. We fail in all societies; by all appeals; by all arguments; by all methods of influencing the public mind; by all preaching and lecturing; by all parental counsel and by all the pourtraying of the wide-spread evils of intemperance. In all these things