

it right to preach justice, goodness, charity, and then vote to license a traffic that breaks hearts, desolates homes, and fills our land with poverty, misery and crime? To these questions there can be but one answer. To countenance a wrong is to do wrong. He who shelters a criminal is *particeps criminis*. Ignorance can no longer be urged as an excuse. The electric light of modern discussion has not only exposed the hideousness of the liquor monster, but it has also made clear to the individual voter, his heavy responsibility. God have mercy on the minister, the student, the church officer, or the member who on the first of January, by his ballot or his silence countenances this accursed business. Let the Christian tremble at the thought of "Framing mischief by a law."—Ps. 94:20. The tree that brings forth evil fruit is not to be trimmed, protected and beautified, but cut down and cast into the fire.—Matt. 7:19. Better is a little with right than great revenues without right.—Prov. 16:8. "Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood."—Hab. 2:12.

WHAT THE CHURCHES SAY.

"There can be no license of the liquor traffic without sin," is, in substance, the solemn official declaration of all the churches.

The Methodist Church says:—"We are unalterably opposed to all efforts to regulate the liquor traffic, by taxation or license, high or low. These afford no

protection from its ravages, but on the other hand, entrench it in the commonwealth, throws around it an artificial garb of respectability, and make the people partakers of, and responsible for the evils resulting therefrom."

The Baptist Church says:—"To regulate and sanction by the shield of law a system inherently evil is immoral."

The Congregational Church says:—"Christian people cannot, consistently, endorse a system which gives legal sanction to an evil, and this concedes its right to exist."

Bishop Baldwin, of the Episcopal Church, says:—"Whenever evil is discovered, it becomes the duty of the community, if possible, to remove it. I am a Canadian, born in Toronto, and I feel that I can wish my country no better happiness than that the whole liquor traffic should be swept away from the Atlantic to the Pacific."

The Presbyterian Church says:—"The general traffic in intoxicating liquors is contrary to the word of God, and the spirit of the Christian religion. No excuse can be offered of legalizing a traffic that is fruitful only in misery and crime."

Cardinal Manning, of the Roman Catholic Church, says:—"So long as the revenue is raised from intoxicating drinks, I hold that we are all partakers of the crime and misery, and the disease and cruelty, and the evils of body and