

invested in hotel, shed, stable, &c., or about a half rent; that is, if the great majority of farmers, tradesmen and business men in a township or county were paying \$1 each, which would be a small sum to pay for such accommodation as now goes ostensibly for nothing. If hotel keepers were to accept the money they would be in honor bound to control their business so as to prevent intemperance, Sabbath-breaking and such like evils in connection with it, as some have been known to do in great measure. If it should by and by appear that they cannot or will not do this; if law and order is not enforced or preserved; then let us have county prohibition, and offer the aforesaid money, or a larger sum, in lieu of compensation.

The people have no right to license a traffic which they cannot control; and I see no better way than to pay for accommodation as aforesaid, and so control it with the consent and co-operation of the hotel keepers themselves. The abuse of the traffic is much complained of. If that abuse cannot be stopped by those who sell the liquor, then the license should not be given. On the other hand, it is not very honorable to vote prohibition without in some way paying for the aforesaid accommodation. Does every one who votes prohibition take care to pay for water and shed?

Of course the first two or three Lodges could only give certain hotel keepers a list of members, and pay so much for the use of water, shed, &c. But as the movement enlarged the power would grow.

If hotel keepers, as a body, would have nothing to do with it, then perhaps arrangements could be made with church rulers for the use of church sheds. Perhaps water could be provided on the street or on church property. Perhaps comfort and eating, sitting and reading room could be found elsewhere than in the hotel. Must things go on as they are, or can something be done? If we would judge ourselves we would not be judged—1 Cor. 11, 31. The sixth vial is said to open the way for the kings of the east.—Rev. 16, 12. Shall we have no fear of such kings?

Ah well, *perhaps* Chinese and Japs
Are not of much account.

But there is one Unseen King of the East who will call us all to account. The proud wee meteors and great malignant stars may shine while it is night; but where will they be when the Sun rises? There are greater beings than mortal man in God's vast Universe.

THE END.