

against God and a crime against humanity, and then turn round and vote for the continuance of the traffic, or refuse to vote against it?

Is it right to pray to God to remove a certain evil, and then turn around and vote to build it up, strengthen and perpetuate it?

Is it right to pray, "Hallowed be thy name," and then vote to license that place where, above every other place, God's name is profaned?

Is it right to pray, "Thy Kingdom come," and then vote to license a traffic that is "contrary to the Word of God," and the chief hindrance to the progress of the Gospel at home and abroad?

Is it right to pray, "Lead us not into temptation," and then legalize temptation of the worst form?

Is it right to preach justice and charity, and then license a traffic that breaks hearts, desolates homes, and fills the land with poverty, misery and crime?

There can be but one answer to these questions. To license wrong-doing is wrong. We must not frame mischief by a law (Ps. 94: 20). The tree that brings forth evil fruit is to be, not protected, trimmed and beautified, but cut down and cast into the fire (Matt. 7: 19). Vice is not to be taxed but suppressed.

## Jerusalem Troubled.

I think of the blessed Lord revisiting the earth. He enters the bar-room. He sees and hears what is going on. He calls for its authority to damn souls. He is shown the license. He reads its words and places responsibility on the right shoulders. Out He goes, whip in hand, and takes a bee-line for the church. He finds it crowded, the usual Sunday work in full blast. His presence produces consternation in the crowd, but He starts in on them from pulpit to