

It is time to cry "Halt!" The cure is worse than the disease, and the disease remains.

"I ask," said Whelan, after pointing out the shameful sneaking, rascality, and perjury, fostered by the Maine law, and of which we have since had such a sample under our own, "I ask whether it would be more conducive to public morality that a man should be allowed to drink a glass of liquor honestly and openly before all men, or that he should take it at the expense of the violation of the law on the part of him who furnishes it, who will do so, though he have to lie and deceive."

And the lying is not all on one side, either.

But the corruption directly connected with an illegal traffic is not all.

Evil breeds evil.

We have had this brought home to our own door of late years. The nuisance of drunkenness was bad. To a great extent that is with us still. In addition we have about one half of a respectable community made to feel that they are law-breakers and criminals. The result might have been predicted. A flood of the most shocking immorality has broken out among high and low. To give instances would be idle, when the cases are of public knowledge.

What then is to be done?

Surely the first thing is to get back to the position from which we went astray; that is, to obtain the repeal of the abortive act. Then will come measures for the proper restriction, regulation, and inspection, of the liquor traffic; for such, as a dangerous business, it has been found to require

But let us get rid once for all of the idea that we can banish drunkenness, or any other sin, by Act of Parliament.

(B.) DRUNKENNESS AND THE CHURCH.

We have been speaking of the law, and the State. Is it not time to hear from the Church, and the Gospel?