

But in these latter years Science has been at work. She has stood patiently in the laboratory, she has perseveringly conducted her experiments, she has fearlessly tested her results—and to-day gives utterance to her calm, intelligent and authoritative conviction:—

(a) That Alcoholic Liquors are in no way necessary to persons in health, but that, on the contrary, Alcohol is an enemy to every vital healthy organism.

(b) That most cases of disease can be better treated without its use, and that, when taken as a medicine, it should always be on the most careful medical prescription.

(c) That if Alcohol as a beverage were entirely done away with, the health, life and happiness of the world would be immeasurably benefited.

And to-day there is no more efficient force at work in our favor than this same fearless and authoritative scientific exposure of the fallacies and dangers of the use of alcohol.

Old physicians are reforming their practice, younger students are coming up free from old errors, eminent scientists are speaking loudly and emphatically, medical journals are filling with keen and favorable discussions, and representative medical conventions are passing resolutions in favor of abstinence in health, and the strictest prescriptive care in cases of disease.

Surely there has been a noted change in this respect, and we have only seen the beginning. These are but the first blows of the keen-edged axe, which, in a little, will have been laid at the very root of the vast tree of ignorant and superstitious reverence for Alcohol as a healer.

6. *It has gradually made its way into the Statute-Book.*

Fifty years ago, and where were your prohibitory laws, your local option, and your constitutional amendments?

Bold, indeed, would have been the mind that conceived them, and bolder yet the legislator who would have advocated them.

Now, there is not an English-speaking legislative body in which more or less complete Prohibition has not been recognized and enacted into law. In 1854 the principle of Prohibition knocked at the door of the Parliament of Great Britain, was admitted, and straightway unloosed the greedy grasp of the Liquor Traffic from its unhallowed hold on the Sabbath of Scotland, and from that day on it has, in that country, been prohibited from its ravages for one day in seven.

In 1878 it again asked admission; its prayer was granted, and the Irish Sabbath was rescued from the polluting grasp, and has since remained so.

In 1881 the same was done for the Principality of Wales, and to-day the sentiment is rising in England which right