

## WHY DO LIQUOR-SELLERS OPPOSE PROHIBITION?

Because it is a failure? Certainly not. If Prohibition were a failure the liquor-sellers would not trouble to oppose it, because they know that when people found out its failure they would go back to the licensed bar. No! Brewers and their train oppose Prohibition because they know it is such a success, where enforced, that there is never any chance of the drink shop being reopened. Congressman John Connelly, of Kansas, says that Kansas is not ashamed of her prohibitory law because "she has only half the population of Missouri and twice the number of students in her university; she has 29 counties without an inmate in a poorhouse, and 18 counties without a poorhouse. Her entire State debt is less than 20 cents for each man, woman, and child, and she has half that amount laid away in her vault waiting for the debt to come due. She spent less than 1½ dollars last year on liquor per capita, but she spent over 15 million dollars to educate 400,000 boys and girls. On November 3rd, 528,000 citizens went to the poll to vote for Governor, and only one in every eleven voted for the candidate who was in favour of resubmitting the liquor question to the people. It is not an unknown thing in Kansas to-day to see towns of 2000 people, where once three police officers were thought to be necessary, now getting along with one, and this one finds his duties limited largely to supervising street improvements, moving the garbage from the back alleys, and prohibiting chickens and pigs from running at large."

Miss C. M. Bisson, who has been for seven years employed as speaker and visitor in connection with the Manchester W.C.T.U. Evangelistic Department, and came out with Mr Wesley Sprigg, under engagement to the N.Z. Alliance, to assist in the 1914 campaign, is at present staying with Mrs Lee-Cowie at Amethyst Hall, Invercargill. She hopes to attend the Convention at Christchurch as visiting delegate, but is anxious to visit as many branches of our Union as possible before returning to England. Any friends desiring to arrange meetings can do so by writing to Mrs Cowie immediately.

## BROTHERS AND SONS.

(By Douglas Mallach, the American Timber-man Poet.)

On a dirty floor at a slimy bar  
In the ante-room of hell,  
I have seen them stand with a devil's leer,  
I have heard the tales they tell;  
I have heard them brag of the brutish things,  
I have heard them boast of shame,  
Till I longed again for the Jewish God,  
For the God who smote with flame;  
And I wondered much if there lingered still  
Not a dream of boyhood land,  
Not a tender thought of a mother's kiss,  
Or a touch of a sister's hand.  
For we wander far, and the years go by,  
And the boyhood vision fades,  
Yet we are the sons of the mothers of men,  
And brothers of all the maids.

And it isn't out there, in the wilds alone  
That the souls of men forget;  
In the house of pride, on the polished stairs,  
Where the gilded ones forget.  
I have heard the tale that is often told  
On the dirty bar-room floor,

While the idle smiled, and the loungeer laughed,  
And the bestial asked for more.  
For the things we are are the things we are,  
Not the things in garments new;  
And the coat that fits is the tailor's coat,  
But the man inside is you.  
It is such as I, it is such as you,  
That have made the jests and jades—  
Yet we are the sons of the mothers of men,  
And brothers of all the maids.

Yea, the sons we are of a motherhood,  
Of a mother-love divine.  
And I cannot slander this mother of mine,  
If I do not slander mine.  
Yea, the brothers are of the sisterhood  
Of the sisters loved or lone,  
And you cannot slander the least and say  
That the world shall spare your own.  
For a woman's name and a woman's fame,  
They are sweet and frail as flowers,  
But the strength to shield and the arm to wield  
For the woman's name are ours.  
Let the God-made man keep his God-made trust  
Till his life's last twilight fades,  
For we are the sons of the mothers of men,  
And brothers to all the maids.

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