

CHAPTER IV

THE METHODS OF CONTROL ADOPTED DURING THE GREAT WAR

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INTRODUCTION.

DURING the course of the great war a large number of restrictions on the production and sale of alcoholic liquors were introduced in this country, and the effects on the sobriety of the nation were so remarkable that they are bound to exert a permanent influence on the course of all future temperance legislation. The social and economic results achieved during the latter part of the war will serve as a landmark, which it will be the object of reformers to reach again in future years by methods of procedure based to a considerable extent on the principles established by war-time control. This control took a number of different directions, which were applied at partly overlapping times and in gradually increasing strength, so that usually it is not possible to determine closely the relative degree of importance to be attached to each measure adopted. Nevertheless, we shall see that a good deal of disentanglement is possible, and we shall be able to prove