

humble estimation, he *must* adopt, if he would be guiltless. The spirit of benevolence on a much less important occasion, was ready to make a much greater sacrifice, when it said "Wherefore if meat maketh my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh, while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend."* How we ask again can you refuse to adopt a measure which merely requires you to part with that, which is confessedly useless, and confessedly dangerous to yourselves? Till this be adopted, what security have you that you will not yourselves become intemperate? A wiser than us all, has said "He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool." How can you, after all that you have heard, of the treacherous ingredients of the exhilarating glass, place it daily on your table, and then daily pray without presumptuous mockery, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from all evil."?

What security have you that your *children* who daily see ardent spirits recommended by your own example, in whose minds it is linked with every association of agreeable company, hilarity, and good breeding, that your children whose tastes may be daily trained to the love of liquor, by participation in the social cheer, shall not yet become intemperate, and bring down your grey hairs with sorrow to the grave?—Be not deterred by the sneers of the inconsiderate—by the song of the drunkard—by the dread of breaking thro' established usage—by the fear of violating the rights of hospitality—or the difficulty of finding workmen, who will labour without the inspiration of drink. Explain to the inconsiderate, that his prejudices arise from ignorance. Tell the drunkard that his opprobrium, is a good man's honour. The perversions of established usage, seek to correct. To the sacred rites of hospitality invite no person, who cannot live without ardent spirits. Employ no man to climb your mast, to work at your forge, or till your lands, who will not do it, without the stimulus of drink. Experience has proved, that labourers in abundance, and of the best description can be obtained without the customary administration of strong drink.

Impressed with the sentiments and views developed in the foregoing pages, a few of the friends of Temperance, in Montreal, have formed themselves, into a Society called "the Montreal Society for the promotion of temperance." Its members have subscribed a promise, that they will abstain from the use of ardent spirits, except as a medicine, that, they will banish them from their families, that, they will not give them to persons employed by them, and that they will use their influence to discourage their use among their friends. They have instructed their Committee, to appeal to the sense of the community, upon the subject, to lay before them such statements as may enlighten them, where ignorant, and rouse them, where slumbering over the evils of this giant-wickedness. The committee have so far attempted to discharge their duty. They cannot but believe there is virtue enough, in the community to bring up to their assistance, many persons from all ranks in society, and that when the truth upon this subject is exhi-

* I. Corinthians. VIII. 13.