

are not monks, but soldiers; and various are the exhortations God gives them in their militant attitude. "Fight the good fight of faith." "Quit you like men: be strong." "Be in nothing terrified by your adversaries."

As Christians about to enter again this winter on a conflict in behalf of order and temperance, let me therefore, dear brethren, exhort you to these duties, pressed emphatically on our attention by the events of last week and subject of this day's discussion.

1. Let us all be stirred up to increased earnestness in *preaching Christ*. Faith in Him can alone save society and make a temperate, peaceable, orderly people of us. Let us not place too much dependence on Acts of Parliament: they can never alone reform a people. It is Christ and Him crucified that can alone crucify people to the world, (and this craving too strong in our county for drink) and the world to them. Let us hold up Christ in our pulpits, Sabbath schools and families as the only foundation of temperance and social reformation. The battle of temperance must be fought there.

2. Let us show a *patient* spirit in the face of the ill-will we are sure to get for daring to speak the truth. "Consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." You remember, perhaps, the lines with which we were wont in school-days to comfort our hearts when our school-mates called us names:

"Sticks and stones will break our bones,  
But names will never hurt us."

There is not much poetry, but there is good philosophy in the couplet.

3. Let us honestly, at home and abroad, *practise temperance principles*. You have often been told from this pulpit that it is the duty of Christians, in the state of matters around us, to have no connection in any way whatever with the drinking usages of society. Some might regard these views as extreme; but you see how these things are drifting—you see how God is drawing the lines. Will you not hear the logic of facts? Will you not hear His loud call? "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, and I will receive you." Listen, therefore, to the voice of His providence, if you won't listen to the voice of His ministers.

4. Let us *persevere* in our conflict, on the platform of civil law, with strong drink. Some have been getting discouraged, and no wonder, with the spectacle that was meeting your eyes week after week in the county town. The enemies of the temperance cause have been all along working so as to bring the law into disrepute, and thus prepare for