

ignorant majority? I know it. But in this case not only does the majority ask that these houses should be shut, but in that majority you have the industry, intelligence, and virtue of the land. In this struggle, it is the publicans, and sinners, *versus* the patriots, and Christians; the avaricious, ignorant, and the sensual, *versus* the generous, the intelligent, and good.

If, then, this evil is condemned by God's Law,—by the principles of our national constitution, and by the will of the people,—I ask, with earnest iteration, Why is it permitted to continue? I believe the true answer is, because of the ignorance, and apathy, of the Christian Church. By God's grace, the Church has become so strong in this country, that there is no evil existing within it, which, if she would but unite, and put forth her strength, she cannot sweep away; and the people know this, and hold her responsible for their continuance. Especially is it so in this case. Take a case or two in proof.

A minister of my own Church spoke one Sunday evening to a drunken man, and remonstrated with him. He replied, "I know I'm wrong; when I leave home in the morning, I do not intend to get drunk, but the public-houses are open. I get past one or two, but they are too many for me; I go in, and then it is all over with me." And then, with the energy of deep feeling, he said, "If the great folk want to keep us poor folk sober, they should shut up the traps that catch us." And this is the common feeling of the working-men.

Hear, also, the taunt of a leading infidel to the same effect. He says: "The working-men are cursed by these open hell-holes; they don't want them; they know that hundreds and thousands of their fellows are ruined by them: but they are powerless to close them. The guilty parties are the Scribes and the Pharisees. They have the power, but won't use it. They say, 'If you will not be saved in