

men, the alluring pleasures of drink that meet you at every step, prove too much for poor human frailty, and as a necessary consequence many alas ! fail, some never to rise again.

Our cause is a just cause, and every motive that is grand and noble and inspiring—every motive suggested by faith, by charity, by patriotism, appeals to you to make that cause your own.

As Catholics, you should aid the cause of Temperance. Temperance is a virtue, and Total Abstinence is its surest safeguard. What a power for good is not the example of sober Catholics? As Catholics, you are taught that when a man finds by sad experience that the use of intoxicating liquor almost invariably leads him to its abuse, he is bound under pain of mortal sin to fly from this proximate occasion of offending his God. Again, the Catholic Church has ever been the fruitful mother of souls, willing to make a sacrifice of self for the good of their neighbors. There are, of course, amongst us many who, for the sake of their weak and erring brethren, practise total abstinence. But what grand results might not be obtained were their numbers increased a hundred-fold or more ! What a strong motive too in favor of Total Abstinence, is suggested by our faith, our love for Christ suffering on the cross ! He underwent the torture of a cruel thirst to atone for the excesses of the intemperance of men. Will not the fervent members of our congregation, the fervent Catholics of this entire city, honor that sacred thirst, and by voluntary mortification of the taste, share in the sufferings of the Man-God, and make a salutary reparation for the numerous sins of Intemperance committed by our people ?

Even as men, the Temperance cause appeals to