

such as you manifesting such a spirit of apathy and indifference to the cause you have espoused. That the meetings being thinly attended is owing to you and such as you neglecting to fill up your places at those meetings, and refraining from striving to persuade others to attend. That the addresses are uninteresting, I deny ; but when a spirit of lukewarmness possesses the mind of any one in any cause whatever, it is impossible for that person to relish the intellectual food provided for him with such avidity as he did when he was zealous and ardent in the cause he had embraced. Now, Richard, I speak plainly but affectionately. Do not be offended. Rouse you ! Put on the zeal of your first love ! Let not the blame lie at your door ; and, depend upon it, that if you and such as you act your parts as you ought to do, this grievance will be removed ; and you will be amply compensated in the pleasure of feeling that you have done your duty.

Richard.—I believe, Samuel, you are right. I have shamefully neglected my duty ; and the blame rests chiefly upon myself and others like me ; but I will begin again, and throw all my energies into the temperance movement, and no longer be a stumbling-block in the way of its prosperity.

Samuel.—Now, “ Richard’s himself again ! ” as Shakespeare says. Carry out the resolution that you have now expressed ; and never let gloom and despondency get the mastery over you, and cause you to relax your energies, but boldly meet all difficulties, and be determined to battle with iniquity in whatever shape it may appear. But you have some other grievance, let us dissect the next, and see what it is composed of.

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