

alone? It touches every part of his nature. The Liverpool stipendiary magistrate, Mr. Aspinall, says, "We shall never do anything as we ought for putting down drunkenness until we teach everybody that it is a sin, and a crime." You must not cover it up with smooth words, such as "three sheets in the wind," "a drop too much," "a little overtaken." Don't you see that all these are so many self-delusions? God does not talk about it in that way. He says, "No drunkard shall enter the kingdom of heaven." Look at the poor wretches—tottering along, trembling, paralysed!—their reason dethroned; their consciences seared: until the man sinks lower than the beasts, and allows his children to perish; or imbrues his hands with the life-blood of her whom he has sworn to protect and cherish! It is only seen in all its heinousness and magnitude by the eye of the Omniscient One. It touches all interests. I scarcely know which to dwell on first. Take Commerce, and see how drunkenness affects that. 150 millions of our money are turned into this channel—say one half of it spent in drunkenness, and other half in moderation. You have here 75 millions spent in drunkenness. Is not that a national calamity? Are we not all interested in it? Can we spend our money in two things? The boy who buys a top for a penny cannot spend his penny in marbles; the man who buys a hat for 15s. cannot buy a 15s. pair of shoes with the same money. But do the men who buy hats and shoes stand on an equal ground with those who buy alcoholic drink? Not a bit of it. He who spends 15s. in drink wants more, and yet "more!" Is that so with the other articles? Does a man buy a pair of boots, and get into a state of incessant unrest until he obtains another pair? Does any wife go to her neighbour with a care-worn, anxious, tearful face, and say, "Oh, my poor husband is on the spree—buying boots and shoes!" Does the other woman say, "Just like my man