woes? That be far from us, Lord. Let thy wise counsels be our only rule—our constant companion for ever !

Seeing, then, that these things are so, what is the duty of the Christian Church in reference to intoxicating drinks? Many, very many of the noblest in the Church and in the land have determinedly set their face against this terrible evil. But why should not every individual Christian and every Christian Church take the same noble stand? Then the time would speedily come when iniquity as ashamed would hide its face, and righteousness would flow down our streets like a mighty stream.

Alcohol is certainly Satan's surest, keenest sword, by which he slays his tens of thousands year by year. By it he nerves the assassin's hand and lights the incendiary's torch. By it he destroys the magic of the statesman's voice, and hurls him into an untimely grave. By it he sends the physician staggering to the couch of the dying, and the preacher of the gospel to a drunkard's doom. By it he banishes love and happiness from our sacred homes, and fills them with brutal scenes of violated faith. By it he has deluged our land with vice and crime, and peopled our prisons with wretched wrecks of humanity. By it he squanders the millions of money that should send the gospel to the ends of the earth. Shall we, then, O Church of the living God, form any alliance with this king of evils? Nay; we dare not hesitate or hold back, for we hear those burning, warning words—"Curse ye Meroz, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not up to the help of the Lord—to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Watchman on Zion's towers, the blood of the fallen may be required at your hand. Therefore, "Cry aloud, and spare not. Tell Judah her transgressions and Israel her sins," that Zion may awake and put on her beautiful garments —that, purged from this terrible iniquity, she may go forth to the conquest of the world for King Jesus, "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."