

strong holds of antichrist. If political "union be strength," and nerve the arm that wields the sceptre of civil power, and, the sword of progressive conquest, then, must *Evangelical union* give security and success to *Evangelical enterprise*. We desire, Brethren, to cultivate, and to see you, in all your intercourse with others, as you can, without a compromise of principle, cultivating that unity of feeling and effort, in the great work of your calling, and profession which is so clearly imposed in Holy Writ.

The subject of abstinence from all that can intoxicate, is one of too much importance to be passed by in our address to you. Recent events have transpired which renders it imperative for every true philanthropist to be awake, and at work. Indifference on this subject, we view to be little less criminal than actual opposition to the principles, while not less than 40,000 drunkards, in this Province and Lower Canada, are reeling to a fearful retribution; and their ranks being constantly filled from the now no more respectable portions of community. It is our firm, and decided opinion, that we should not only not use intoxicating drinks ourselves, but that we should use every possible legitimate means to prevent their use in others. This can best be done by an identification with the general movement in favor of their entire disuse, as a beverage.

Finally, Brethren, as *Methodists*, we would urge you to observe our rules, one, and all to live according to the recommendations and exactions of our excellent Discipline: else you impair our economy, and weaken that bond of unity so essential to your happiness—and the stability and prosperity of the church—Remember, "a house divided against itself cannot stand;" and that it "must needs be that offences will come, but woe unto him by whom they do come."