

number who have come to the conclusion that it cannot be right has increased in proportion as the subject has been examined in the light of Christ's spirit and aim, and the influence of the great law of love, until now, in some places, at least, a majority are prepared to sacrifice personal prejudices and vote, as Christian citizens, that this ruinous traffic must cease. We have not the ballot—we may not vote, but we can pray—and by-and-by, when the franchise shall have been extended to us, I trust we will be true to our convictions, and so "vote as we pray." Do we realize that this traffic in strong drink causes the waste of more than three thousand million dollars per year in Christian countries? The cost to Great Britain is about seven hundred millions—twice as much as the cost of bread, twelve times as much as the education of her people, and twenty times as much as can be obtained to give the Gospel to the nations in obedience to the direct command of Christ. In a special number of the organ of the Methodist Temperance Committee attention is drawn to the fact that there are twice as many known drunkards in Great Britain as there are members of the Wesleyan Church, and that every week far more persons become drunkards than become Methodists. During the past four years there have been thirty million gallons of spirits poured into Africa, and the consumption of alcoholics in India has doubled in ten years.

In view of these facts and figures, is it not the duty of Christians to come to the help of the Lord in this matter? "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." God holds communities and individuals responsible, and deals with them according to their opportunities for knowing His will. May our eyes be fully opened to our responsibility and our privilege, and while we labor for the overthrow of Satan's kingdom and the complete and speedy destruction of the accursed liquor traffic, let us with stronger faith send up the prayer, "Thy kingdom come."

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