

APPENDIX A.

The Evils of Intemperance and its Cure,

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I would not wish to be considered, my Reverend Brethren, as in any degree responsible for the title of the Paper assigned to me, on this occasion. "The Evils of Intemperance and its Cure" is indeed, too wide a subject for discussion in the limited time at my disposal. Nor do I deem it within my ability, to suggest a cure for an evil, to subdue which, has proved so impossible a task for the most able and zealous. Strictly speaking, indeed, and reckoning intemperance as a sin, we must regard Christianity and its practice, as the Divine Remedy, and the true method of meeting this evil is by so faithful a labouring among men, that the grace of God may be widely shed abroad. I wish this principle to be considered as lying at the foundation of all that I am about to say, and I may add, that I believe the secret of very many failures in this work lies in this, that men have overlooked too often the necessity for God's restraining and directing grace,—have fancied themselves equal to the task of subduing sin by their own unaided efforts. They have copied St. Paul in saying "I can do all things," but they forget to add, as he adds, "through Christ which strengtheneth me."

In the presence of so many who have been called to watch for men's souls, I make no apology for entering upon the consideration of this subject.

Every one of our number can add his testimony to the truth of the assertion, that no sin more widely hinders the progress of the Gospel than does the sin of Intemperance, arising from the excessive use of Intoxicating Drinks. Assuming this to be