

oppose, or reject it. Through pride of opinion, perhaps, often expressed; and from an aversion to seeming ever to fall into any error or mistake, they still refrain from granting their countenance or support to the movement, although now convinced of its beneficial effects.

Those who oppose or neglect the Temperance movement, on the asserted ground, that the principles, and the means and ministrations of *religion*, form the only warrantable remedy, have already been noticed. Their *mistaken* views in regard to the spirit and principles of *pure* and *practical* Christianity, as bearing on the subject, have been briefly, but plainly stated, and exposed. Nothing further, therefore, need here be said, in regard to the objections of that class of persons. They are still very numerous among religious professors, in general, and by no means few, even in the sacred ministry itself. Large numbers of these, it may well be believed, will never be induced, voluntarily, to adopt the total abstinence principle, and grant their active support to the movement.

But, probably, by far the most numerous, and, certainly, the most active and influential body of persons, viewed as a class, who are determinately opposed to the Temperance movement, are those, who, in one form or other, are *interested* in the *making* and *vending* of the intoxicating drinks; or who, from some other cause, conclude, that it is for their pecuniary profit to countenance and encourage their sale and use. It is abundantly manifest, that the present age is one in which the spirit of *mammon*, or the ardent desire after *worldly gain*, is almost universally prevalent, throughout all classes and pursuits in society. Particular proofs, on this point, need not here be adduced, the truth of it is, on every hand, so continually made palpable, to every observing and reflecting mind. This selfish and worldly spirit, while retained and indulged, must, from its very nature, extinguish, or keep down, every enlarged and truly benevolent feeling; and to a great extent also, many other moral considerations and motives. It is, therefore, not at all surprising, that all those who are directly, or indirectly interested in the making and vending of the intoxicating drinks, should more or less actively oppose the Abstinence movement. Their occupations are, of course, directly opposed to it. These classes, with their families, and those in their employ, form a very numerous portion of the population, in nearly every civilized country. Being so directly under the influence of the selfish spirit