

enterprize has lived and prospered notwithstanding. These pleaders for Baal have, one after another, failed in their opposition, and so far as the subject of Temperance is concerned, have sunk into their deserved obscurity. In the glorious success of the onward movement, they have been well nigh forgotten, for

‘Lethæan gulfs receive them as they fall,  
And dark oblivion soon dissolves them all.’

Even the famous Bull of Bishop Hopkins, sent forth to warn those of the *wickedness of their way*, who were, poor souls, in their ignorance and impiety, arduously pursuing their work of Mercy, by saving as many human beings as possible from the Maelstrom of Intemperance; even this proved an abortion, and having ‘descended to the tombs of the capulets,’ I began to indulge the fond hope, that the enterprize would in future be left to pursue its kind and active purposes, if unassisted, yet unmolested, by high toned Clergymen and professors of the Saviour’s Religion. But it was a delusive dream. Another minister and some of his flock are greatly, greatly disturbed at these ceaseless efforts against Intemperance. A ‘strong one’ has just sprung into the path, out of his thicket at Brockville. His weapons of war are fearfully displayed, and if the enterprize dares to proceed the result must be of a most shuddering character. This modern Samson, *blind* though he be, is making a most desperate effort to get hold of the pillars of the ‘Temperance fabric; and should he in his gropings chance to find them, and his strength prove sufficient for the task, rather than not succeed he will perish with ourselves beneath its ruins. If any inquire ‘who is this deadly foe of the Temperance Society? Himself shall tell you in his ‘Sermon.’ He is a ‘Spiritual Councillor,’ a ‘Divinely commissioned Ambassador’ of Christ. But why is so *sacred*, so elevated a personage, so decidedly arrayed against so innocent, so useful and so *scriptural* a means of effecting great and unspeakable good? Is it because there is neither Selfishness nor drunkenness in the Parish of St. Peters or the world that he must needs fall foul of benevolence and sobriety? Or is it because ‘dancing’ and other ‘festivities’ are much in vogue in that parish, and as these ‘sports’ are usually in close alliance with the *use* of ‘Wine and Strong Drink,’ if not *dependant* thereon, therefore the Rev. Gentleman’s *conscience will not* allow him to administer any other than the ‘Sacramental Pledge? Or, has the encresing