

and to look at it thus will explain many of the apparent anomalies of our condition here ; all therefore that tends to hinder this work of education injures us. He considered that the cause of temperance was much injured by the lax views held by many really good and worthy men regarding it, and the flippant, jocose way in which lapses into inebriety were alluded to. Everyone had a sacred duty to perform in regard to this matter, not only to himself but to his fellows. It is very difficult to define just where intemperance begins—what would not hurt one man in the least, would render another hopelessly intoxicated—for himself, he, the speaker, believed the best and only safe way was for a man to be a total abstainer. He did not wish to be dogmatic on the point. Let each man thoughtfully decide for himself what was really the best way to combat this terrible evil, and if he found a better one than total abstinence, by all means let him try it. It might be urged by some that they had tried to overcome the habit of intemperance in themselves ; had become total abstainers, but had failed. It was not enough to sign a pledge unless a man had within him that power which would enable him to keep it, the power of God, which would be given to all who earnestly and believingly surrender themselves to Him.

The closing address to business men was given on Friday, Nov. 8th, on the words spoken by St. Peter when asked by our Lord if they too would leave Him—"Lord to whom shall we go?"—Mr. Aitken showed very forcibly the utter inability of anything short of Christ Himself, satisfying man's spiritual nature, and the futility of seeking satisfaction in anything else, and dwelt upon the fact of His loving willingness to receive any who came to Him, and satisfy all the deepest needs of their being.

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These meetings, originally arranged for one week, were continued for a second at the earnest request of many of those attending. While it is a matter of great regret that so comparatively few availed themselves of this opportunity of hearing the earnest words, on those important matters, of one of such long and varied experience, yet there is no doubt that those who daily snatched a few minutes from their business claims, derived great benefit and material help from these addresses.

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