

delusion; that you cannot succeed in business without lying, It is a good deal better for you to be right with God, then He will take care of you. He will stand by you in the time of trouble if you stand up on His side; He will never leave you. We want a Christianity that we can carry into daily life. If a man is not a better business man for being a Christian, I doubt his Christianity. If he is not more consistent in his daily walk, if Christ has not delivered him from doing mean, contemptible things, from a mean, contemptible temper, and from the mean habit of misrepresenting things, then he has not got the Christ of the Bible. He was without guile; and if we have got the Spirit of Christ, we must put on Christ.

There is another vice that a great many more people think there is no deliverance from, and that is *strong drink*. One thing that made me take this subject to-night was *I met a lady last night in the inquiry-room who was under the influence of liquor*. If ever I mourned over any person it was over this lady,—an educated, accomplished lady, yet she was under the influence of strong drink, And she seemed to think there was no deliverance. She says that she has resolved she won't drink, but her will is so weak that she cannot resist. If she is here to-night I hope she will not be discouraged. Let me tell her that Christ is able to give her the victory. It was when we were without strength that Christ died for us. He can turn your appetite and give you victory over the infernal cup if you come to Him for strength. No doubt there are many who have resolved to give up the drink; they have tried and failed, and tried and failed. Let me say, my friends, that if you will give up trying, and flee right to Christ and say, "Lord Jesus, keep this appetite of mine: hold me with Thy mighty power," He will do it. He has got

the power. If He could speak a word into existence, surely He can save the poor drunkard. He can save the weakest and most abandoned in all London. Nothing is too hard for the Lord. Thank God there is a Saviour who is mighty to save. He can give the poor woman power to hurl the infernal cup from her. "Oh Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself, but in Me is thine help." When will we learn the lesson that our help is in another, and not in ourselves? When will we learn to get done trying to fight with the devil?—we are no match for him. That old dragon from hell, as he is called—why, we cannot meet him, A little child might as well try to meet a lion, as for us to meet the lion of hell. But thank God! we have an elder brother who is able to conquer him. He met him at Calvary. There was a battle fought there, and when Jesus cried, "It is finished," it was the shout of victory. He had overcome the lion of hell. And if I flee to Him I am able to get the victory. I have heard of a little boy who was coming home from school, and a bigger boy wanted to fight with him. But the little boy said, "You stay till I get my big brother." He went for his big brother, and away went the other boy. We are no match for Satan; let us not attempt to fight him, but let us go to our elder brother, the Lord Jesus Christ, and He will give us power. He can deliver the lawful captive. May God deliver every poor captive here to-night. I suppose there is not a Christian man here but knows a great many weaknesses that he could call up from those who have been slaves to drink, but have been saved by the Lord Jesus Christ. Did you ever hear of a man who came to Christ,—who threw himself right into Christ's arms, but He was able to deliver him? He can deliver from the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, from every sin, I don't