

to continue ourselves to use even moderately, stimulants and narcotics, contributes to strengthen our neighbour in the same practice: and he falls a sacrifice to intemperance. It needed, perhaps, only our example of total abstinence, to have saved him from ruin: but that example was on the other side, and it helped to smother the cries of reason, and to repress the throes of conscience. No wonder the Bible pronounces a woe upon him, who gives his neighbour strong drink, and puts his bottle to him, and makes him drunken also. Let it be remembered, that this may be done by example, as well as in any other way.

By his example, he contributes to uphold a practice, which brings an annual expense upon his fellow countrymen, of more than 100,000,000 of dollars; and thus to reduce to extreme poverty and wretchedness, from 50,000 to 100,000 families; and not less than 150,000 individuals to pauperism: And to shut up 50,000 men annually in the debtor's prison: And to send out 90,000 murderers, robbers, incendiaries, thieves, and the like, to make havoc in society: And to render from 300 to 500 thousand citizens habitual drunkards: And annually to make a draft upon the temperate part of the community, for 30 or 50 thousand recruits, to fill up the wasting ranks of drunkenness: And to pour out upon the land, such a flood of corruption and profligacy, as seriously to degrade, and threaten with utter ruin, her social, intellectual, political, and moral character.

Now is there any thing in all this list, which a man would wish to have his neighbour do unto him? any thing that does not directly violate the law of Christian love? But this is not all, nor the worst: for the man who abstains not entirely from these stimulants is giving the weight of his example in support of an evil, that sends prematurely into eternity from 30 to 50 thousand of his countrymen every year that is, from 500 to 1000 every week; or from 70 to 140 every day.

Ah, my friends, this part of the subject possesses a momentous interest, and takes hold upon the retributions of eternity. For what is it to go into eternity, a drunkard? *Be not deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolators, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.* Oh, it is fearful responsibility to exert even a feeble and remote influence, in thus precipitating such a multitude of souls, "uncalled," upon the uncovenanted mercy of God! Let no one forget, that human laws inflict an equal punishment on the accessory and the principal; and that the sanctions of the Divine Law are the same. How can he, then, who has been accessory to the drunkard's ruin on earth, hope to escape the drunkard's doom in eternity!