

give their strong moral support to the cause, by joining with me in this promise to abstain.

I willingly admit, however, that every one must act freely and conscientiously in the matter. I do not wish to impose this restriction upon any save by his own free choice. I do not wish to make a law on the subject,—it is a matter rather for exercise of Christian liberty.

Legislation cannot wholly reform this evil, though it may diminish it; nor can diocesan canons effect the cure of intemperance. The grace of God can alone accomplish any result that is worth speaking of, and this grace may employ such means, as those of which I have been speaking, to carry out and bring to pass the end which is desired.

I know, Reverend brethren, but little of your sentiments on this matter, but I am at least confident that you will join me in a prayer that we may be able to meet more successfully for the future this giant Intemperance. It is giving the bodies of thousands to be food for corruption before their time. Eternity only can tell the ruin which is being worked among the souls of men by the same agency. Let us remember that no human effort can avail to stem the torrent of evil; it can only be encountered successfully by meeting it, as David met Goliath, "in the name of the Lord of Hosts."

Let me urge you to take a more decided stand in reference to it than you have taken hitherto. If you approve of what I have offered, then bear a helping hand in carrying out some effort. If you differ from me honestly and conscientiously, then I say, without bitterness, "go to the same work in the way which to you seems best," only work—work—work—lest the enemy come down like a flood, and sweep away the ground from beneath our feet. To leave the evil alone, because we despair of doing much, will be a fatal mistake, for in a matter of this kind, the rescue of one soul is of vast importance.

Into many questions arising on this subject it is quite impossible for me to enter. More cogent reasons for the adoption of my views may perhaps be offered, and difficulties which I have not anticipated may be suggested. I confess, however, that I am looking forward with no small degree of interest to