

standeth, take heed lest he fall," remembering how many, once as strong and virtuous as he, have yielded to temptation, and sunk beyond recovery, through tampering with drink, and be wise in time !

He, then, that will wrap himself up in his selfishness, and drink, and say, "If men will have liquor, let them have it !" imperils his own dearest interests by so doing. He gives his voice in favour of a traffic that lives upon the vices and the miseries of mankind, and that *may* yet render him seven fold into his bosom for all his sinful indifference in regard to it. He is "sowing the wind ;" what if he "reap the whirlwind" ?

These thoughts upon this subject may not be considered inopportune just now when popular sentiment in Ontario, at least, has so far made itself felt in the Local Parliament as to cause it to appeal to the Dominion Legislature (in whom the power alone is said to reside), to prohibit the traffic altogether. That appeal was agreed to by some of the members, doubtless, as an easy method of getting rid of a very difficult and

troublesome question. But it is surely a "sign of the times" to see such a step taken, and to find the Select Committee of the Dominion Parliament, to which it was referred, reporting favourably of the proposal. "The watchman saith, The morning cometh."

Our readers will not suppose that we think the victory won. Nay, the action of the Legislatures just alluded to, is only the signal for a fiercer and more determined struggle between the opposing forces that are. Let, then, every Christian man and woman be found on the side of temperance, every one true as steel to the principle of abstinence, and self denial for the sake of others, and *for the sake of Christ*. Let especially "the priests, the ministers of the Lord," feel the claims of this subject upon them personally, and upon their time and energies, and give themselves more heartily and hopefully to the advocacy of it in the pulpit, and on the platform, and through the press, and the victory cannot be long delayed. "The Lord of Hosts is with us !"

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THE LABRADOR MISSION AGAIN.

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For reasons stated in the *Canadian Independent* last fall the Ladies' Missionary Society of Zion Church decided reluctantly to give up the Labrador Mission. In accordance with this decision they sent Mr. Robinson, this summer to the coast,

with directions to dispose of the Mission buildings and furniture. Mr. Robinson sailed in the beginning of June, and on his arrival wrote back to the President of the Society telling of the bitter disappointment of the people on hearing that the mission was to be given up, and of their willingness to make every possible effort if the Society would