

rewarded by having her child's heart to beat responsive to her own ; and so, what reward does God offer to love? What but love—Himself! What reward can He hold out to the man who "hungereth after righteousness" better than that "he shall be filled" with perfect righteousness ; for "the Lord loveth righteousness," and giveth us what He loves. It is true that there are to be "new heavens and a new earth," and a world in every respect suited to meet the wants of man as a sentient, intellectual, active, and social being. I believe that there shall be such lights there for the eye, and such melodies for the ear, such a display of material beauty and magnificence as earth but faintly foreshadows. I believe that there will be works given us to do,—works suited to our natures and redeemed powers,—and that the imagination and the intellect of man will then have a grasp and scope for the exercise, to which our present state is as childhood compared to philosophic manhood. I believe, too, that we shall enjoy the society of the good, gathered from all countries and ages ; but I also believe that this will be the grand characteristic of the new heavens and the new earth, that "there-eth righteousness."

DR. CUYLER ON THE DUTY OF TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

It has been asserted that the use of intoxicating beverages is in itself neither morally wrong nor morally right but is a "matter of indifference." A man may use alcoholic liquors without doing any wrong, or he may let them alone without any virtue in the act of refraining. The question of drinking, or not drinking, often involves no more guilt or goodness than the question of getting up before sunrise or after sunrise in the morning!

Brethren, I solemnly protest that a question which practically involves the salvation or the damnation of millions is not to be "whistled down the wind" in this summary fashion. I ask you, is it an indifferent matter whether you violate

God's law against intoxicants written on your bodily constitutions? Is it a matter of indifference to go against the whole tenor of God's Word? Is it a matter of indifference to partake of that which doth bite like a serpent and sting like an adder? It is a matter of indifference for you, fellow-Christians, to give your sanction and example in favor of those drinking-customs which are cursing society and crowding hell with their victims? The proposition that the drinking of a glass of alcoholic intoxicant involves no moral right or moral wrong, strikes directly at God's law written on our bodies, and the law of self denial written in his book. There is not a grog-seller in Brooklyn who would ask to have his dramshop-door set open wider than that proposition!

Again, it is often said that as the use of alcoholic beverages is intrinsically a matter of "indifference," it may be left to every man's conscience to decide. Individual conscience then becomes the arbiter. In reply to this postulate, I affirm that it is as much the duty of every man to regulate his conscience by the teachings of God on our bodies and in his book, as it is to regulate his watch by the movements of the sun. But suppose that a man's conscience save him from the consequences of his acts?

Sixty years ago, there was an eminent clergyman in New Jersey who used wine in order to arouse his nervous sensibilities while in the pulpit. He conscientiously believed that he could preach more eloquently and impressively while under the influence of alcoholic stimulant. But he soon found that he must increase the amount of his dram in order to quicken his jaded powers, and, before he was aware, he had fallen into drunkenness and public disgrace! He afterward repented in dust and ashes, and was restored to his ministerial office as a total abstainer. Now, this Christian minister followed the guidance of his deluded conscience it threw him squarely against a divine law as immutable as the law of gravitation. And this may be the wretched fate of any man who does not enlighten his moral sense by the clear teachings of God and of human experience. Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil ; that put darkness