

guilty of this heartless neglect, all its consequences must fall with crushing weight. Not the least of these will be the widow's sigh, the orphan's tear, and the broken heart of the drunkard's wife and mother. Having neglected to perform acts of mercy and kindness to their brethren, will be the condemning charge against those on the left hand of the Judge, on the "Great Day." "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me."

On the other hand, if professed Christians "show their faith by their works;" if they discharge with faithfulness their threefold duties, first to their God, secondly to their fellow beings, and lastly to themselves; if they labour to secure those who stand, save those who are falling, and raise up the fallen; if they assuage the widow's sorrow, wipe away the orphan's tear, and bind up the broken heart;—what a glorious reward will be theirs! These acts will be accepted by the Great Judge, as though they had been done to himself. "Inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me."

In conclusion:—Let us all be wise to secure our own salvation, not only from the sin of drunkenness, but from all sin; from its power, its guilt, and its punishment. Let us also be wise to win the souls of others. "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament: and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars of the firmament, forever and ever."

