

sures for resisting to the utmost the potent foe? if they should associate together and resolve to dispute every inch of the enemy's progress, by every *lawful* means within their power? and if they should press upon all the duty of refraining from assisting the foe in any way; and of uniting heartily with them in effecting his utter dislodgment and overthrow? Assuredly such a course of conduct would be most reasonable—would be a necessary duty. Excitement there ought to be. And excitement must rise high indeed to be commensurate with the greatness of the evil. To effect any thing important, the *interest* taken must be deep and practical, as well as extensive. What then must be thought of persons who in full view of the dread and accumulated evils inflicted and inflicting on mankind by tyrant Alcohol, manifest no excitement, and take no proper interest in the general safety of those who are rather disposed to speak favorably of him and palliate his doings? Is it not fair to argue from these facts that they are in some degree under his influence? There is certainly much greater danger of being too much influenced by Wine and Strong Drink, than *against* them! The history of every contest proves that there has always been those who sided with the enemy; and during the progress of the Great Moral Enterprize which for twelve years past has been vigorously maintained in order to remove the awful curse of Intemperance from our world, its friends have never lacked for both masked and open enemies. In former years I recollect reading 'Reasons for not joining a Temperance Society, by a Clergyman.' I have heard of another in the language of exultation boasting that himself and his flock had not joined themselves to a Temperance Society. (A fact no doubt quite easily proved.) I have also seen 'Lectures' by a modern Bishop, in which the Temperance Association comes in for its full share of *pious* opposition; for the Bishop assures all who have ears to hear it, upon the faith of his lawn sleeves, that the success of the Temperance Reformation, will be the triumph of Infidelity. And I had hardly recovered my wonted steadiness of nerves, after so alarming an announcement, when lo! another Revd., and of the same Anti-Temperance *clique* too, mounts the stage, and like an *honest* man, proclaims what he calls, 'the true state of the Temperance movement,' affirming unhesitatingly that 'it is at a stand,' it moveth not, and then with his next breath calls loudly upon his '*Christian brethren*' to help him 'drag the wheels,' and stop the motionless machine!! But the

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