



**For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine; and ye say, He hath a devil.**

**The Son of Man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber.**

**But wisdom is justified of all her children.**

**St. Luke, 7 : 33, 34, 35.**

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EXTRACT.

Has it come to this, that professing to be a Christian nation, professing to believe the power of God superior to all powers, that Christian teachings and Christian influences are the safety of the world and the salvation of man, yet we virtually say to the world: We have tried the power of the sunlight of truth, we have applied in vain the principles of love and practice of virtue which mankind was promised should beget in man a desire to overcome the lusts of the flesh, and communicate a power equal to the task. We have invoked the aid and assistance of the ever living God. We have tried all these and they have failed—they are utterly inadequate. The divine law, if such there be, is powerless. The teachings, the precept, the holy example and influence of Christ has failed in our hands, and we are now determined to place our hope and our confidence in laws made by *man*, and in the *constable*. This is the position of Prohibitionists, and worse still, it is the true position of every clergyman who has borne a guilty part in an agitation which has for its object the most insolent and useless invasion of personal liberties and popular rights known in the history of modern times.

LIBERTAS.

