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AN APPEAL TO THE CHRISTIAN PUBLIC

AGAINST THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC,

AND IN BEHALF OF

THE DUNKIN ACT.

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FELLOW-CHRISTIANS,—

In the providence of God you are placed in very solemn circumstances. You will soon be called upon to take decided action for or against the Liquor Traffic in our midst. I venture to say that never have you exercised the franchise when more important interests were at stake. It will therefore be your desire on this solemn occasion to act according to the heavy responsibility resting upon you. "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" was the first inquiry of the great Apostle on submitting himself to the Lord Jesus; and throughout his whole life of toils and trials the will of Christ never ceased to be his law. It is our duty and privilege to look to the same great source for direction and guidance. I purpose, therefore, to set before you in this paper some considerations that may help you to ascertain the mind of Christ, and, therefore, your duty on the subject before us. As to consequences to myself personally of my present action, and from the attitude I have always felt bound to take against the drinking customs of society, all I have to say is that years ago I counted the cost of so doing, and determined to fear God rather than man. Some things I have endured already, and, if God so wills it, I am prepared to endure more, but I cannot and dare not be silent. "If the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity, *but his blood*