

murders his wife, and all his children, is finally hanged himself, but the rumseller goes about with as high a head as ever, and the people lift their hats as they pass him.

But men who reason will put the responsibility where it belongs. God will put it where it belongs, on the rumseller, and if on him, what about the man who gives his voice and his vote in favour of the traffic?

"Woe unto them who justify the wicked for reward." I have no hesitation in saying that to legalize the sale of ardent spirits, is not only to legalize robbery, but to foster crime and murder as well. And every man who does not give the full weight of his influence against it, is responsible for all the degradation, wretchedness and crime of which the traffic is the cause.

The traffic injures every man, woman and child, in the community where it is carried on. It is difficult to make men who do not themselves indulge, see this. But any intelligent man who gives the subject careful thought, will fail to see the many ways in which even those who have least to do with it, may suffer from it.

Not long since the people of Philadelphia were moved in view of the ever-increasing evils of the traffic, to make some effort for its suppression. The wealthy were appealed to for means to support the movement. One thus solicited said: No, I do not think, the traffic does me no injury, I take care of myself, and I leave others to do the same. But let us see. Before

might there came to that city the sad news of a railroad accident, many were killed, and among the rest the wife, and only daughter of the man who only that day, had declared that the rum traffic did not affect him in the least. Did it affect him? What was the cause of the accident? Conductor drunk and incapable. It affects every one, and hence it is the duty of every one to affect it with the full weight of his opposition. And if it is the duty of every citizen to oppose the infamous business on the ground of its moral wrong, how much more does it become the duty of all who profess allegiance to Christ. I propose on some future occasion to look at this subject from the Bible stand point.

Let me close with a clipping from a newspaper:

"The bottle makes war on religion, then let religion make war on the bottle. The bottle makes war on society, let society make war on the bottle. The bottle makes war on the home, then let the home make war on the bottle. The bottle makes war on rich and poor, let rich and poor make war on the bottle.

Strong drink is the cause of nearly all wretchedness and crime.

Strike it out, and strikes will end.

Tramp it out, and tramps will be few.

Murder it, and murders will cease.

Stab it to the heart, and hearts will no longer be stabbed.

Put an everlasting end to the mean thing, and meanness will be the exception instead of the rule.

Set fire to it, burn the last bottle and barrel, and fewer souls will burn in hell."