

they would have to disgorge the gains they have obtained by the ruin of their fellow-men. Let them remember that they will soon have to give an account to the great Judge of the Universe, who will render to every man according to his deeds. Talk indeed of compensation FOR CEASING TO DESTROY THEIR FELLOW-MEN! Such a thing will never be permitted while the public conscience is convinced that this traffic is so ruinous to mankind that it should never have been tolerated in a Christian land.

They remind us that the British nation gave compensation to the slave owners. The cases are not parallel. The liquor traffic inflicts vastly greater injury on mankind than slavery ever did. Slavery drew husbands and wives, parents and children, closer together, and endeared them to each other. It also led them to seek in a special manner the consolations of the Gospel; and though sometimes separated on earth, they could, and did generally, look forward with joyful hope to a happy reunion in the blessed land where all are forever FREE.

But, on the contrary, the liquor traffic brutalizes husbands and fathers, and causes them to act the part of demons, or of men bereft of reason, cruelly abusing the once beloved wives whom they had vowed to love and protect, and tyrannizing over tender little children, making their lives wretched and bringing them to poverty and disgrace, if not to a fatal inherited love of the cup of death. And at length, the liquor traffic sends its poor victims to the drunkard's dishonoured grave and awful eternal doom. No, both God and man say the cases are not parallel. The liquor traffic has inflicted vastly greater injury on mankind than ever slavery did. Besides, prohibition does not take away the property of the liquor dealers, as the emancipation of the slaves did. It was because their property was taken from them that slave-owners received compensation. But in the case of prohibition, we say,