

large amount. And how foolish to expend our property to so useless a purpose ! How many are the demands upon us for the accomplishment of the most valuable ends ! Never was there a time when there were more claims upon our liberality. Young men are to be educated for the ministry, domestic missions are to be promoted, weak congregations are to be assisted, missionaries are to be sent to heathen lands, and the word of life to be placed in every hand. For these purposes great expenditure is necessary. Shall we, then, waste, in the purchase of intoxicating liquors, that property which is required for the promotion of so many valuable objects ? Let us remember that our property is not our own.—We are Stewards. For the talents committed to us we are responsible to God, and soon we must give an account of our Stewardship ; and how will we answer for the use of that property which has been expended in the use of intoxicating liquors ? Can we plead that it has been for the glory of God, the good of our fellow-creatures, or for our own improvement in any way ?

The plan which we would earnestly urge upon you is—*Total Abstinence*. This is an effectual remedy. Let it be adopted by all, and intemperance will cease from our land. And surely it is a practicable plan. Surely there is among us sufficient piety, sufficient regard for our fellow-men, sufficient self-denial, sufficient compassion for the perishing, to lead us to submit to the trifling sacrifice. “ There is, says the Rev. Baptist W. Noel, no zeal, no faithfulness, no pity, if we can see the wicked die, and refuse to save them. If a man were placed among a spirit-drinking population, where he saw thousands hurried down to death by that vice, it would be his plain undeniable duty to abstain. If we, as the disciples of Christ, are really anxious to convey blessings to the degraded, we must, we are absolutely bound, to set them an example in this matter.”

Many, however, declare their willingness to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors, who refuse to connect themselves with Temperance Societies. But if abstinence be right for the individual, we do not see that the action is vitiated by entering into an association with others. Is it not an accredited maxim that “ *Union is Power* ?” Is not our example in this way rendered more efficacious ? Nor should it be overlooked that the method