

persons who are truly religious, and distinguished by habits of sobriety. This must certainly be owing to their not paying proper attention to the subject. Were they duly to consider the subject in its various bearings, they would soon perceive that those reasons which have kept them from avowedly countenancing the Temperance cause, are quite insufficient. Let no such person say, "It is needless to become a member of a Temperance Society, while some who are members do not observe the rules which they have subscribed, and indulge in drinking ardent spirits, when they have an opportunity, or whenever a temptation presents itself to such an unhallowed indulgence." There are no doubt individuals who violate their subscription. It is to be hoped they are few in number. But although they were far more numerous than they are, their unworthy conduct ought by no means to prevent others from becoming members, who would act more properly. Let every one who possesses a real regard to the glory of God and the welfare of mankind, and who has hitherto kept back from becoming a member of a Temperance Society, on account of the reason above stated, seriously consider whether or not the apostacy of Judas, would have warranted Matthias to refuse to become an Apostle? Or, when many of the disciples of Christ went back, and walked no more with him, would their treacherous conduct have justified any individual, who afterwards heard the gospel, in refusing to become a disciple of the Saviour?

Let no person of sober habits abstain from patronizing the Temperance cause, supposing that his temperate habits are a sufficient reason for his not becoming a member. Let him not say, as too many have done, "I have always been accustomed to take a little spirits now and then; I have seldom or never gone to excess; and it is needless for me now, for my short remaining time, to deny myself the use of them. What good could I possibly do by becoming a member of a Temperance Society? The Apostle Paul might with as much propriety have said—"I have been accustomed to the eating