

understand from the Watchman, that the editor has been at considerable pains to damage the Order of the Sons of Temperance. Of course they will prosper for all that, but it is a melancholy thing to see men claiming to be Bible advocates [you have it "Bible Christian"] above their fellows, writing and uttering the stupid stuff we sometimes see and hear. Take the following sanctimonious paragraph as a specimen"—

And you then quote a portion of a paragraph from my pen, and allow the Toronto Watchman to watch its wanderings, and endorse his strictures, which, upon the whole, are gentlemanly.

Had you fairly understood my position as a Disciple of the Lord upon this very interesting and commanding topic, I have so much confidence in your general charity and magnanimity that I doubt not you would have been far from placing me in any other position before your readers than the position I honestly occupy. And it is with the assurance that you do not wilfully misrepresent any one on your pages, whatever "stupid stuff" he may utter, and the assurance that you will most readily hear even a heretic in his own defence, which induce me to lift my pen to fill with your consent a limited space in your columns.

1. Any controversy between myself as the Editor of a religious paper and those who style themselves Sons of Temperance has never been of my seeking. When called in the discharge of duty to consider the subject shortly after the "Sons" began their career in Canada, I unequivocally, fearlessly, and conscientiously stated my views and convictions, and in the utterance of these views, spoke in *favor and not against* the Sons of Temperance, most freely admitting that they had done and were doing good.

2. While cheerfully acquiescing in the moral reform, sought and carried out by the "Sons," I took and still take the simple ground that the true friends of Christ ought to seek as much good and do as much good as the Sons of Temperance *in the department of Temperance*, from the very fact of their vows and professions as the friends and followers of the Lord Jesus.

3. With me, Christianity is not only a perfect system of spirituality in order to the joys of another and brighter world, but includes within it all morality; and as reforming the poor inebriate and preventing the manufacture of inebriates belong to morality and benevolence, those who are governed by Christian principle should be most active in these benevolent works.

4. Christianity does not condemn moral men in their efforts to reform the world morally; and hence Christians, while they have