

wiser than God. But if the Bible gives no uncertain sound, we would have all the company of the preachers to "cry aloud, and spare not." Why should not the same unity prevail upon this question as upon the other great doctrines of our holy religion? Is the teaching of the Word so very obscure and difficult of interpretation, or is it, that a fear in regard to Temporalities bars the way to a further declaration?

We know that the use of intoxicating liquors, has led, and is still leading many souls to everlasting destruction, and if Scripture favours, even if it does not directly command a total abstinence from their use, and if in addition we see that many and great advantages both temporal and spiritual, flow from such abstinence, ought not every christian to pray for the prosperity of that cause? And if he pray for that, how can he place intoxicating liquors upon his table, no matter by what name they are called? We would say to every total abstainer, let this cause occupy a prominent place in your prayers, public as well as private. How can we expect the church to be awakened to a sense of its duty in this matter, if we do not pray God to grant us that blessing? There may be many at this present time, who never thought of this matter before, anxiously inquiring what the will of the Lord is? We have been straightened in ourselves, not in God. Let us come out into a freer, larger place, and let the *light* shine? We sympathise deeply with VERITAS in regard to the use of intoxicating wine at the Lord's Supper. He does not stand alone. There are many whose conscience, not to speak of a slumbering appetite, will not suffer them to partake of this most unfit emblem of our Saviour's shed blood, and there are many more who use it under protest. How long is this sacred feast to be profaned by placing this temptation to fall in our brother's way, and offending the sensibilities of others who would on no account suffer the same wine in their own houses?

Is it not a sad thing for parents, while rejoicing in the conversion of their children, and in their joining themselves to the Lord's people, to be compelled also to say, my children never knew the taste of intoxicating liquors until they sat down at the Lord's Table! VERITAS says he is not a member of any temperance society, and never has signed the pledge, but would willingly do this if he thought that by so doing he could benefit a weaker brother. "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." Temperance Societies may not be doing their work in the best possible manner. They may be undertaking work they are not well adapted for. We believe that the Church ought to *save the fallen*. But if she is shamefully negligent in this duty, must the drunkard be permitted to perish without a hand being outstretched to save him? Why should Christians stand aloof from a Society which, however imperfectly constituted, has yet been the means of changing the tears of the heart-broken wife, and the cries of hungry, ragged children, into songs of glad deliverance? But imperfect as those Societies are, what would our country be without them? We would say, therefore, in all kindness to VERITAS and others like-minded, "Come over and help us." You will find warm hearts and ready hands to welcome you, where we can be mutually helpful to each other in promoting the glorious cause of Temperance.

WITH GOD'S HELP.—Formerly I thought of this work as more difficult than it seems to me now. I am deeply convinced of one thing as I grow older, and that is, God never sends me to preach a sermon, anywhere or on any occasion, but he sends some one into that congregation to receive just that truth which he has sent me to utter. Oh, there are hearts—I cannot point them out to-day—but there are men and women in this audience whose souls are beginning to be stirred, and to whom God is speaking, even through my feeble voice, this morning. God grant to speak more fully and more loudly to their consciences; rouse them from the stupor of sin and bring them to Christ! And there are men saying, "God helping me, I will be a better minister than ever before." God help you to carry out your purpose!—Bishop Simpson.