

on an occasion so auspicious! We are glad to see the *Christian Guardian* speaking out upon a subject which we regard as of importance to the whole country, and which certainly requires consideration.”—*Witness*.

With all true and loyal sons and daughters of Britain, we greet the son of our beloved Queen with a hearty welcome to these shores, and should be glad to take part, in any rational manner, in showing him honour. But if every visit from a member of the Royal Family is to be made the signal for a general “speer,” in which Sir John and Sir George, and a few others of our rich Canadian Nabobs are to be “dined and wine-d,” and quadrilled at the expense of the people who can’t afford to go, and wouldn’t if they could, then we think the less we have of them the better. There is quite enough of drunkenness in high places as it is, without our having such an illustrious example set before us to increase its respectability. Would that a young Prince, so noble and generous in nature as he is reported to be, could see the evil which wine-bibbing is doing, and could shun both the drink and the men that use it!

## HOW CHRISTIAN CHURCHES SUPPORT THE DRINKING CUSTOMS OF SOCIETY.

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A fair, candid, Christian, though plain discussion of this subject is what we propose. The truth expressed in love, without fear or favour, is demanded both by the times, and the cause of temperance.

All churches do not lend support to the drinking customs, as all churches did not lend support to slavery. In many, an influential minority do this, and these pernicious customs gain power by their example.

Before proceeding directly to the point in question, three self-evident proofs should be started:—

First. A church should be in advance of the world in supporting good things. Rev. Newman Hall says:

“Christian people, not by proud pretension, but by the manifestation of superior zeal, ought always to be fighting in the front rank of the battle of philanthropy, and whenever selfishness or tyranny raises its head, and whenever ignorance, vice, or anything that tends to bring men down, and degrade and make them miserable,—whenever these enemies of humanity rise up, they ought to feel, whoever else may coronate them or fail to oppose them, that at the first symptom of the struggle, they will always hear the invincible tramp of the Christian Church advancing to the rescue of humanity.”

Second. A church should befriend every true reform. Whose duty is it, if the church be excused? Says Dr. Cuyler:—

“Every true and timely moral reform should be born and nursed, and reared and supported by the Church of Jesus Christ. There is not a single moral precept which sinful humanity needs but the church should teach it; there is not a wholesome example to be set but the church should practise it. That Christian Church will be the most Christ-like