

modify or curtail this traffic—will fail. So long as it is made it will be used.

Mr. Dunkin's Bill, known as the Temperance Act of 1864, although insufficient, should be regarded with favor—inasmuch as it is a recognition of the fundamental principles of the Temperance cause. It places the responsibility of the acts of the drunkard upon the drunkard maker—even if it be murder. If this be just, how tremendous is the guilt of those who license men to make murderers!

The right and justice of prohibition is also recognized in this bill, and let us hope that our legislators will see the consistency of giving us a free, unstinted, thorough provincial prohibitory liquor law. In the meantime, great and immediate benefits might be secured by enforcing the provisions of Dunkin's Bill in the different municipalities.

We believe the drinking customs exercise a very baneful influence upon the Church of Christ. These customs are weakening the piety of some, hindering the prayers of others, neutralizing the influence and crippling the liberality of many, and causing very many to backslide—and thus the church suffers grievously in all her interests. Not only her private members but her office-bearers, and ministers have suffered through strong drink, and thousands have fallen to rise no more. It is computed from documents of an official character that *seven-eighths* of all the offences requiring discipline in the American Church—for the last thirty years—have originated directly or indirectly in the use of strong drink. It is also calculated that at least 45,000 members are excluded from the churches of Great Britain from the same cause.

The drinking customs are a fearful barrier to the spread of christianity. The seed of the word is sown with no sparing hand in this land, but intemperance chokes the word, and in the missionary field it is the most powerful antagonist to the onward march of the Gospel.

We, therefore, recommend every man of God to equip and arm himself for this war, and every christian to stand firm in the temperance ranks, until this monster enemy of God and man be overthrown, and the flag of total abstinence floats triumphantly over every land. All of which is respectfully submitted.

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