

adopt the same. If so, we warn them that the consequence will be the political death of those cowards or traitors who seek thus to continue the wholesale murder of our people, and to perpetuate the unutterable woe caused to women and children by that accursed traffic.

We would remind our legislators of the very strong condemnation of that action of the Senate by all the representative courts of all Evangelical Churches in Canada, and of their warm approval of the Scott Act; and these bodies represent the great majority of the leading people of Canada.

And we would call on all the Christian people of the Dominion not to rest till the Scott Act be carried in most of our constituencies, as a step towards prohibition, and then to demand of our legislators, who are only the servants of the people, to enact a good Prohibitory Law.

All that I have said in these papers of prohibition relates equally to the Scott Act, which is local prohibition, and is intended to prepare for a general law for the whole Dominion. Let us mark every man that stands in the way of saving the people of our country from this greatest curse of the age.

It may be well to notice a few of the passages which seem to be opposed to the views we have set forth. Thus, Prov. xxxi. 6: "Give strong drink to him that is ready to perish," etc. Some think that in the phrase "ready to perish" there is allusion to the Jewish practice of administering a potion of strong mixed wine to criminals, for the purpose of deadening their sensibility to suffering. But the allusion, if such, is a sanction, and even a command, and the pious mind must revolt from the thought of a Scripture exhortation to make men drunk and unconscious at the approach of death. The great Exemplar, when about to die, was offered wine mingled with myrrh, but He refused it. Could the Spirit that is in Christ ever have testified adversely