

he had given them sure directions. With their lips they profess to be guided by the counsel of God, but they did not seek of the Lord for it. The Lord also warned them by the prophet Isaiah, not to deliver up the refugees from the South (which he called Moab), but to hide the outcasts (i), and not betray him that wandereth, but to let the outcast of the South dwell in the land, to cover them from the face of the spoiler, until their oppressors are consumed out of the land. Our Judges, seeking to be guided by the precepts of men, and our Government with them, violated God's commands, and the smoke of their wickedness shall ascend up forever and ever.

The *Press* of the country has been looked upon as an institution which used its influence to restrain evil, to warn against corruption, to thereby keep the Courts of Justice pure, and thus to guard the public interests. One of the London daily papers, referring to the general demoralization among the police and judges of other cities, claims for that city a much more virtuous record than its corrupt sisters in Canada. If we scan the wisdom and purity of its citizens by their acts, we will see of how little they have to boast. A majority of its voters, for several years, annually elected for a mayor for their city (who was also police judge), a miserable drunken lawyer, who would in every respect be a disgrace to any Christian community, and kept him there until the British Government removed their soldiers quartered in the city, because neither the lives of officers or privates were considered safe, where he might be found roaming in his nightly orgies. To that infamy they have added by selecting for their representative in Parliament another lawyer whose character has

been noticed under the name of the so-called Hon. John Willson, who, under the Mosaic law that God established, would have long since been burned alive for cohabiting with the mother and daughter he has kept as concubines. Remembering, with these facts before us, that a Government Ministry was formed out of that class of representatives in Parliament, as the wisest and best men they could find for the position, and that the *Press* of the city of London had not a word of warning against placing a man so dyed in sin and iniquity in the responsible position of Cabinet Minister, and after as Superior Judge in our high Courts, it can be readily seen that the claim for purity and virtue put in by the city of London has no better foundation than Sodom and Gomorrah can claim. The result will be that the smoke of the wickedness of that city, and the negligence of its *Press*, shall with that of the cities of the "plain," go up forever and ever, as a warning to mankind throughout the eternal future, not to violate God's system of government in attempting any deviation therefrom. Let it be understood that we have as good judges, morally, as probably ever sat in a judge's seat, and who must feel disgraced by such association.

If we descend another step to our County Court Judges, we will find among them drunkards, and usurers, and of those who literally seek whom they may devour, and no man layeth it to heart, there are none that raise the cry, "Watchman, what of the night?" for fear they will in some way be made to suffer for their boldness. If we go a step lower, and refer to the class from which they are selected, the words of the Son of God are as faithful a delineation of their character to-day as it was eighteen centuries ago.

(i) Isaiah xvi. 1-5.