

towards our brother. If any of these things follow, or are likely to follow, our using, however moderately, intoxicating drink, it is very evident, to my mind at least, that the use of it ought at once to be renounced, and especially because it is said by inspiration of God, "It is good neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak."

Here, then, upon this high ground we take our stand, and build upon a foundation which God himself has laid—a foundation of God which standeth sure, having his seal upon it, and deep enough laid, and abundantly strong to withstand every attack of the enemy who would seek to pull it down.

Building upon the Heavenly principles of self-denial, love to our neighbour, and charity to all, we desire no better arguments, nor motives, nor ground upon which to go forward in the Temperance cause, having Paul for our advocate, love for our motive, the Bible for our groundwork, and the glory of God for our end. But farther, the success which has followed the institution and operations of Temperance Societies, and the manner in which they are still spreading and taking root in the world, prove them to be of God, and not merely the counsel or work of men. Not only have the efforts of many enemies been directed in vain against them, they have both directly and indirectly, been productive of a vast amount of good, temporal and spiritual, to the interests of mankind. In some places they have operated like the preaching of John the Baptist, preparing the way of the Lord; in all they have led to great reformation in regard to customs and practices, which tend to encourage drunkenness and all its woe. Drunkards have been reclaimed, families rescued from want and misery, and shame, and discord; and restored to plenty, and happiness, and honour, and peace, and respect; property to a large amount has been saved; crime been diminished; prisons made empty, churches filled, religion been sought after, and best of all, souls have been saved; yes, many a once per-