

—spare them not. Let the practice of drinking in stores and shops, be utterly suppressed. Let there be fewer Tavern Licences granted, a very few is sufficient for all the purposes of accommodation. Let those licences be given only to those who will remember the Sabbath, to sanctify it, and to close their doors on that day, against all but travellers. Let them be given to none but those who will make their houses places of entertainment only, and not of rioting and drunkenness. Let the Magistrates make it their business, occasionally, to step into the taverns which they establish, and observe how they are conducted. Let every conscientious man promptly inform upon all who, in defiance of such regulations, attempt to retail without a licence, or, having licences, refuse to keep orderly houses,—let all offenders be indiscriminately and promptly treated as the law directs, and the moral aspect, of society here, will, very soon, undergo a salutary change.

They who complain of, or oppose such measures, must be either persons who are themselves intemperate, and wish not to be deprived of their usual places of resort, or they must be persons who are now deriving gain from the intemperance of others; and certainly no attention should be paid to the voice of either the one or the other of these classes of persons, upon the subject. We cannot make men religious; but we can prevent them from systematically poisoning and ruining others, for the sake of gain. We cannot make drunkards sober men, but we can shut up the nurseries of dissipation, and thus prevent others from entering and becoming so. We cannot constrain men to sanctify the Sabbath, but we can prevent them from disturbing others, when endeavoring to keep it holy. We cannot save men who care not for their own souls from going down to perdition, but we can block up some of the widest avenues which lead down thither, and thus prevent our neighbors—our friends—perhaps our own children, from entering and descending with them. In addition to all this, we can do our own duty, and save our own souls, whether others be profited by our exertions or not, and whatever others do in the matter.

My friends and neighbors!—I have done. Should the sin of following strong drink, with all its baneful attendants, increase among us, I stand acquitted before God and you, of having made an honest effort to arrest its progress. It has been the thing farthest from my wish or intention, to offend a single individual. I view you all as immortal beings, acting now the

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