

Many good men and excellent scholars, such as Professor Moses Stuart, the well-known commentator Albert Barnes, Professor Owen, President Nott, Dr. Lees, and many others, maintain that they do not, but that, on the contrary, "no precept and no example can be brought from the Scriptures to show that the habitual use, in any way of liquors, properly called intoxicating, is allowed." But without passing judgment on this, the earnest Christian who sincerely desires to know the mind of God on the Liquor Traffic cannot surely have much difficulty in so doing.

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."—*Prov.* xx. 1.

"Be not deceived; neither fornicators, idolators, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards shall inherit the kingdom of God."—*1 Cor.* vi. 9, 10.

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him and maketh him drunken also."—*Hab.* ii. 15.

"It is good neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak."—*Rom.* xiv. 21.

"Be not ye, therefore, partakers with them. Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."—*Eph.* v. 7, 11.

Christian, you who are guided solely by the authority of God's word, can you read these passages and many other similar ones, and yet hesitate as to the teaching of Scripture on this matter? Review the facts I have feebly brought before you. See the effects of the traffic on the individual, on the family, on the church, on society. Listen to our judges, our gaolers, our police magistrates, testifying with united voice that it is the cause of three-fourths of all the pauperism, misery and crime of our land. Hear our medical men testifying to its ruinous effects on the body; hear the ministers of religion, of every denomination, bewailing the havoc of souls caused by drink, and declaring that no other form of sin so opposes and hinders the work of Christ, and can you doubt what the Lord would have you to do? The Liquor Traffic is evil, only evil, and that continually. It naturally leads to the violation of every command in the decalogue. The Apostle puts drunkenness along with the other legitimate offspring of this traffic, and here is the whole family: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, *drunkenness*, revellings, and such like." Here is an inspired title to place over every bar-room door in the land. And who with the facts I have brought before him, and which every man's own observation will abundantly confirm, will yet maintain that the mind of God is not sufficiently clear to him as to the path of duty on the present occasion? O, surely nothing could more strikingly show the perverse ingenuity of man than the