

With the motives of those professing Christians, who have adopted the temperance system, I have nothing to do. I believe these persons to be influenced, for the most part, by the best intentions. But the liberty of opinion, which they claim for themselves, they should allow to *others*.—"With whatsoever measure they meet" to others, it is but too possible that it may "be measured to them again."—They have thought it "THEIR DUTY" to co-operate with this Society; we think such conduct not only *not* our duty, but *opposed* to our duty.—But though we are reviled as declining to do our duty; yet recollecting that we are to try to be like HIM, "who when he was reviled, reviled not again, when he suffered, he threatened not, but committed himself to Him who judgeth righteously," we hope not to answer "railing by railing," but to study to "approve ourselves unto him who looketh upon the heart."

My beloved brethren, Christ was neither "a *gluttonous man*, nor a *wine bibber*." Christ "did no sin." Seek I beseech you, conformity to his character. Seek the promised grace of his spirit, which *alone* can make you like him in temperance, meekness, forbearance, and patience. Do not shrink from being "spoken evil of," as was your Lord and Saviour; only see that in your case as in this, it may be spoken "FALSELY"—"Let not your good be spoken evil of" through any excess on your part. As I have told you in times past, so now I tell you again—"be temperate in *all* things;" "take heed unto yourselves," my brethren, "lest your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness; therefore do not "keep company, if any, that is called a brother, be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a DRUNKARD, or an extortioner; with such a one NO, NOT TO EAT." "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor thieves nor covetous, nor DRUNKARDS, nor RAILERS, nor extortioners shall inherit the kingdom of God." "Walk honestly as in the day, not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying; but put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ; and make not provision for the flesh to fulfil the lusts thereof." Yes, my beloved brethren, "put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ." Take for your example that Lord Jesus Christ, "who was holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners;" take for your law and rule his blessed Gospel; for your support, the aid of his Spirit,

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