

make or keep your companions and others sober men, well-behaved in all the relations of life, and for all their lives ; or, on the other hand, you may help to make them drunkards, and in other respects worse than useless to themselves and to their families and to society. My brothers, which will you do ? Will you help them to be good and useful ? or will you help them to be bad, and worse than useless ? Will you be on Christ's side ? or will you be on His enemy's ?

What is revealed or believed of rewards and punishments in another world has a powerful effect on multitudes who do not appreciate other Christian truths, and exerts some influence on those also who do appreciate those other truths. As to the rewards, Professor Huxley, agnostic as (unhappily) he is, writing on the subject of "Decline in Religious Belief," has this just observation : "The lover of moral beauty, struggling through a world of sorrow and sin, is surely as much the stronger for believing that sooner or later a vision of perfect peace and goodness will burst upon him, as a toiler up a mountain is the stronger for the belief that beyond the crag and snow lie rest and home." So, belief in future punishment frightens many, and restrains them from wrong-doing more than anything