

asserted in the public press that the trouble was first caused by a drunkards mob; then who is responsible for the blood that is shed, and the desolation that is caused? It certainly must be those who manufacture it, and yet, they claim it to be an honorable and legitimate business.

There cannot be anything honorable or legitimate that robs another of his or her rights; and dare anyone deny that alcohol is robbing the wife, the mother and the children of their rights, their health and their strength. Is it not robbing individuals of their reason? Is it not robbing the Eternal God of the soul and body that belong to Him? Is it not robbing nations of peace and prosperity? The heavens ring back the echo, "It is." There are other certainties that cannot be denied; there are acts committed, both by men and women, when under the influence of liquor, that they would scorn when in their rational mind; the bullet would not have sped upon its mission of death; the dagger would never have struck the fatal blow, nor the torch been applied to the building; the sea would never have been asked to yield up her dead; nor the mother lament the untimely death of her boy. You that claim to have reached the pinnacle of fame, fashion and attraction, and at the same time, ignore the efforts that are being put forth to suppress the liquor-traffic; you that openly advocate the sale and use of alcohol, and are luxuriating in your palace homes, take a walk into the south end of our city, and take a glance at the dens of iniquity, where vice and drunkenness reign supreme; where "woman" has fallen from her high estate to that of the lowest. The "harlot" look upon God's creatures in pity, not in disgust; and then console yourselves with the fact, that they are your brothers and sisters, created by the same Omnipotent God; the same wonderful piece of mechanism that constitutes their bodies, constitutes yours also; the crimson fluid courses through their veins, as it courses through yours; the heart that beats and throbs in their body, is equally susceptible of kindly feelings, as the heart that beats in your own; nature requires the same compliances from them, as it requires from you; in death, you have no more privileges than they; the same righteous God who judges them will judge you. These are facts that you cannot deny; that your rising to the pinnacle has been the cause of their falling into the lowest depths of degradation, and in the end, they will appear before the Eternal God, as witnesses against you, for He has distinctly said, "Woe unto them by whom the offence cometh." It is not only in our own country, that we see such destruction of life and property, but also in countries where this bewitcher of man, has been carried by so-called christian people.

Some few years ago, I left the port of Liverpool on a voyage to Bonny River, on the west coast of Africa, where I remained for nearly eighteen