

up and fostering great schemes for the advancement of manufactures and trade, that the world may be benefited by the cheapness and abundance of the necessaries and luxuries of life, and that the inconveniences and evils of human condition may be diminished? Have I ever thought that half the amount of intellectual and physical energy devoted to the casting down of intemperance, which is eagerly given to enterprises of infinitely less importance, would be more than sufficient to redeem the world from the untold evils resulting from drinking and drunkenness? And if I have never thought of these things, nor acted in accordance with such thoughts, am I not self-convicted of being busy with matters of comparatively slight importance, while enterprises of great pith and moment are languishing, and humanity is suffering, and that I and my associates are leaving this glorious design in the hands of an humble an inefficient few who are hopelessly inadequate to its accomplishment?

Am I a preacher of the Gospel, a healer of the sick, or a dispenser of the law? and do I throw the weight of my professional influence on the right side? Do I, as a preacher, reason as frequently, as pointedly, and feelingly of temperance and intemperance as I do of righteousness in general, and of a judgment to come? Do I, as a physician, exercise due care to avoid the planting of a destructive appetite by rejecting alcoholic prescriptions? Do I, as a dispenser of law, practice its requirements by meting out just punishment to those who violate the laws made for discouraging intemperance? Do I, as a man looked up to by the mass, as wiser than the mass, walk honestly as in the day, and not in rioting and drunkenness? If I do, I fulfil an important responsibility; if I do not, let me now resolve to be no longer delinquent in a matter of so much importance, but go at once, and help on to victory those who have heretofore struggled unsuccessfully with this destructive vice. Am I, as a mother and a wife, desiring as fervently, the present and eternal welfare of my husband and children as my own? Do I take as much care to avoid the fostering causes of intemperance as my station allows me to exercise? Am I watchful to prevent in my small children the formation of every luxurious habit that tends to strengthen the animal appetites? Do I avoid in the culinary department, all use of everything intoxicating? and am I immovably determined, as far as my authority will go, to drive away and forever keep