

Attorney-General told you that the City of London furnished 300,000 daily drinkers, in about 50,000 drinking places—that the tea-gardens accommodated 50,000 people of an evening, but if we take into account the number of places in Christendom, the amount of grain used is beyond calculation, and in all these places the farmer finds markets.

Again, Gentlemen, the prisoner's benevolence is seen in the employment he creates. What would be the necessity for so many penitentiaries, gaols, houses of correction, court-houses, police-offices, were it not for my client, who produces all the employment connected with those places? Again, notice his benevolence to his abusers. He has created hulks, transport-ships, and distant Colonies, that such weak-minded individuals as become his abusers may be taken care of. Those various establishments must be well-officered; and here again you see his benevolence, in not only providing for the inebriate, but actually procuring honorable and lucrative situations from his Lordship the Chief Justice down to Jack Ketch; and many merchants and others, rolling in affluence, have to thank my client for their possessions. His benevolence is further shewn towards his abusers; in him the old adage is verified, "If he cuts you, he gives a plaster;" if he is compelled, in self-defence, to knock down his man, he provides for his safety and security by guard-houses, lock-up cells, with livery servants in attendance, and an audience with the justices of the land. These few hints, gentlemen, may open your eyes to the benevolence of the Prisoner at the Bar.

The third trait in the Prisoner's character, gentlemen, is Usefulness. It is admitted that he cannot be done without for mechanical purposes: here he is absolutely necessary, therefore useful.

Again, as an article of traffic he is useful; for the Revenue caused by him to support the state, crown, and dignity of our Queen and Realm. Again, he is useful at parties of pleasure or love-making, in cases of despondency to enliven the mind, quicken the apprehension, sharpen the wit, arouse the energies; assists at bargain and speech-making, and makes the coward brave; in fact, society would be a perfect blank without him. Then, gentlemen, is he not useful as a medical agent, often used for the "stomach's sake," and other "oft infirmities;" cheering the afflicted; restoring the system, and making the hearts of young and old merry and glad, and to sing and shout for joy. Gentlemen, who but a frozen-hearted individual, such as a Son of Temperance, would offer you a glass of cold freezing water to quench your thirst in January in Quebec, instead of a goblet of wine, or a horn of real old brandy and water?

Gentlemen, I regret taking up so much of the time of this Court, but the importance of the defence pleads my apology. In adverting to the counts in the indictment, I will show you that my client is not the villain, cheat, and disturber of the peace he is represented.

To the first count, I can prove an alibi, for my client was lauded to the skies, and affectionately and kindly treated by the noble, the just and the good, and therefore those who became contemptible in