

Geo. W. Walker presents his respects to J. E. Dickens & returns many thanks on the Total Abstinence Society's behalf for the donation of a pound towards its funds.

Geo. W. would at the same time take the liberty of adding that he thinks the kind Donor mistakes the views of the adherents of Total Abstinence, in supposing that they hope to "teach the virtue of Temperance by fanatical fear". On the contrary Geo. W. believes their chief hope of arresting the progress of Intemperance rests

*The advocates of Total Abstinence chiefly depend on the
 the knowledge of this fact being diffused, & that which
 mankind are in any degree of ignorance. They all believe total
 abstinence of arms, & of strong liquors, is an
 a station of honor.

on the entire adaptation of the
 principle of Total Abstinence, when
 carried out in practice, to the health,
 temporal prosperity, domestic comfort,
 & moral & religious well-being of man.
 The correctness of this assumption
 abundantly proved in the experience
 of thousands & tens of thousands
 of our Countrymen, who having dispensed
 altogether with the use of strong
 drinks, are nevertheless following
 their daily avocations, without the
slightest inconvenience, diversified
as these ^{may be} are both mentally & bodily.*
 On the other hand the multi-
 plied & appalling evils that uniformly
 accompany the use of intoxicating
 liquors is a fact sufficiently palpable,
 so the friends of the Total Abstⁿ
 principle (think) to induce men

to pause, their attention being
once awakened & their minds
enlightened on the subject, ere they
voluntarily & needlessly subject themselves
or others through their example to
such a risk. ^{That in fact, with their eyes open they will do so} especially when the
aggregate good effected by alcoholic
liquors (the opposers of Total Absti-
nence themselves being judges) bears
no sort of proportion to the amount
of evil they ordinarily inflict on
mankind. ^{Though} Of course it is not
assumed that there are not instances,
it may be, numerous instances, in
which no very obvious injury may
accrue to individuals by their use -
but merely that in any given number
of consumers - a considerable propor-
tion out of that number will be
serious sufferers.

Again, the Total Abstemious
conceive there is a liberty to abstain

not only from lawful, but even necessary
things, for the sake, if maybe, of
weak brethren - if such be thereby
rendered increasingly liable to offend.

And when in acting on this noble
principle, the most delightful
results are observed to follow - as
are now witnessed in Ireland -
England - America - Even in this
Colony - it is left to the decision
of those who wish well to their
fellow creatures, whether reason
& humanity are not both on the
side of the Total Abstemious.

And ~~that~~ if they are guilty of
extravagance or fanaticism, then
equally guilty was the great Apostle
of the Gentiles whose practice accorded
with the principle he most explicitly
inculcated - that, "it is good neither
to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor
any thing whereby our brother stumbleth
or is offended, or is made weak."

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