

the introduction had been effected, hatred succeeded harmony, &c. Into how many happy families has he thus introduced himself, and, in a little time, has caused the husband to forget every sacred bond, to violate the solemn obligations which he has taken upon himself in the presence of Angels and men. The tears of deserted, starving, wretched women—whose miseries must be attributed to the drinking habits of their husbands—flow in torrents through every part of our country. The men who are thus dead to every human feeling, and every religious bond, have been robbed of a heart by Alcohol, in his various forms. Once they loved their wives, but they were persuaded to drink, and the liquor that captivated their taste has alienated their affections from their wives, their families, and their homes.

“But this is not all. He has obtained influence over the mother too, and she has pawned her own and her children’s clothes to obtain “drink.”

“The beasts of the field will protect and cherish their offspring, but the Prisoner at the Bar has transformed human females into monsters, for which the vocabulary of earth, or the abyss beneath cannot find a name—nor the world of savage, nor venomous creatures a parallel. The Prophet once asked the question—“Can a mother forget her sucking child that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb?” Yea, she may forget, and had the Prophet lived at the present day, he would have seen, that for parents to starve their children, for mothers to neglect their offspring, are no uncommon occurrences, such is the transforming influence of the Prisoner at the Bar.

“The next count speaks of the waste and destruction of property which he has caused. It is said, Gentlemen, that if the mechanics of London were to suspend their labors for one day, £50,000 would be thereby lost; or, if the laborers of the United Kingdom were to play for one day in every week, £52,000,000 would be lost. Now, though, thank God, all the mechanics are not under the influence of Alcohol, yet those who are, frequently lose two or three days every week, and hence we have this enormous sum of money lost. The destruction of property at sea is also appalling. We find, that in the short period of six years, not less than 2,687 ships were stranded or wrecked, and 218 lost or missing, and the number of persons who were drowned, was 3,414, and this was all owing to the pernicious effects of strong drink unfitting seamen for their duties, and thus leaving the vessels preys to the stormy elements. These facts, Gentlemen, must not be looked upon as mere statements without foundation, they are collected from Parliamentary papers. Again, it was under the influence of this monster that a man conceived the idea of burning his neighbor’s property; it was in the ale-house or gin-shop that he armed himself by an immoderate quantity of strong drink for the performance of so malignant a purpose. It was under his influence that the servant dropped a candle in the hay-loft of his employer, and thus destroyed barns and wholesome grain. In short,