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7.46	2.72
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694	403
28	14
4.03	3.47
33.61	Not allowed
735	400
53	14
7.02	3.50
07.41	Not allowed

British spirits (1) 30,106,107 gals. at 20s.,	£30,106,107
Foreign spirits (2) 11,782,650 gals. at 24s.,	14,139,180
Wine (3) 17,349,370 gals. at 18s.,	15,614,433
CWTS. BUSHELS.	
Beer—Sugar used (4) 884,241	3,772,671
Malt used (5)	56,424,979
Total	60,297,740
Equal to 1,083,739,320 gals. of Beer at 1s. 6d.	
British wines, cider, &c., (estimated) 17,500,000 gals. at 2s.,	1,750,000

Total, £142,890,169

- [1] See Trade and Navigation Returns for Feb., 1876, page 70.
- [2] See Trade and Navigation Returns for Dec., 1875, page 12.
- [3] See Trade and Navigation Returns for Dec., 1875, page 14.
- [4] See Trade and Navigation Returns for Feb., 1876, page 69.
- [5] See Trade and Navigation Returns for Feb., 1876, page 69.

In 1875 the population of the United Kingdom was 32,737,405, which would give an expenditure of £4 7s. 4d. per head for every man, woman and child in the kingdom.

It may, perhaps, be interesting and of service to your readers if I give the expenditure for each year since 1870. It is as follows:

1871,	£118,906,066.
1872,	131,601,402.
1873,	140,014,712.
1874,	141,342,997.
1875,	142,741,669.
Total,	£674,606,846.

It is generally allowed by those who have carefully investigated the question, that the indirect loss which results from the liquor traffic is at least as great as the direct expenditure upon the drink. If so, the cost of the liquor traffic to the nation during the last five years has been about £1,350,000,000, our national debt about £720,000,000; this might have been paid off by the drink money, leaving us £630,000,000 in hand.

The question arises, what return has the nation got for this enormous outlay and loss?

### THE BLACK DEATH.

Statistics inform us that in the United States there are not less than 133,000 places licensed to sell intoxicating liquors, employing about 400,000 persons. Add to this number those who are engaged in the manufacture and wholesale traffic, and it will reach the number of 575,000 persons, or one man to every seventy-five inhabitants. But the whole number of clergymen and teachers in our land engaged in the promotion of religion and education is

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