

tic asylum, the hospital and the jail, and throw open the doors of the school-house, the church, and the gates of heaven. The loss of revenue, on account of the abolition of alcoholic drinks, will be more than counterbalanced by the reduction of those expensive establishments, poor-houses, lunatic asylums, hospitals and jails. To those who are engaged in getting up petitions for this good and noble purpose, there is a pleasing feature in the general tone of society, wherever the measure is presented; nay, I can safely say, that nine-tenths of the persons applied to have cheerfully given their assent, some with a warmth of enthusiasm much to be admired, some with a spark of Christian charity glistening in the eye, and the throbs of Christian philanthropy beating at the heart, even the poor down hill drunkard, hails with delight the most faint and distant glimpse of a hope of salvation from a drunkard's grave, and the dreadful sentence of a drunkard's doom, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting torments, prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Such is the mad infatuation which intoxicating drinks have over the human mind, that the man who has been long addicted to the intemperate use thereof, loses all power of self-control, and in proportion as the degrading passion is indulged in does it become stronger, and in the same ratio is the mind weakened, until all the high intellectual powers which God has given to man, to guide him through this life and prepare him for the next, is subjugated to this Satanic influence, and all the noble powers of man are bound up in the fetters of the most despotic tyrant that ever cursed the human race. Then reason and judgment are trampled under foot, the laws of God and man are set at open defiance, all love for wife and children is totally obliterated, and nothing remains but a horrid passion and thirst for that infernal fluid which winds itself like a scorpion round the heart, and drags annually upwards