

TEMPERANCE MANUAL.

CHAP. I.

The nature and origin of Alcoholic Drinks.—Origin of drinking healths.—Faint and abortive efforts to check the progress of Drunkenness.

Of all those gratifications to which man has resorted for the purpose of bodily or mental gratification, few, if any, have been more destructive to him than that which results from the use, as a beverage, of intoxicating liquor. The Israelites early learned that the luscious fruit of Eschol would ferment and produce joyousness. The progress onward to the universal drugging of wines, and the infernal birth of alcohol, was gradual but steady. It would appear as if Satan, in connexion with this his masterpiece, inspired with inventive genius minds too degraded to think, and taught them to contribute to the ruin of their kind.

The palm-tree is tapped to satisfy the de-