

all must admit that these signified alcoholic drinks. "Be not drunk with wine (oino), wherein is excess," Eph. v. 18. "Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine," (*gleukos*), Acts ii. 13. It is not necessary to continue this examination further, for any one who will not be satisfied by the passages cited above, that the "unfermented wine" theory receives no countenance from scripture would not be convinced, were we to refer to every single passage in the Bible that has any bearing on the subject. For the further confirmation of candid people in sound views on this subject, we give a statement by Protestant missionaries and residents in Syria for many years, men who were well qualified to give an opinion on it.

"We, the undersigned, missionaries and residents in Syria having been repeatedly requested to make a distinct statement on the subject, hereby declare that, during the whole time of our residence in Syria and the Holy Land, we have never seen nor heard of an unfermented wine; nor have we found among Jews, Christians or Mahomedans, any tradition of such a wine having ever existed in the country.

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Though in the face of the testimony of intelligent and upright men, of history, and of the word of God, it seems presumptuous and impious to forbid the sober use of alcoholic liquor, yet some moderate abstainers, who will not ven-