

of the alcohol drives away "Balmy nature's sweet restorer," and whets the appetite for strong drink. I have known a man whose wife and four children had to beg their breakfast, rise at the early dawn of day, travel four miles to a tavern and spend the last cent in rum before the sun was up. So fierce the appetite, so terrible the woe of the drunkard.

Again, in the twenty-third chapter and thirty-first verse of the book of Proverbs it is said, "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its colour in the cup; when it moveth itself aright, at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." We have here a perfect description of the fermenting process; and of the powerful and deadly effects of alcohol. Baron Von Leibniz in his chemical lectures gives a striking testimony to the descriptive accuracy of this text. He says, "The fermentation of grape juice begins with a chemical action, oxygen is absorbed from the air: and then the juice becomes coloured, and turbid by the falling of the albumen, and the rising of the gas." Thus science unites with revelation in declaring that the wine that biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder, is *intoxicating* and therefore not fit for use. I need not multiply illustration, in every passage where wine is commended as a beverage, it can be shown to be good, that is unfermented,

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