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WINES OF SCRIPTURE

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Total Abstinence the True Temperance

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BIBLE truth is the grand agency in the reformation of society; and our blessed Lord has always employed human instruments for the dissemination of Gospel truth. When on earth He selected and carefully trained and instructed a little band of disciples that they might "shine as lights in the world, holding forth the Word of Life." He guided them in what they should speak—in what precepts they should record for the instruction and guidance and comfort of His followers. They recorded many of His own gracious utterances respecting purity, morality, sobriety, holiness. They uttered many notes of solemn warning against all who lived in open sin, such as idolatry, impurity, drunkenness, etc. They enjoined abstinence from all appearance of evil—"It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak," (Rom. xiv. 21). Jesus still expects of all those who claim Him as their example and Master that they should make no compromise with the world and its vices. "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, and I will receive you," is the duty enjoined upon all His faithful followers. He will have no half-hearted service. He will have no *neutral* subjects, or allies,—“He who is not for Me is against Me; he that gathereth not with Me scattereth