

inseparable from the dispensation of equity and law by the most perfect tribunals of civilized countries. How are these evils to be mitigated or removed? I would say by discussion; by exposure; by example; by honest and successful attempts to separate the securities and the legitimate practice of law from its abuse. The learned advocate of this bill, to be consistent, should close the courts, imprison the lawyers, and forbid the manufacture of law, or its importation from foreign countries. Woman, from her first appearance on the scene of life, has brought sorrow and suffering with her. In her train came rivalries, and jealousies, and war, and strife. Let the learned member go into his own county where the pretty faces peeping through the apple blossoms are lovely to behold. Even there, are there no broken hearts, no pale faces, no blighted lives, no damaged reputations? No girls, with Burns' pretty excuse upon their lips:—

“A dear loved lad, occasion snug,
A treacherous inclination.”

No youths pleading, in the intonation of passionate repentance, that even

“The light that led astray
Was light from heaven.”

Yet would the learned gentleman, in view of all these evils, point to the pretty girls and say, “Touch not, taste not, handle not?” Would he, for fear of mischief, coop them up like cows in a Belgian barn?

The world has come down to the present period, from the most remote antiquity, with the wine cup in its hand. David, the man after God's own heart, drank wine. Solomon, the wisest of monarchs and of human beings, drank wine. Our Saviour not only drank it, but commanded Christians to drink it, “in remembrance of Him.” In strong contrast with our Divine Redeemer's life and practice, we hear of the Scribes and Pharisees, who drank it not—who reviled our Saviour as a “wine bibber,” and the “companion of publicans and sinners,” who would have voted for the Maine Liquor Law as unanimously as they cried, “Crucify Him.”

Such people have existed in all ages of the world. The desire of human beings to dictate to each other what they should eat, and drink and wear, has been evinced in different countries at different periods. The zealots in the State of Maine are mere plagiarists after all. Sumptuary laws, tried in many countries, and at different periods of the world's history, are now universally condemned by the good sense of mankind. Laws restraining drunkenness are nearly as old as drink-