

a sure one. Every conquest in smaller things gives strength that helps in future need. When a person has been developed or has developed himself in this way the result is a man of whom there is no need to be ashamed.

Even suppose it were possible to at once cut off some of the means of indulgence, such as spiritous liquors, it is quite probable that intemperance equally as marked would manifest itself in other directions, because of lack of restraint. On the other hand, when the power to resist has been wisely and duly exercised we need not fear in cases of new experiences and circumstances. This principle is generally recognized in other things, as when we try to inculcate principles of right in a child rather than to give him rules to guide in every instance. Looking at temperance from this rational point of view, liquor, while it has been the means of doing much harm, has also done much good, having been the means whereby many have been made strong by resisting and controlling. It is quite doubtful if the world would be better to-day had there never been any liquor invented. The hearts of men would have been just as evil, and while many would not be fallen, many would not be as strong.