

TEMPERANCE COMLUN.

THE POWER OF HABIT.

A Temperance Discourse, by Rev. W. H. H. Murray.

"Think on these things."—Phil. iv, 8.

[CONTINUED.]

Every drunkard was a sober man once, and his ruin is a history. By what easy stages Satan posted him to his ruin...

My people, do you ever think of the number of the graves where drunkards sleep? How heavily revolves the earth under the burden of these...

consents to cover such. O, kind the graves that hold and hide such wrecks and processes of pollution.

But, friends, there is a broader light in which to look at this subject. The danger arising from the formation of drinking habits by a people, cannot be gauged by the loss of property it occasions...

I cannot expand this thought, but you will agree with me in this, that the same argument which proves that drunkenness is destructive to the individual proves by parity of reasoning that it is destructive to the nation at large...

The temperance movement, as I regard it, therefore, has in its widest sense for its object, not the alleviation of personal suffering, nor the reformation of the individuals merely...

perpetuation of our liberties, the honor of the nation in its highest and widest sense, these give you the culmination of that reform, which partially fills and should entirely fill the land with its healthy agitations.

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