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AN ADDRESS UPON THE USE AND ABUSE OF  
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS.

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GENTLEMEN,—I know of no subject in the present day of such paramount importance to the well-being of mankind as an accurate knowledge of the “*use and abuse of alcoholic drinks*,” embracing as it does, its medical, its moral, its political and its social aspects. Our professional education and experience, teaches us the physiological action of alcoholic liquors upon the human frame, when they should be abstained from, and when they could be taken with advantage; and our professional experience too often teaches us the baneful effects morally and physically upon the individual who indulges in the use of them to excess. While the justice is daily and hourly brought face to face with the “moral evil,” the physician is as often called upon to combat the inroads upon the constitution produced by the abuse of them. That the evil is the greatest one of the age and that it calls loudly for a remedy cannot for a moment be denied.

Laudable efforts have been made and are being daily renewed by philanthropists to stay the progress of intemperance with its attendant consequences, disease, insanity, crime and poverty. Societies have been formed, laws enacted, and persuasive and