

take advantage of it. In fact, I made it quite appear that it was his duty, by representing to him that a neighbor of his, who had been in the business for some time, kept spurious liquors which were injurious to his customers, and that it would really be a benefit to the community if some honest person, such as I knew him to be, would provide pure liquors for the accommodation of travellers and others who might deem it necessary to take an occasional glass. He thought my suggestions were excellent, and determined at once to act upon them.

“There is another man at G—— who not long since occupied an important post in a certain temperance organization, but who can now not only deal out the liquid fire to others, but swallow it himself without a single compunctious feeling. And there is no scarcity of such men. They hardly need the care of our fraternity. They will come to us ere long, laden with spoils almost as great as any that we can boast of. And this Doctor we were talking about. It is just a stupid piece of short-sightedness to bring him among us so soon. He would no doubt in a very little time have recovered from his fright, and become a greater devotee of our Prince than before. We will not stand half so good a chance of getting that boy of his either, for his mother is bitterly opposed to the traffic, and she will do all in her power to prevent him from ever becoming entangled in its snare. But I wonder they are not here with the Doctor by this time. We ought to have some of our best fiery beverage prepared to treat him with when he does arrive. We will give him a somewhat hotter dose