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Contrast also Christ's kingly endurance of suffering of body and spirit, in the pains and indignities of a concentrated cruelty, and His overcoming the same by a love so pure and true that the most hardened cannot look into it but to be softened and subdued into gentleness and love also.

Victories obtained by natural forces of godly and kingly courage, such as are presented in these two cases, may be appropriately celebrated in wine. But to celebrate by the use of wine an escape of an army protected by miracle or supernatural power, they being passive, seems altogether inappropriate.

The scriptural institution of the passover (Ex. xii.) moreover, does not mention wine as a part of the service, nor do any of the numerous references, except that of Luke in his gospel. This conflicts with the records of Matthew and Mark ; but these two witnesses, apart from the question of inspiration, being Jews, are more reliable. Nor must we omit to take into consideration the fact that in the