

liquors, and will amply demonstrate the urgent and absolute necessity for their total disuse as a beverage. On this great transition must eventually hinge the welfare of individuals, and the prosperity and stability of nations. Let each of us exert our utmost efforts to extirpate this fatal enemy. Let us put forth our united zeal and perseverance, and enter into this arduous undertaking in the true spirit of philanthropy; and by the blessing of that ineffably great Being, from whom emanates all purity and truth, we need not despair of success. The accomplishment of this great object will require no mean sacrifice, and no small amount of fortitude. But the blessings to be enjoyed on the final destruction of this baneful custom, will fully compensate the privation and toil, by which this end is to be attained.

But to effect the total and permanent overthrow of intemperance, the strong arm of the law must be engaged, and the manufacture and sale of all intoxicating liquors must be entirely prohibited by an act of legislation; except as they are used in the arts, and as a medicine: and not till then can we hope to see the annihilation of this inveterate evil. For such is the depth of man's moral degradation, and the deep-seated influence this vice has acquired over him, that the voice of temperance finds no awakening response amidst the enslaved passions of intoxication. Therefore the only certain mode of procedure consists in a prohibitory law, and by thus destroying the source of intoxication, these pernicious evils would be entirely eradicated.

Yet after all these proofs of the destructive properties of alcohol, and the calamities that it has entailed upon mankind, some men will advocate its use; and on the flimsy