

to some good practice, is as idle as the theory of captain Symes. His theory of the earth is of as much use to my corn field, as the grand things sought after in the above four queries is to the soul of the querist. The next generation will admit this; but few of the present can. Many seem to be more concerned about my regeneration than they are about their own; than they are about the many good things I am habitually calling their attention to. While I cannot but feel grateful to them for their solicitude, I should like to see them evince very clearly the purity of their hearts by a holy life; that is, by a life of obedience to the Son of God, in all the commandments and institutions of the King, whether of an individual or social character, Happy only are the *pure in heart*, for they shall see God.

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## NINE UNANSWERABLE REASONS WHY ALL MEN SHOULD TOTALLY ABSTAIN FROM THE USE OF ARDENT SPIRITS.

*Should Taste not, Touch not, Handle not.*

1st. ARDENT SPIRITS should be banished, because they are needless. Ardent spirits, or alcohol were unknown, until discovered by an Alchemist in the 13th century. In an unholy search after forbidden knowledge, after the Elixir of life, alcohol was discovered, which has proved to countless thousands, the bane of life; a discovery which has inflicted, the most extensive calamity, with which the world has ever been visited since the flood. All the world lived without them, and all the business of life was conducted without them for more than 5000 years. They were not used in Great Britain till within less than 300 years. They are not then needful.

2d. Because they are useless. They are useless as respects sustenance; they contain no nourishment; they impart no strength; they only enable a man to consume with destructive rapidity the strength he has. The sensation of strength they produce is deceptive, it is an unnatural excitement, which is always more or less, followed by a corresponding depression. Ardent spirits do not fortify the human body, either against heat, or cold, against hunger, wet, or fatigue, against infection, or contagious diseases; on the contrary they add to the danger in all these exposures. This has been long asserted by eminent physicians, and has been demonstrably proved by various experiments. In every diverse circumstance of life; in every occupation mental or physical, and in every department of human labor, on the land and on the ocean, amid the wind and the waves, the toils of noonday, and the pestilence that walketh in darkness, the experiment has been tried, and man has been found stronger, and happier, safer and healthier without ardent spirits, than with their use.