

serious ; there is no room left for a change of opinion on the subject, and expediency is peremptorily excluded.

After more of the same kind an address containing garbled quotations from Scripture, as noticed above, is delivered to the neophyte by the W. Chap. When this somewhat thin and watery sermon is finished, the Worthy Marshal (every one is Worthy or Worshipful) is ordered to conduct the aspirant to Templar glory, to the Vice-Templar to receive further instructions.

"W. M.—Worthy Vice-Templar, *this friend* is on his way to learn more of the teaching of our Order.

"W. V. T.—I welcome you on your way. . . . You have listened to the voice of revelation, but temperance is not alone taught in the Scriptures. In nature we find no strong drinks, nothing that can intoxicate. The Almighty and All-wise prepared but one drink—*pure water*. . . . Think well of these things, and I charge you to be satisfied with the drink furnished by One wiser than we."

From this we see that, according to Good Templar teaching, all other liquids, from wine to milk, are not made by God, and should not therefore be used. If all become Good Templars, and faithfully obey the commands of the W. V. T., it will go hard with infants ; for what is wrong to take, cannot be given to others, or permitted to be used by little children. It is men who teach such absurdities, that, in their conceit, would be the reformers of morals in this nineteenth century. Such nonsense might be considered amusing were it not blasphemous. In the closing part of the ceremony at the dedication of their hall or temple, the W. V. T. (*Filling a goblet with water*), says : "Best and purest of all earthly beverages—*God's best gift to man*." That is clearly idolatry, or if any prefer the name, hudolatry. In closing the ceremony they sing an ode wherein they pray that the "Star of Temperance" may lead them on their way somewhere, the hymn does not say where, nor do they ask anything better than redemption "from bondage to King Alcohol."