

has no nourishment in it, and should not therefore be used. On this we remark that on the subject scientific men are not agreed. We partake of various articles that contain little or no nourishment, because we know they promote health and comfort. Some of these do little more than increase the power of digestion, and we are satisfied that alcoholic drinks, taken in proper quantities, do this; and it is well known that, in cases of exhaustion and feebleness, they sustain vitality. It is vain to attempt to convince of the contrary people who have clearly experienced these valuable effects. The boldest assertion of all is that no intoxicating liquor is a creature of God, but an article manufactured by men. In a reference made to this view, Dr. Kennedy relates an incident that occurred at a teetotal meeting. "A temperance orator," says he, "was declaiming vociferously against the evils of drink, denouncing it as blasphemous, as well as absurd, to call alcohol 'a creature of God.' 'Who ever saw whiskey streaming down a hill-side, or wine falling as rain from the clouds?' he triumphantly asked. 'And did you ever see a field of bannocks?' shouted a voice from the crowd, causing the inflated orator very suddenly to collapse." It is true that wine does not come to us directly from God, neither does bread, but we are not for that reason any the less bound to give Him thanks for His bounty in giving us the raw materials and skill to manufacture them for use, and for sustaining their active principles during the process of their preparation for wholesome food and drink. If the views of those wondrously wise people on this subject were correct, we would have to conclude that nothing that undergoes human manipulation is a creation of God, and would have to cover ourselves, like our first parents, with fig or some other leaves, or else walk abroad in a still more primitive fashion, covered, I suppose, with an ethereal garment of some tee-total vapour.

UNFERMENTED WINE.

We are assured by erudite abstainers, that the wine which God promised as a blessing, and of the use of which he