

brains were not muddled with the fumes of alcohol so confound the simple truth ?

(d) But it will be asked, why did Jesus make and Paul *commend* the use of wine, that was not in common use and never could be. I believe it is still commonly supposed that wine cannot be preserved, for any length of time ; or transported from one clime to another without fermentation. No greater mistake was ever made, no greater error was ever so widely circulated.

The truth is that the ancients had their wine fresh from the grape for about four months of the year : and they had no less than three, *successful* methods of preserving it. They put the new wine into new bottles, as intimated in the New Testament, and then buried the bottles, in the cool earth, or immersed them in water. Or they passed through the wine, in the cask, the fumes of sulphur, and thus destroyed the principal of fermentation : Or they *boiled* the grape juice down to a thick consistency, and thus preserved it, not only for months, but if necessary for years. The Hon. Mr. Delavan of Albany, New York, while traveling in Europe some years ago, procured some wine preserved by boiling. He brought it to his house kept it in his cellar for years and still found it of excellent quality. Thus there was not the slightest incongruity in the Master making and the Apostle prescribing