

hear me. This, however, is the conduct of the person who prays, "Lead me not into temptation," while by the customary use of intoxicating liquors, he is constantly exposing himself to the danger of becoming a drunkard.

Some persons aver that the use of intoxicating liquors has improved their health, and that to renounce it would, for them at least, be wrong. We apprehend that the utility of such a beverage is more imaginary than real. By whom is the testimony in its favour afforded? Is it not chiefly by persons whom some degree of relish created by long use, has made very partial witnesses? But, even if we admit that testimony has been given by some who have contracted no relish for it, we reply, that they have never tried the practice of total abstinence. They have examined only one side of the subject. Their experiments have not been sufficiently extensive, nor their induction of particulars complete; and, therefore, the evidence which they have collected, is not sufficient to conduct them to a correct conclusion. On this point, they are best qualified to judge correctly who have tried both moderate drinking and entire abstinence. Let us hear some of them. The Rev. J. A. James, of Birmingham, declares that he had tried abstinence for two years, had endured much ministerial labour, and could aver that he had never laboured with so much comfort, as since he had rigidly adhered to that principle. The Rev. W. Jay, of Bath, says, "For the last six years I have been a teetotaler. To this (now I am past 70,) I ascribe, under God, the glow of health, evenness of spirit, freshness of feeling, ease of application, and comparative inexhaustion by public labour, which I now enjoy. The subject of teetotalism I have examined physically, morally and christianly; and, after all my reading, reflection, observation and experience, I have reached a very firm and powerful conviction. I believe that, next to the glorious gospel, God could not bless the human race so much as by the abolition of all intoxicating liquors."

By what is called the moderate use of intoxicating liquors there is incurred *a useless waste of property*. No person who has not made the calculation would imagine how large an amount of property is consumed in this way. The sums expended, individually considered, may indeed be small, but in the aggregate, they make a