

bundle, and then pouncing into the gin-shop, to satisfy the cravings of a depraved appetite? Have you seen such a creature, with an old black chip bonnet, bruised, broken and split in a dozen places, with a gown composed of many patches, and rent in rags at the skirt; the heel of her stocking under the sole of her foot, to hide the holes, and shuffling in a pair of worn out slippers? Have you seen such a one driving her children before her, and staggering from side to side as if the street were too narrow to allow her to pass? Have you seen her sitting on the step of a door and talking aloud to herself, while she curses the group of idle boys who are continually annoying her?

Females! avoid the beginning of evil. Touch not, taste not, handle not; for under the power of this leveller of the human race, Strong Drink, the mighty have fallen, and the wise and prudent have come to nothing.

### Original Articles.

#### A WARNING TO MODERATE DRINKERS.

##### No. I.

Of you who are moderate drinkers of intoxicating liquors, not one can say, but that his moderate drinking may gradually increase, till a settled habit of intemperance is formed, which will hurry him down the stream, and sweep him into hell, where the worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. All drunkards have been moderate drinkers once, and not one of the multitude of drunkards who now live, and have lived, when they first began to drink, did so with the intention of becoming drunkards; they never designed to go further than drink in moderation; they saw not the abyss of misery which was before them; they thought that a little, now and then, did them good, and they would not believe that danger and death were in the cup which they loved so dearly; and this is the effect of their moderate drinking, it has made them drunkards. And what is it to be a drunkard? This is the name which God has given to those, to whom men give softer names, to try if they can make their sin, look less than it is. Let us consider what it is to be a drunkard.

A drunkard is one who deprives himself of reason, and judgment, and memory, and natural affection, and makes himself mad, brutal, disgusting, a disgrace to human nature, a spectacle of shame.

Drunkards are nuisances to society, bad masters, bad servants, bad subjects, savage husbands, unnatural parents, beating

and murdering their wives and children, burning their houses, squandering their property, reducing their families to beggary and shame.

A great proportion of the crimes which prevail, are committed by drunkards, whether they are habitually so, or merely for the time under the influence of intoxicating drink, and broken constitutions, and broken hearts, and all kinds of sorrows, misery and disease, are the every day consequences to which drunkenness leads.

No language of man can describe the ghastly progeny of woes, which even in this life, intemperance has brought forth to sadden and scourge the inhabitants of the earth, to wither and blight full many a flower that might otherwise have bloomed in beauty and in peace; and the end, the bitter end of drunkenness is hell,—no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven—and hell is the drunkard's home, his everlasting home, the blackness of darkness forever, where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched. And must the drunkard go to hell? he who is so merry, so full of fun, so happy, and seemingly free from care! must he go to hell at last, where, instead of all his jollity and mirth, there is weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth? Is this the drunkard's fate? Must he come to this at last? The answer is recorded in God's own Book,—No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven. Most miserable end! most bitter fruits! Is it for this they have kissed the intoxicating cup, and talked of its sweetness, and clasped it to their heart?

And there is not one of you, who are moderate drinkers, that can say but that the drunkard's end may yet be your's, and is it not a fearful end? and as long as you continue to use intoxicating drink, your course is directed that way.

To conclude, is it your duty to preserve the health of your bodies, and to strive to secure the safety of your souls? If so, I ask, is moderate drinking a preservative of health? It is proved by innumerable undeniable arguments to be absolutely the reverse. None are so subject to disease as those who drink; this is now established beyond all doubt. And then, if you continue to drink moderately, what security have you but that it may lead you to intemperance at last? and will your body be healthy then? A drunkard healthy! his veins and his brain are filled with liquid fire. A drunkard healthy! It is the health of a Lazar house, full of fevers, and every deadly disease. And then if you become drunkards, how have you secured the safety of your souls? No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven. If once you

become drunkards, there is no case so hopeless, no prospect so gloomy: your hearts will become hardened, your consciences scared; Satan will lead you captive to his will, and the things which belong to your peace will be hid forever from your eyes.

Flee then from the path which may lead to such an end. Neither your bodies nor your souls are safe as long as you continue to use intoxicating liquors as a drink, in the way in which at present they are commonly used. I have one or two other warnings to give you on this subject at some future time. In the meantime, that the Lord may enable you all to abstain from the very appearance of evil, and to keep away from that dangerous path which too often leads to a drunkard's grave, and a drunkard's hell, is the earnest prayer of your very sincere well wisher.

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#### DREADFUL EFFECTS OF SPIRIT DRINKING.

We have before us a great number of examples and testimonies of this, sufficient to occupy many more times the space which can now be taken up. A few are given in the present number which, with those to come after, will show that the use of spirituous liquors as a common drink is the great cause of crime, madness and other diseases, poverty and wretchedness, suicide, fatal accidents, prostitution, sabbath breaking and immorality, breaches of discipline, destruction of property, loss of reputation; and indeed of every kind and degree of evil which destroys the happiness and hinders the prosperity of society. Can we therefore in vain appeal to the patriot, the philanthropist, the lover of virtue, and above all to the christian, to do something to remedy these disorders? And may we not press on their serious consideration, if there can be pointed out a more simple and effective plan, and one in which those of every opinion and creed can more harmoniously join than in that of temperance societies.

Most of the instances are taken from a volume which ought to be read by all, entitled, "Evidence on Drunkenness, presented to the House of Commons by the Committee, &c." London, 1834.

*Spirit drinking is the great cause of—*  
I.—Crime.

R. E. Broughton, Esq. Police Magistrate, stated, that crimes of different kinds, such as robbery and other crimes which came under his cognizance were greatly increased by the increase of drunkenness.—*Parl. Evidence, page 18.*

Colonel Rowan, Commissioner of the