

against them, and to bring them to the regions of eternal woe. In those most dismal regions they shall suffer the wrath of God, without one moment's intermission,—without the smallest mixture of mercy,—and without the possibility of their indulging a hope of the slightest alleviation of their misery through never-ending ages. And the smoke of their torment shall ascend up for ever and ever. As certainly as God himself exists, and is faithful to his threatenings, such shall be the terrible portion of every habitual and finally impenitent drunkard. What a lamentable infatuation, for persons endowed with reason and conscience, and capable of reading and understanding the Scriptures, to expose and subject themselves to such inconceivable misery, for the sake of indulging an unhallowed desire of drinking ardent spirits!

To rescue our brethren, who have unhappily addicted themselves to the custom of drinking such liquors, from the danger of being subjected to that indescribable and eternal misery, to which inebriation exposes them; and to prevent the rising generation from copying their demoralizing and most pernicious example, is the important and benevolent design of every Temperance Society. This God-glorifying and soul-saving object may, in a certain degree, be promoted by every individual here present. One of the very least degrees of that self-denial, which is essential to the character and practice of a genuine Christian, is all that is requisite for any person of sober habits to become a member of a Temperance Association. Those who are truly religious, and are distinguished by habits of sobriety, are the very persons chiefly who ought to become members of Temperance Societies. And of such persons, it may reasonably be believed, Societies of this description are chiefly composed. These Societies, however numerous as they now are, in the States, in Scotland, in England, and in Canada, are still far from comprehending in any one of these countries, all those to whom this honourable character justly belongs. The holding aloof from such Societies has hitherto been lamentably common among many

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