

A TEMPERANCE LECTURE.

Compiled by Price Alpine from the sayings of eminent men.

"O, that men should put an enemy in their mouths to steal their brains."—Shakespeare.

"Of all the preventable evils drunkenness is that incompatible with greatness"—Sir Walter Scott.

"Intoxication fills our jails, our lunatic asylums, and our work houses. Were it not for this one cause, pauperism would be nearly extinguished in England."—Hon. Charles Buxton.

"He who tempts me to drink civilly invites me to a fever."—Jeremy Taylor.

"I never got a patient from water drinking, but thousands from drinking alcohol."—The Celebrated Dr. Gregory.

"Sixty per cent. of all idiots and inebriates in England come from drunken ancestors."—Dr. Lamiere of France.

Drink has murdered my best friends and I hate it. It burdens me with taxes, and I denounce it as a nuisance, on which every honest man should put his heel."—Dr. J. G. Holland.

He is a self murderer who drinks to another's good health and robs himself of his own."—Spurgeon.

"The liquor traffic is the gigantic crime of crimes in this age, and particularly in this country."—Ex Senator Morel in the United States Senate.

"The habit of indulging in ardent spirits by men in office has occasioned more injury to the public welfare than all other causes."—President Jefferson

"Beer and wine shops with vaults are gateways to hell."—Bishop of Manchester, England

"When once this liquid poison is taken in the system, the wretched slave is ready for anything."—Henry Bergh.

"Alcohol is the one evil genius whether in wine, a c or whisky, and is killing the race of man."—Dr. Willard Parker of New York.

"Thousands die prematurely in consequence of drinking, who were never thoroughly drunk in all their lives."—Horace Greeley.

"The beer drinkers when attacked with acute disease are unable to withstand and they die"—Dr. Gordon.

"If alcohol were unknown, half the sin and three-fourths of the poverty and unhappiness in the world would disappear,"—Prof. Parks, M. D.

"They murder by wholesale, neither doth their eye pity or spare and the inheritance of blood is theirs."—John Wesley.

"Alcohol is a poison to our organizations."—Dr. Muzzy.

"It is liquid fire, and distilled damnation."—Robert Hall.

"I consider rum the cause of nine-tenths of all the murders, poverty and crime in this country and no earthly consideration would induce me to contribute in the remotest manner to its sale."—General Dix, Ex-Governor of New York.

"No brute beast will step down from the position in which its Maker placed it, but every man who gets drunk does just that,"—John B. Gough.

"Shut up your grog-shops, open your schools and God knows what flashing jewels you may dig out of the unwrought mines of the poorer classes."—Joseph Cook.

"A copious beer drinker is all one vital part. He has his heart on his sleeve bare to a death wound from a rusty nail or the claws of a cat."—Dr. Grimrod, a prominent London Physician.

"It is as plain to me as the sun in a clear summer sky, that the license laws of our country constitute one of the main pillars, on which the stupendous fabric of intemperance rests."—Dr. Humphrey President of Amherst College.

"There is no place on earth whose place of business stands nearer the verge of perdition than the saloon-keeper."—Bishop J. Weaver.

"All who drink intoxicating beverages, by their example and influence encourage others to drink, and so become in no small degree responsible for the evil which may result from their example."—Rev. Joseph C. Foster.

"Of all the preventable evils in the world intemperance is the greatest. It is the cause of more misery than any evil that exists."—Bishop Temple.

"In our criminal courts we can trace four-fifths of the crimes that are committed to rum. There is no one case in twenty where a man is tried for his life in which rum is not the direct or indirect cause of the murder."—Judge Allison.

"The church itself has no enemy out of perdition equal to a law protected liquor traffic."—Sumner Stebbins, M. D.

"If these fountains of crime and misery—the liquor saloons—could be shut up or put under the restraint of existing laws we might hold a jubilee over the improved condition of our city's poor and disband many charitable institutions."—Rev. Dr. Prime, New York.

"There is no disease, no liability or exposure to disease that is not fostered by intemperance, while it has a list of maladies peculiar to itself and of the most fearful character."—Rev. H. D. Kitchell.

"Directly or indirectly rum is chargeable with a good ninety per cent. of the woes that afflict our country."—The Late D. R. Lock, in Toledo Blade.