

tion. To this end, then, let us turn our most serious attention and earnest endeavors—exertions which we owe alike to ourselves, our country, and our children—by adopting such means as will be most likely to strike at the root of the evil, and lay a foundation, by which, ultimately, under the blessing of the Almighty, we may expect effectually to extirpate this predisposition to a disease the most awfully appalling to which the human family is subject; a disease, which (in the words of an eloquent writer) “so prepares its victims, as it were, for death; which so refines it of its grosser aspect, and throws around familiar looks unearthly indications of the coming change—a dread disease, in which the struggle between the soul and body is so gradual, quiet and solemn, and the result so sure, that day by day, and grain by grain, the mortal part wastes and withers away, so that the spirit grows light and sanguine with its lingering load, and feeling the immortality at hand, deems it but a new term of mortal life—a disease, in which life and death are so strangely blended that death takes the hue and glow of life, and life the gaunt and