

if he takes too much pudding it may make him sick. An individual eats a moderate dinner, and feels well after it; he takes a glass of wine, and feels better, or thinks he does; but let him take too much of either, he pays the penalty. Hence the necessity for exercising that self-control which is implanted in every individual, and which should be fostered and encouraged by all means, ennobling as it does the man who brings it to bear upon his acts, and degrading him who declines to be governed by it.

Dr. Wood has taken exception to my remark that "every nation has its stimulant of some kind, that kind Providence has permitted the use of them, and that if they are abused evil consequences follow," and he enters into a lengthy argument to prove that the Mahomedans did not make use of a stimulant that will compare with alcohol. I did not say that all nations did, yet the Doctor acknowledges that the Mahomedans got drunk sometimes "on the forbidden juice of the grape." He concludes with the remark that "if it be stated that Providence "really does approve of and sanction the employment of alcohol "in health, I should neither agree nor disagree with the statement, for I do not know anything about it; but if He does "approve of its use, there can be no shadow of a doubt that He "sanctions (on Dr. Bayard's own showing) the employment of a "very bad thing, and that the sooner He puts His veto on it, "the sooner will he deserve the adjective with which Dr. Bayard "qualifies His name." This argument is as pointless as it is blasphemous. I did not say that the Almighty *approved* of or *sanctioned* the use of alcohol. I said that He *permitted* its use. He permits sin. Possibly Dr. Wood may construe His permission to mean approval and sanction.

Dr. Wood endeavored to prove upon hygienic and physiological grounds that the taking of "one drop" of alcohol is an *abuse*. So it would be, if it could be proved that the drop produced intoxication and was injurious to health. He says that alcohol having no "*locus standi*" in the human economy, it is no excuse whatever for drinking a daily glass of beer or wine,