

Certain herbs, such as lupine and skirret were used as substitutes for hops." This then is likely to have been the "strong drink" referred to. The abuse of these, as seen in the license law, makes them appear utterly distasteful. So the misrepresentation of Christ made Him appear the same, and He was cast out of the city. The French nation, disgusted with an apostate corrupt church, went over to the extreme of infidelity. Let us not judge anything by its abuse, by its appearance, but judge righteous judgment. Paul, the inspired ambassador of the Kingdom of truth, esteemed it good and acceptable to voluntarily renounce wine if it caused a weak brother to offend (Rom. xiv. 21). But he also stood by the law of liberty in the right of free choice found in the words; "Let no man therefore judge you in meats or in drinks" (Coll. ii. 16). But he also cautions against taking wine in excess (Ephes. v. 18).

The temporal requirements of the Christian, given by the apostles in counsel, held at Jerusalem,