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community of twenty-five millions sterling; independent of the numerous other train of evils, which arise to a nation, from idle, dissolute, and immoral habits, by which the rising generation is contaminated, and great inconvenience imposed on the innocent and peaceful subjects, from the increase of crimes, which are generated through this medium.—*Colquhoun.*

Divines, without number, have Resolved, that the use of ardent spirits is not only needless but hurtful, and while it is continued, the evils of intemperance can never be done away;—as, in addition to all the pauperism, crime, wretchedness, diseases, insanity, and loss of life &c. which it occasions, it tends to prevent the efficacy of the Gospel, and all the means which God has provided for the moral and spiritual illumination of men, and thus to ruin them for both worlds.

“If ardent spirits are nothing worse than a deadly poison.—If they did not excite and inflame all the evil passions—If they did not dim that heavenly light, which the Almighty has implanted in our bosoms to guide us through the obscure passages of our pilgrimage—if they did not quench the Holy Spirit in our hearts, they would be comparatively blameless. It is their moral effect—It is the ruin of the soul which they produce, that renders them so dreadful. The difference between death by simple poison, and the death by habitual intoxication, may extend to the whole difference between everlasting happiness, and eternal death.”

Judge Cranch.

Loss to the United States.—The Hon. William Cranch, chief judge of the District of Columbia, who is extensively known as a candid and accurate reporter of principles and facts, in an Address which he delivered before the Washington and Alexandria Temperance Societies, estimates the loss annually in the United States, from the use of ardent spirits, not less than \$94,425,000. In this estimate, he has taken no account of what is lost by shipwrecks, sickness, and in various other ways. But even this sum would, in thirty years, amount to more than the value of all the houses, lands and slaves in the United States. These were estimated, in 1815, at \$1,771,312,908. And if the value of them has since increased in proportion to the increase of population, it would now be \$2,519,009,222. And the loss to the consumers of ardent spirits, and to the community, in thirty years, would, according to the foregoing estimate, be \$2,832,750,000, which is \$313,743,778 more than the value of all the houses and land in the United States; thus exhibiting to the world the awful spectacle of a people losing, by the use of strong drink, in thirty years,