

and be banished from the kingdom. *How much more wisely would Francis have acted*, if, instead of banishing the drunkard, he had banished the *pernicious material of drunkenness*. Let us take another example; Sweden was a temperate country, on account of ardent spirits being, to a great extent, prevented from coming into ordinary use. In 1783, however, Gustavus, king of Sweden, gave permission for opening spirit shops in all the villages of his kingdom. But mark the consequences. Such was the increase of drunkenness and crime, of fatal accidents and premature mortality, that the very same king who gave the permission, was obliged, for the preservation of his people, to withdraw it, and by the repeal of his law put ardent spirits under the same bondage as before.

It is mentioned by Colquhoun, in his work on the police of London, as a curious and important fact, that during the period when distillers were stopped, in 1795 and 1796, though bread and every necessary of life were considerably higher than during the preceding year, the poor in that quarter of the town where the chief part resided, were apparently more comfortable, paid their rents more regularly, and were better fed, than at any period for some years before, even though they had not the benefit of extensive charities. This can only be accounted for by their being denied the indulgence of gin, which had become in a great measure inaccessible from its very high price. It may be fairly concluded, that the money formerly spent in purchasing liquor had been applied to the purchase of provisions and other necessaries, to a great amount. The effect of their being deprived of this baneful liquor was also evident in their more orderly conduct. Quarrels and assaults were less fre-

quent, and they resorted seldomer to the pawnbrokers' shops; and yet, during the chief part of this period, bread was 15d. the quarter loaf, and meat was higher than the preceding year.

From the above, we see what the common sense of men will lead them to, when they are not warped by prejudice or interest. *Banish the pernicious material of drunkenness*. Most certainly, that is the wisest course, and to attain to this must now be the great object of the temperance movement.—*Athenaeum*.

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