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and becoming incorporated with the codes of morality of all sections  
of the Christian church. And, sweeping as the assertion may  
appear, we hesitate not to declare that the time is at hand, when  
even riches will fail to secure respect without the adoption of that  
principle. We are aware that a prejudice exists amongst the higher  
classes against uniting in the temperance movement, because of the  
supposed necessity of mingling too much with men of inferior sta-  
tion. Happily, however, such a result is by no means necessary.  
Retain if you will all your exclusiveness. Shun as much as ever  
all intercourse with the *vulgar*. We are by no means fastidious  
on such minor points; but abandon the wine cup, abandon it forever!  
and henceforth let the influence of your example be thrown on the  
side of humanity, of benevolence, and of virtue.