

as we have seen, an invention of the evil one. In sympathy with the advocates of prohibition, we feel as every reasonable man must feel, that it should be abolished. Yet we do not want to substitute for Satan's license, Satan's prohibition. How many, alas ! how many license themselves to teach contrary to God's plain commands, made known by his beloved Son, to the few who truly and reverently regard the overwhelming importance of neither adding to nor taking from the truths founded by the Holy Spirit. Yet because of this, and that so many are deluded into an intoxicated and notional happiness of a false security, how deplorable would be its prohibition ! A thousand times we would say, let Christ be preached of contention rather than not at all.

Under the head of the phrase, "strong drink," in my family Bible dictionary, I read the following, "Beer, which was largely consumed in Egypt under the name of Zythus, and was thence introduced into Palestine. It was made of barley.