

rendered defective as by the loss of the principle that contains the very essence of life. The loss of this vital power, by means of this drain, renders men less able to resist the effects of change of climate, and of malarial poisons and miasma. It impoverishes the blood, weakens the circulation, and induces consumption, dyspepsia, nervous diseases and horribly distressing mental derangements. The little blood animalculæ work lazily and imperfectly through the circulation, the heart throbs unceasingly, and nearly all diseases to which the human family are liable, may be traced to an impeded circulation of the blood and nervo-vital fluids, the cause of which may be traced to a want of vital force, resulting from abuses of the sexual functions. Bible history teaches us that the "Original Sin," consisted in the eating of the forbidden fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil; no doubt God's commands were disobeyed in the beginning of human existence, as they are at the present moment, and death was, and is, the penalty. *There is no law which God has made, the obedience to which is productive of greater good than obedience to sexual law!* Neither is there any law of man's organization, nor any law of God, *the violation of which is more certain to bring death as a penalty than the violation of sexual law!* Although death may not take place immediately, or for a long time, yet the expenditure of the vital force, and the exhaustion consequent upon it, is sure to hasten the day. The sexual instincts, when unperverted, are among the most complete and harmonious in nature. And when used in accordance with the laws which govern their functions, they become a source of the highest enjoyment and happiness. But when perverted and abused, when the laws which God has made to govern them are violated, then they become fruitful of the deepest misery and wretchedness, a source of constant sorrow, a *living death*. The law of nature is the law of God. Cicero said, "If nature does not ratify law all virtues loose their sway." Hallman said, "God forbid that we should submit our liberties to a jury of antiquaries. Laws made by men