

**BACCHUS  
DETHRONED:  
PRIZE ESSAY**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649070541

Bacchus Dethroned: Prize Essay by Frederick Powell

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.  
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

[www.triestepublishing.com](http://www.triestepublishing.com)

**FREDERICK POWELL**

**BACCHUS  
DETHRONED:  
PRIZE ESSAY**



BACCIIJS PETRONEP

# BACCHUS DETHRONED.

PRIZE ESSAY.

BY  
FREDERICK POWELL.

---

"If alcohol were unknown, half the sin, and three parts of the poverty and unhappiness in this world would disappear."—PROFESSOR PARKES, M.D., F.R.S.

---

NEW YORK:  
National Temperance Society and Publication House,  
No. 58 READE STREET.

1874.

## THE JAMES TEARE PRIZE ESSAY.

---

THE Committee acting on behalf of Mr. Teare's trustees, in giving the appended award of the Adjudicators, feel it due to a number of the competing writers, to state that the Adjudicators also expressed the opinion that several of the unsuccessful essays were of great value, and highly deserving of publication.

On opening the sealed communications, it was found that the writer of the essay to which the first prize had been awarded is Mr. Frederick Powell, of Newcastle, and the writer of the essay to which the second prize is awarded is the Rev. Dawson Burns, M.A., of London.

### AWARD OF THE ADJUDICATORS.

We, the undersigned, having been selected by the trustees of the late James Teare to act as adjudicators for the prizes left by him for the best essays on Temperance, unanimously agree that the first prize [of seventy guineas] be given to the writer of the essay bearing the title "Bacchus Dethroned."

We also agree that the second prize [of twenty guineas] be given to the writer of the essay having for its motto, "Hear me for my cause."

HENRY MUNROE, M.D., F.L.S.  
CHARLES GARRATT.  
JOHN KIRK.

100

101

102

103

104

105

106

107

108

109

110

111

112

113

114

115

116

117

118

119

120

121

122

123

124

125

126

127

128



## CONTENTS.

I.—THE GREAT NATIONAL CURSE.		PAGE
The plague of the Drink-system: its ravages upon the Individual.....		12
The moderate-drinker a diseased man: his risk of drunkenness.....		16
The drunkard's appetite a disease: its nature and name.....		19
Predisposition to drinking capable of physical transmission.....		20
The Causes of drunkenness and the Remedy.....		21
Effect of Drink upon the Home-life of the people.....		23
The Ravages of Drink upon the Nation at large.....		24
<i>The vast extent of Intemperance, and the other sequences of Drinking.</i>		25
Police returns, though defective, demonstrate their increase.....		26
The statistics for Manchester and for England and Wales.....		29
<i>The drinking-system a producer of disease and premature death.</i>		29
Drunkards and traffickers short-lived: authorities cited.....		30
The number of deaths resulting from drinking.....		31
The various diseases induced by intemperance.....		33
Insanity, delirium-tremens, and predisposition to disease.....		35
<i>The drinking-system regarded as a crime-producer.</i>		37
Crime measured by the consumption of strong-drink.....		38
Crimes specially fostered by drink.....		39
Violence to the person, murder, suicide, and prostitution.....		40
The traffickers constant and notorious violators of the law.....		42
<i>The drinking-system as a cause of pauperism.</i>		44
Evidence of the Convocation Report of the Church.....		45
Expenditure of the Working-classes upon in toxicants.....		46
<i>The drinking-system antagonistic to trade and commerce.</i>		47
It employs little Labor, and abstracts much Capital.....		48
At war with the interests of Manufacturers.....		49
The world's great Industries related to each other.....		50
The liquor-traffic an exception to this rule.....		51
England <i>seventeen millions</i> of pounds poorer in 1868 than in 1867.....		56
Scarcity without whisky better than Plenty with it.....		57
A National Commercial Balance Sheet.....		58

# 70 VNU

## 8 ABSTRACTS CONTENTS.

	PAGE
<i>Loss and disaster occasioned through the Drinking-system</i> .....	61
Loss of productive labor and of property.....	61
Loss to the government from the inefficiency of the army and navy...	62
<i>The Drinking-system obstructs Education and Religion</i> .....	63
The attitude and duty of the Christian Church.....	67
The evils depicted flow necessarily from the Drinking-system.....	68
A respectable Public-house, impossible with the drink.....	69
An example: and several impartial Testimonies.....	70
Evidence of a Divine, a Statesman, a Judge, a Thinker, and a London Brewer.....	72
The Drinking-system more deadly and devastating than War.....	75
More destructive than Pestilence, more cruel than Famine.....	76
More demoralizing than Slavery, more fatal than the Opium-plague...	77
The consumption of Opium on the increase in Britain.....	77
The Alliance American Commissioner and Dr. Oppenheim cited.....	78

### II.—THE SUPPOSED DIETETIC VALUE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

The nature of the inquiry instituted, and Food defined.....	81
The Elements of which the Human Structure is composed.....	81
The physiological Changes which the body undergoes.....	83
Classification of Foods, in regard to the ends they subserve.....	84
Alcohol <i>not</i> a flesh and tissue-forming food.....	87
Alcohol <i>not</i> a fuel, or warming food.....	87
Alcohol <i>not</i> an auxiliary or blood-forming food.....	88
Alcohol cannot supply the place of Water.....	88
Alcohol impedes Digestion: experiments of Dr. Munroe.....	89
Cannot take the place of potash, or peroxide of Iron.....	89
Alcohol lacks all the distinctive features of food.....	90

### FIVE OBJECTIONS ANSWERED.

"If Alcohol be not food, the beverages containing it are".....	91
"Bread itself contains Alcohol".....	93
"Many other articles of Diet contain Poison".....	93
"General custom is in favor of Alcohol as diet".....	94
"That there is no broad distinction between food and poison".....	95
"That patients live upon Brandy a considerable time".....	96
Dr. Lankester's Classification of Food.....	97
A high state of Civilization exemplified.....	98
Intoxicating liquors, both needless and injurious.....	99

### III.—THE PHYSIOLOGICAL RELATIONS OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

Physiology and the physical properties of Alcohol.....	100
Alcohol the common principle of fermented and distilled liquors.....	101
Alcohol <i>not</i> the product of life or growth.....	101
<i>Volatility</i> one of the properties of Alcohol.....	102

CONTENTS.

9

	PAGE
Experiments of Professor Binz, and others.....	103
Alcohol an <i>Irritant</i> of the vital tissues.....	104
The sensation of warmth the signal of inflammation.....	104
Alcohol a <i>Narcotic</i> poison.....	105
Action of Alcohol upon the Blood and Tissues.....	106
Stimulant and Depressant defined. Alcohol not the former.....	109
The action of <i>Chlorodyne</i> ; a startling case.....	111
Is alcohol a <i>sedative</i> ? confusion in medical nomenclature.....	115
Alcohol a Brain Poison.....	116
Effects of moderate drinking.....	117
How it lowers vitality and induces a feeling of weariness.....	118
Rest, the sole remedy for the exhaustion of overwork.....	119
Detracts from the <i>power</i> of the body.....	120
The habitual use of Alcoholics injures the brain and shortens life.....	124
Prevents the Constitution from adapting itself to Climatic changes.....	126
Evidence of the Temperance and General Provident Institution.....	130
Moderate drinking condemned by non-abstainers.....	134

IV.—THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ARGUMENT.

Natural appetite and variety of foods.....	136
Acro-aromatics and Bitters meet a distinct want.....	137
No natural appetite for Alcohol in the human constitution.....	138
No food grown ever <i>contains</i> Alcohol.....	138
The Old World demand for intoxicating liquors.....	139
Ancient attempts to control and arrest its development.....	140
The discovery of distillation, and the eulogium of Doctors increase it.....	142
The origin of <i>licensing</i> the traffic in strong-drink.....	143
The demand fostered by Social Usages.....	143
The great influence and responsibility of <i>Females</i> .....	144
The legalizing of the traffic increases the demand.....	144
Supply and demand in relation to the <i>necessaries</i> of life.....	145
For luxuries the demand increases with the supply.....	145
Why the liquor-market knows no glut.....	146
Fallacies of Liquor Vendors, Brewers and Distillers.....	147
"Live and let live," a good maxim badly applied.....	149

V.—THE MANUFACTURE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR AN IMMORALITY.

Three inspired volumes and the harmony between them.....	152
The Will of God regarding food, as expressed in Providence.....	153
How brewing destroys food. The process explained.....	154
Vast extent of the waste in brewing and distilling.....	156
Intoxicants <i>necessarily</i> injure both Body and Soul.....	157
Our Poor-law system a premium upon vice, etc.....	158