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"Stimulation is not Strength."



A Gallon of Ale contains less Nutriment than a Penny Loaf."

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THE PHYSICIAN.

"We have all been mistaken; we have called these drinks tonics when we should have called them stimulants."—SIR ASTLEY COOPER.

"Wine is neither food nor drink, but a stimulant."—DR. ABERNETHY.

THE CHEMIST.

"Alcohol, both in its nature and operations, ranks amongst the most powerful and fatal of narcotic and vegetable poisons."—DR. CHARLES A. LEE ON "MATERIA MEDICA."

"The leprous distilment, whose effect
Holds such enmity with the blood of man,
That swift as quicksilver it courses through
The natural gates and alleys of the body,
And with accursed poison it doth infect
The wholesome blood."—SHAKESPEARE.



THE STATESMAN.

"The cause of drunkenness is the drinking of intoxicating drinks."—LORD ALTHORPE.

"It is the duty of the Government to make it easy to do right and difficult to do wrong."—GLADSTONE.

THE CHRISTIAN MINISTER.

"Is it not a fearful infatuation, is it not our national madness, to spend so much wealth in shattering our nerves, exploding our characters, and ruining our souls?"—DR. JAMES HAMILTON.

THE BIBLE.

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."—PROV. xx. 1.

"Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright; at the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder."—PROV. xxiii. 31, 32.

"Let no man put a stumbling-block or occasion to fall in his brother's way."—ROMANS xiv. 13.

Extract from "Theory and Practice of Brewing," 4th Edition.

"The brewer is in a great measure bound to conform to the will and taste of his customers, whether it be refined or vitiated—addicted to sobriety and taste, or given to wallow in the depths of dissipation; as the market is, so must be the commodity, or it will cease to be a market."—By A PROFESSOR OF BREWING.

Extract from a Lecture delivered before the Society of Arts.

"The All-Wise and Beneficent Creator has made the earth yield to man all the requirements for his existence. Whatever, therefore, man invents is not a necessity, although those who, being trained to its use, have been led artificially to believe it essential."—DR. RICHARDSON, M.A., F.R.S.

International Medical Congress of 1876, assembled at Philadelphia. Conclusions adopted by it with regard to the Use of Alcohol.

"Alcohol is not shown to have a definite food value by any of the usual methods of chemical analysis or physiological investigation. . . . As a medicine it is not well fitted for self-prescription by the laity, and the medical profession is not accountable for such administration, or for the enormous evils arising therefrom. The purity of alcoholic liquors is in general not as well assured as that of articles used for medicine should be. The various mixtures when used as medicine should have definite and known composition, and should not be interchanged promiscuously."—J. EWING MEARS, M.D., Secretary of Section on Medicine.

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PREFACE.

SEVERAL friends have urged the writer of the following pages to place before the public, in an illustrated form that could be easily understood, the substance of remarks to which he had given utterance in public and private at various times during the past forty years, on the nature, properties, and effects of intoxicating drinks, explaining the changes and the chemical combinations that take place in the process of manufacture. He has complied with their request, hoping that his efforts will in some humble measure assist in removing a delusion which has been the means of destroying the health, happiness, and morality of a large proportion of the human race.

When a committee of "the House" was asked for, to inquire into the causes of drunkenness, Lord Althorpe quaintly replied that it did not require much consideration, as "the cause of drunkenness was the drinking of intoxicating drinks."

If the public would as frankly acknowledge this, and act upon their convictions, the evils would soon be remedied; but instead of this, whilst all acknowledge the evils of intemperance, and many deeply deplore them, they for the most part believe that the articles that produce the evils are beneficial and nutritious. The Author cannot expect that those whose habits and appetites have already gained a mastery over their judgments will examine this question frankly, but he relies upon those who are willing to study the

question with a view of arriving at the truth to give the subject their impartial consideration. He has not formed his opinions hastily; his first lecture on this subject was delivered in 1839, and his statements are the result of careful inquiry and experiment, confirmed by the experience of many practical maltsters, brewers, and analytical chemists.

The best authors on the subject of malting and brewing have been consulted, and their advice and practice confirm his opinions, that the chief object in the manufacture of intoxicating drinks is to obtain the largest amount of alcohol, and not to extract the nutritive qualities from the grain. As a member of the Society of Arts, he has had the privilege of attending several scientific lectures on the methods of malting and brewing as practised both in England and on the Continent. His position as Secretary of a Life Assurance Company for upwards of twenty years, and as a Fellow of the Statistical Society, has also given him increased facilities for obtaining reliable information as to the effects of intoxicating drinks on the health and mortality of those who freely partake of them.

The writer humbly hopes that this work may be useful not only to the general reader, but that it may also aid in their labours of love those who have time and opportunity to impart information in addresses to our various Bands of Hope and Temperance Organizations.

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