

TEMPERANCE SERMON.

BY REV. DAVID MERRILL.

"If an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die: then the ox shall be stoned; but the owner shall be quit. But if the ox were wont to push with his horn in time past, and it hath been testified to his owner, and he hath not kept him in; but that he hath killed a man or a woman, the ox shall be stoned, and his owner also shall be put to death." Exodus xxi, 28, 29.

How many thousand families have been ruined in some such way as this? The father was a drunkard, and the mother—what could she do? She endured, hoped against hope—and for the children's sake bore up against the current; and many a time disguised a sad, despairing heart under a joyful countenance, till at length she died of a broken heart, or died at the hands of him who had sworn to protect her!

These, and things like these, are the effects of ardent spirit—not casual, accidental, but common, natural effects, seen everywhere, in every town, in every neighborhood, and in every connection. Look which way we will, we see some of these effects.

The greatest wretchedness which human nature in this world is called to endure, is connected with the use of Ardent spirit. There is nothing else that degrades and debases man like it—nothing so mean that a drunkard will not stoop to it—nothing too base for him to do to obtain his favorite drink. Nothing else so sinks the whole man—so completely destroys, not only all moral principle, but all self-respect, all regard to character, all shame, all human feeling. The drunkard can break out from every kind of endearing connection, and break every kind of restraint; so completely extinct is human feeling, that he can be drunk at the funeral of his dearest relative, and call for drink in the last accents of expiring nature.

Now look at a human being, whom God has made for noble purposes, and endowed with noble faculties, degraded, disgraced, polluted, unfit for heaven, and a nuisance on earth. He is the centre of a circle—count up his influence in his family and his neighborhood—the wretchedness he endures, and the wretchedness he causes—count up the tears of a wretched wife, who curses the day of her espousals, and sighs of wretched children who curse the day of their birth. To all this positive evil which ardent spirit has caused, add the happiness which but for it, this family might have enjoyed and communicated. Go through a neighborhood or town in this way, count up all the misery which follows in the train of ardent spirit, and you will be ready to ask, can the regions of eternal death send forth any thing more deadly? Wherever it goes, the same cry may be heard—lamentation, mourning and woe; and whatever things are pure, or lovely, or venerable, or of good report, fall before it. Those are the effects—and I need not say more upon this point. Can any man deny that "the ox is wont to push with his horns?"

2d. Hath this been testified to the owner? or are the makers and retailers aware of its effects? The effects are manifest, and they have eyes, ears, and understandings as well as others. They know whatever profit they make is at the expense of human life or comfort; and that the tide which is swelled by their unhallowed merchandise sweeps ten thousand yearly to temporal and eternal ruin. But this is not all. The attention of the public has of late been strongly turned to this subject. The minds of men have been enlightened, and their responsibility pressed home upon them. The subject has been presented to them in a new light, and men cannot but see the absurdity of reprobating the tempted, while the tempter is honored—of blaming drunkards and holding in reputation those whose business is to make drunkards. But are the makers of ardent spirit aware of its effects? Look at the neighborhood of a distillery—an influence goes forth from that spot which reaches miles around—a kind of constraining influence that brings in the poor and wretched, and thirsty, and vicious. Those who have money bring it—those who have none bring corn—those who have neither bring household furniture—those who have nothing bring themselves and pay in labor. Now, the maker knows all these men, and knows their temperament, and probably knows their families. He can calculate effects: and he sends them off, one to die by the way, another to abuse his family, and others just ready for any deed of wickedness. Will he say he is not responsible, and like Cain, ask, "Am I my brother's keeper?" He knew what might be the result, and for a mere pittance of gain was willing to risk it. Whether this man should abuse his family; or that man die by the way, so his purpose was answered, he did not care. The ox was wont to push with his horn, and he knew it; and for a little paltry gain he let him loose; and God will support his law in all its extent, by holding him responsible for all the consequences. But a common excuse is, that "very little of our manufacture is used in the neighborhood; we send it off."

Are its effects any less deadly? In this way you avoid seeing the effects, and poison strangers instead of neighbors. What would you say to a man who traded in clothes, infected with the small-pox or cholera morbus; and who should say by way of apology—that he sent them off—he did not sell any in the neighborhood. Good man! he is willing to send disease and death abroad! but he is too kind-hearted to expose his neighbors. Would you not say to him, you may send them off but you cannot send off the responsibility. The eye of God goes with them, and all the misery which they cause will be charged to you. So we say to the man who sends his spirit off.

"But if I do not make it, somebody else will." What sin or crime cannot be excused in this way? I know of a plot to rob my neighbor; if I do not go and plunder him somebody else will. Is it a privilege

to bear the responsibility of sending abroad pestilence, and misery, and death?

"Our cause is going down," said Judas "and a price is set upon the head of our Master; and if I do not betray him somebody else will. And why may not I as well pocket the money as another?" If you consider it a privilege to pocket the wages of unrighteousness, do so. But do not pretend to be the friend of God or man, while you count it a privilege to insult the one and ruin the other. This is the most common excuse for retailing: "I wish it were banished from the earth; but then what can I do?" What can you do? You can keep one man clear; you can wash your hands of this wretched business. And if you are not willing to do that, very little reliance can be placed on your good wishes. He that is unjust in the least, is unjust also in much. I can hardly conceive any thing more inconsistent with every generous feeling, every noble principle, than retailing ardent spirit at the present day. The days of ignorance on this subject have passed by; every man acts with his eyes open. Look at the shop and company of the retailer. His principal furniture is a barrel, two or three bottles and a half-dozen glasses. He has a few other things just for a show, brooms, earthenware, tobacco, &c. The inventory is soon made. I say he has a few other things—for even he is ashamed to appear as a dealer in spirit only. His shop needs no sign—every drunkard knows it as it were by instinct. And even the blind might discover it by infallible tokens, and the company is a combination of all the shameless and abandoned. And there stands the retailer in the midst of dissipation, and human nature, in its last stages of earthly wretchedness, in all its degraded forms and filthy appearances, surrounding him. And his whole business is to kindle strife, to encourage profanity, to excite every evil passion, to destroy all salutary fears, to remove every restraint, and to produce a recklessness, that regards neither God nor man—and how often, in the providence of God he is given over to drink his own poison, and to become the most wretched of this wretched company. Who can behold an instance of this kind, without feeling that God is just to him. "He sunk down into the pit which he made, in the net which he hid is his own foot taken."

When we think of the years he has spent in this service, the quantity he has scattered abroad, and the misery he has caused, who can calculate the responsibility? And who would envy him, even though he had accumulated a fortune; or who would take his gains burdened with all this responsibility? But some one would say, I neither make nor sell it. But you drink it occasionally, and your examples goes to support the use of it. You see its tremendous effects, and yet you receive it into your houses, and bid it God speed. As far as your influence supports it and gives it currency, so far are you a partaker of its evil deeds. If you lend your influence to make the path of ruin respectable or will not help to affix disgrace to that path, God will not hold your guiltless. You cannot innocently stand aside and do nothing. A deadly poison is circulating over the land, carrying disease, and desolation, and death in its course. The alarm has been given—a hue and cry has been raised against it. Its effects have been described, seen and felt. Its victims are of every class; and however wide the difference in fortune, education, intellect, it brings them to the same dead level. An effort has been made to stay the plague: and a success surpassing all expectation has crowned the effort. Still it rages to an immense extent. What will every good citizen do? Will he not clear his house, his shop, his premises of it? Will he not take every precaution to defend himself against it, and use his influence and his exertions to diminish its circulation, and thus diminish human misery? If he fears God or regards man, can he stop short of this? Can he, in the plenitude of selfishness, stand up and say, "I'll make no promises—I'll not be bound—I am in no danger?" If he can say this, and stand aloof, shall we count him a good citizen? I speak as unto wise men, judge ye what I say.

The following short sentence of advice, by Wm. Penn, should be kept in the minds of all young persons who think of committing matrimony:—"Never marry but for love, but see that thou love what is lovely."

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