

Extract from the pamphlet on Temperance :

"And is not the taste unnatural? Do we not all know that the unpracticed natural taste rejects ardent spirits because of its burning, smarting effect on the lips, the throat and the stomach? Nature indeed seems kindly to have furnished to man in this instance an instructive abhorrence of this great enemy. All animals are governed by native instincts—feeding on what is nutritious and avoiding what is poisonous.

"In addition to the native instincts which he possesses in common with all animated beings, to man alone has the creator bestowed the distinguishing, the heavenly faculty of REASON to guide him through this world of trial, in the path of duty and of safety. But, alas! for frail human nature! How often do we say that the man of talent, the ingenious artist, the substantial farmer, the man of kindest feelings, as well as the illiterate, the indigent, the cruel-hearted, in despite both of instinct and reason, sip and sip at the intoxicating bowl until his boasted reason is destroyed and his body degraded to the level of the brute, incapable of speech, rolling in the dust or wallowing in the mire.

"Has it not been demonstrated in thousands and thousands of mournful instances that these specious pretexts, for the use of ardent spirit, are deceptive with the exception of a few cases as medicine? Instead of making a man wise it exposes his folly. Instead of preserving or restoring health, it is the fruitful parent of disease and prepares the body to become the prey of every epidemic. Instead of alleviating mental afflictions, it prompts men to acts which should bring remorse. Promising to animate courage it unnerves the arm, and instead of stimulating and sustaining labor it dissipates time in idle talk and overcomes the strength."

Extract from a letter written by Major Thomas Speed to Rev. James Freeman Clarke, August 30, 1838 :

"Slavery, in this enlightened day, and particularly in this enlightened country, ought not to be a subject of discussion *as to its justice*. But it is much to be regretted that the fanaticism of the South, excited and driven to extremes by the fanaticism of the North, has courted and defied discussion as to its justice.

"The appropriate answer to such a challenge is that the mind that can embrace the sentiment that slavery in the abstract is just, is incapable of appreciating the arguments of reason, and, therefore, unworthy of reply. The truth is, such a sentiment is of recent origin within a few years past. I was a desperate refuge for a wounded conscience from the discussions of the subject which have been urged with greater and greater warmth for the last twenty years. Standing