The Drunkard's looking glass

THE DRUNKARD's LOOKING-GLASS: OR, A SHORT VIEW OF THEIR PRESENT SHAME AND FUTURE MISERY.

Published in LOVE to those concerned; and recommended to them as a TENDER CAUTION, to avoid the same Excess.

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First, Some general Effects thereof:


a Gen. xix. 32, 36.
b I Sam. xxv. 36.

c Isai. xxviii. 7.

d Job i. 5.

e Hos. iv. 12.

f I Thes. v. 7.

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h Joel iii. 3.

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j Prov. xxiii. 21.

k Jud. ix. 27.

l Hos. vii. 5.

m I King. xvi. 9.

n Hab. ii. 5.

o Hos. vii. 5.

p Prov. xxiii. 29.

q — xxxi. 5.

r Psal. cvii. 27.

Isai. xix. 14.


Isai. xxviii. 8.
Secondly, Some particular Characters of a Drunkard.

A Drunkard, in that State, is indisposed to Virtue. Is a licentious Person. \(^x\) Makes his Belly his God.

Is worse than a Brute. \(^y\) A Companion of Riot and Revelling. A Game and Sport to prophane People.

A ridiculous Object. \(^z\) His own Sorrow, Woe and Shame. His Wife 's Grief. His Children 's Disgrace.

1 His Neighbour 's Contempt and Derision. His Family 's Ruin. 2 A Thief to himself. 3 A Scandal to Christianity. 4 A Reproach to Religion. A Dishonour to God. Unfit for Civil Society. 5 An Abuser of God's Mercies, and good Creatures. A Loser of his precious Time. A Destroyer of his Reputation, Parts and Credit. 6 Is subject to many Dangers. A Slave to the Devil and his own Lust. A Traveller to Destruction.

7 A Transgressor of the Laws of God and Man. 8 Against whom Woes are pronounced. His own Soul's Enemy. A Human Monster. 9 And at last will be excluded God's Kingdom. Also, there has been many signal, dreadful and amazing Examples, that Divine Vengeance hath suffered to overtake some Health Drinkers, and quaffing carousing Drunkards, as History relates.

\(^x\) Phil. iii. 19.

\(^y\) Isa. v. 12.

\(^z\) Pro. xxiii. 20. 29.

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O let the weighty Consideration of these sad, terrible and dismal Effects, be a Motive to prevail with you to detest and abhor such a pernicious, horrible and destructive a Monster, as Excess and Drunkenness is; and if there is left in your Consciences any Sense or Feeling of the Checks and Reproofs of God's Good Spirit (Psal. 1. 21. Job xvi. 8.) then by turning and joining thereto, and believing therein (Prov. i. 23.) there is a possibility, by its help, to overcome, (John i. 12.) and in the Name of Christ to be washed therefrom. (I Cor. vi. 10.)

But if you bless yourselves in your hearts, saying, you shall have Peace, though you walk in the Imagination thereof, (mark) to add Drunkenness to Thirst, the Lord will not spare you, but then his Anger and Jealousy shall smoak against you, and his Curses shall lie upon you, and he will blot out your Names from under Heaven, Deut. xxix. 19, 20.

And you that are concerned in giving, selling to (or causing) any to drink to Excess, either Wine or other strong Drink, are also guilty; and against such, a Woe from God is pronounced, (Hab. ii. 15.)

Now here is Holy Scripture, woeful Experience, and the Convictions in the Conscience plainly testified to, which are so many evident Witnesses against the professed Christians who are guilty of so odious a Sin, which, it is hoped, will prove effectual, to warn them to forsake the same.
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