

I was born in the year 1816 in the parish of Crumpton, Somersetshire, my parents were Shepherds. I remained with them until I was nine years of age, when I got connected with a bad set of Boys, but it was not until I had reached eleven years that I was at the height of my career in wickedness. I remained absent from my friends for the next three years, although they used every effort to find me out; & during that period I was engaged in every bad practice. When I was at length discovered by my friends, my wicked associates were very loth to part with me as they considered me very clever in the arts I was then following. On my return home, my friends did not detain me long, though they allowed me every indulgence, & furnished me with money for my uses; but I was never satisfied unless I was at the public-house spending it.

My friends tried to prevail upon me to break off from my old confederates, but I was not

content except I was in their company.
Thus I followed on one step after another
until I became an adept at horse-stealing,
which eventually became the cause of my
apprehension & banishment from my native
land, though the foundation of all my
crimes was Intoxicating Liquors.

Now I doubted not that on my arrival
in this Colony I should be enabled to begin
my old habits again, & though I soon disco-
vered my mistake, I unhappily found
out the way to obtain Intoxicating Drinks
which I sought after with the avidity of
a confirmed drunkard. Under their
influence I absconded from my master and
took up arms in the Bush, where I was
detected by the Police, assisted by the
Military, from whom, though wounded,
I contrived to effect my escape. One month
after this

I was again apprehended, & under a
very heavy sentence, was sent to Port
Arthur. Here my misery became
confirmed. I again absconded into the
Bush, & was absent for six months,
when I was re-captured & sent to
Port Arthur. There I resolved to reform.
I am now through this trouble, having
got my Indulgence. I see the cause
of all my sorrows & am now determined
to refrain from ~~all~~ Intoxicating Drinks,
which I see have led to all my troubles.
I hope others will profit by my bitter
experience, & be induced to adopt
the Total Abstinence pledge, by which
we shall be likely to avoid a great deal
of misery, & distress, which are the usual
consequences of strong drink.