

Whereas the prevailing public opinion is that the habitual ^{moderate} use of distilled spirits is conducive to health, supports the strength and vigor of the body & protects against disease - and frequent causes of their intemperate use - and

Whereas it is a duty of this Society to use every means in their power to improve the health of mankind by the correction of ^{medical} erroneous opinions - therefore

by the Med. Soc. of W. Va. Convention assembled
Resolved that as in the opinion of this Society the Habitual use of ardent spirits is never necessary to ~~the~~ promote health, to protect against infectious or contagious diseases or to sustain the human system under the fatigue of labour - ~~we do earnestly recommend to every member of this Society to abstain from them and to use his influence to do all in his power to discourage their use - and by every means in his power~~

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