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Immerse yourself in the gripping narratives of temperance advocates and opponents as they clashed over the morality of alcohol consumption, public health, and personal liberty.



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Through these tracts, you'll witness the evolution of temperance arguments, from biblical appeals to scientific evidence, and gain a deeper understanding of the complex social and cultural dynamics that shaped American society during this tumultuous era.

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- Appeals to conscience and morality: Exhortations to abstain from alcohol based on religious principles and the belief in its inherently evil nature.
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- Rise of evangelicalism: The temperance movement was closely aligned with the growing evangelical movement, which emphasized personal morality and social reform.
- Changing gender roles: Temperance advocates often cast women in the role of moral guardians, promoting the idea that their influence could curb male drinking.
- Emergence of Prohibition: The tracts provide a firsthand account of the growing support for alcohol prohibition and the complexities of its implementation and enforcement.

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