

**Temperance Address.**  
The following is an address delivered by Rev. H. W. Harvey, at the M. E. church in this village, on Sunday evening last.

I desire to be neither ultra in my beliefs nor over-sanguine in my hopes of temperance, but I have positive convictions and large expectations, gleaned from the study of current events, and the drift of public sentiment. We no longer have to deal with generalities, but with clear, naked, unmistakable facts. We have passed beyond proving the mere abstract right or wrong of this matter. It is not proof, but application that is now needed. We pass from logic, reasoning, long and startling arrays of figures to the application of these to practical results.

We have done with long-range fighting, and have come face to face in a hand to hand encounter. We have ceased skirmishing, and have come to a virtual battle. That kind of warfare means victory for one side or the other, quickly.

Two armies may stand a mile or more apart and fire at each other all day, or all summer, and neither of them suffer serious damage. But let them abandon their long-range guns and seize their pistols and sabers, and advance within ten feet or less of each other and blaze into each other very fast, or let each other with swords, and one side or the other will yield quickly. There is a vast difference between long range and hand-to-hand fighting, as any old soldier who has seen service will tell you.

The temperance war for the last half century has been in large measure, skirmishing, long-range firing, more of a reconnaissance than a battle. It has been testing the strength of the enemy and also his weakness, and finding out what is his spirit, numbers, and plan of battle. It has also been determining its own force and marshalling it into array.

All of this has been absolutely necessary, it has been preparatory to the real great battle that is now to be fought. All honor to the grand pioneers and fighters who have preceded us.

We are now to lay aside our long-range guns of mere discussion and figures, and seize our pistols and sabers, and advance into the very face of the enemy. He will not stand that mode of encounter long. Law hurled by the mighty force of a righteous public sentiment at close range, will send this enemy to a speedy right about.

Hitherto it has been peninsular campaigns; Yorktown, and Chancellorsville swamps. Now it is Petersburg and Richmond, and it means something by the favor and aid of the just God of battles, Appomattox Court House. Not in my day nor in yours, nor in our children's day, but sometime in the not far distant perspective of history—it means just that.

My friends we are before this intrenchment to stay. The growing sentiment of this nation declares that emphatically. Fifty years preparation is behind us, the weapons of civil and moral law are in our hands; we have found the weak place in our enemy's defense, and we have never found it until now. It is only a question of our own moral bravery and manhood, or our cowardice, whether we pour in there and take this enemy or not.

It has been said, and is said to-day—this very night five hundred people in this town are saying, "Oh, a wave; a wave; a mere ripple on the otherwise placid waters." It is a wave, and a tidal wave. It is more than a ripple gotten up by a mere local breeze; it is a wave, gathered and propelled by the heavenly influences of right, and truth, and justice, as the sun and moon draw on the waters of the ocean. It is a wave that reaches farther than this town of Paw Paw, farther than Hartford or Van Buren county, or the state of Michigan. It is a wave that is sweeping over Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota. In fact, it is rising in every state in this union in some form. It is a wave that is even sweeping Great Britain, that long and bitterly-cursed nation from this traffic.

The form which the temperance wave is taking to-day, is to be respected, not laughed at, and here as a humanity, battling for the right. We have come to stay if it takes till the millennium, and a thousand generations lay their bones before the intrenchment.

This matter has forced itself into politics, not because political parties wanted it there, but because they could not help themselves. It has become so strong and vital that it is already taking a foremost place as a national issue. No convention dare make a platform without putting in a temperance plank, or filling the space with ambiguous nothings to deceive and satisfy. Public opinion compels this recognition. Society demands that in some way this matter shall be worked into law. It is compelling political parties to declare for law or no law, for order or chaos. Men of political sagacity see this and respond to it, either with ambiguities or with clear, definite statements.

Let us not imagine that we are alone in this demand for law in temperance. It is the demand of the best intelligence and the conscience of this entire nation. We are not alone here in this little town—a mere ripple on the otherwise stagnant ocean of American sentiment. The whole ocean is heaved by it. Shame on us if we have not felt it and responded to it.

This matter of law takes different forms in different localities. It is a necessity, and is esteemed to be such by the wisest and best men.

In Iowa it takes the form of prohibition; in Illinois, high license. Prohibition is the ideal—the ultimate aim. Both these forms of the law mean a tighter grip on the neck of this monster, and ultimately they mean the complete throttling of him. We will not quarrel about these diverse forms of the law; we glory in any law that is strong and vital enough to tighten its grip. If Illinois law is powerful enough to weaken its enemy so it can get him down where it can at last throttle him, we say God speed, to the high license law of Illinois. It is infinitely better than the virtually no law that has permitted four thousand millions in his chief city.

If Iowa has its money already on the ground, then grapple his throat with the iron hand of prohibition. It is all in the battle, and it all means eventual temperance victory. It is now a question of means, the best and most practical method. When one means cannot be enforced, as good and true men there on the ground feel that it cannot, then enforce the other; it is the only resource left and it is demanded.

Three things enter into this temperance campaign: Conscience, educated sentiment, and the strong arm of the law. In the last one hundred years the intelligence of this nation has far outstripped its moral sense; mere intellectual acumen, keenness, has left conscience far behind. We have gained in knowledge more than we have in moral conviction; we know far more than we are willing to do. We have got to go back and bring up this moral sense, this neglected conscience to a line abreast of our intelligence. There is no other way if we would move on safely and grandly.

Does the intelligence of any sane man need to be convinced of the enormity of this traffic? Does it need enlightenment in regard to the unparalleled evil it is doing? Does it need an enlarged vision to see the "dozen foot" and "the horns" that are so prominent there? A man is paribled, absolutely without any sight at all, if he will

not see this. He does see it. There is not a day passes over our heads but the intelligence of this American nation says "that is too bad," "that is a fearful waste and enormity." The very men who are engaged in it themselves know it, both buyers and sellers. There is no need to open the eyes of their intelligence to this matter; they are open, and the eyes of the poor victims are very often wide staring open.

But what does all this avail where the moral sense is asleep, where conscience is dead, and there is no great moral conviction to enforce what is already too well known. Does the mere fact of knowing remove the evil? No! We might know ten thousand times more than we do, and without conscience and a strong moral conviction of the evil we would let it go on forever.

What we need is a revived and an aroused conscience. How has it been in this town for the last three or more years? We have heard mutterings, much talk in undertones. On every hand we have heard men speak of their knowledge of the constant growth of this evil. We have talked about it, but what did that amount to? Did that stay the tide? No! While our conscience has been asleep this evil has been spreading itself with alarming rapidity. We knew it, yes the whole town knew it, but conscience was not alive to it, therefore the evil spread itself as it did.

What this town needs, what this entire commonwealth needs is to go back, and rouse up its conscience and bring it up abreast of its intelligence; when that is done we shall get such a hand on the neck of this evil that we can master it, and ultimately throttle it.

I take it that this movement that is now beginning here and elsewhere is the power of conscience arousing itself in the American breast. It is the voice of a great moral conviction asserting its belief in the hereafter intolerableness of this evil. It is the heart and soul of America rising up to take their places beside intelligence. It is an educated and vitalized sentiment coming to the front and saying, "we know, and will enforce what we know."

My friends, I think the time has come for an appeal to law. While conscience and moral conviction have been asleep, the law has slept. That was natural. There was nothing to rouse it up. But put conscience, a belief in the eternal right, into law, and you make it a strong right arm, otherwise you paralyse it, and it has been sadly palsied in these years.

In the trial that lately went on in the court house of this place, what was the real power that wrought justice? It was the moral conviction of the people of this community that stood back of the law, energizing it, giving strength to its right arm. It was heart and soul ranging itself beside intelligence in behalf of a verdict that could not be disregarded. What we need then is an appeal to law in the name of conscience and moral conviction. Put conscience beside intelligence, put heart with brain, put knowledge with moral sense. Dignify law with moral greatness, put the royal and imperial will of a moral and intellectual people into the law, and we shall have a law that is a power, a law that moves with majesty, a law to which we can safely appeal in the right.

And now my friends, let me appeal to you to do your part as men, as patriots, as philanthropists, as christian warriors. Remember it is a hand to hand encounter; it means battle at close range, it means that you are off the skirmish line, and standing before the face of the enemy. It means that your weapons will be pistol and sword, law and moral conviction.

Remember also that you are not alone in this conflict the battle line ranges across this nation. In it you will find all womanhood, and the truest manhood. Legislatures and political conventions are taking their places in this line, or against it. It is a battle line that no true man can withdraw from and be true.

Remember also that it is a battle in behalf of the purity and majesty of the law, and every sacred right. It has to do with the integrity of this nation and the destiny of this God-honored and God-favored race. It has to do with the heritage you leave your children. It has to do with every sacred duty that you owe to God and your neighbor. Then be true and valiant. Let not this battle line go on without you and me; we shall account for it here and hereafter if we do.

Here as we to stay, we mean to fight it out here in the name of intelligence, of conscience and of law. "Be of good courage and acquit yourselves like men." It is God's battle and humanity's.

**Prospect Lake.**  
Mrs. Tolan of Calhoun county, is visiting at Frank Chase's.

Died, June 27th, infant son of Thomas and Mary Cooper, aged four days.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jennings visited at H. Jacob's one pleasant moist day last week.

Dennis Cooper's new house has a well under it. Walk in and get a drink of cold water from the tank.

Can Dowagiac buyers afford to pay more for wood than those of our towns? Some of our farmers have taken their clip there.

The heavy and continued rains have materially injured the hay crop, clover especially. It has made a big growth, is lodged and rotting.

The dam at Mr. Drew's mill (the Chadwick mill) came near being carried away last week. The water forced a passage through in two places.

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