

TEMPERANCE NOTES

(Conducted by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.)

EXCELLENT EXAMPLE.

By command of King George of England no wines or spirits will be allowed to be consumed in any of his majesty's houses.

The question of drink and its effect on the work necessary for the prosecution of war overshadows everything else in public interest.

The press and the public favor some drastic measures, a majority of the newspapers expressing the belief that total prohibition, which would appeal to all classes, is necessary.

King George's example and appeal is said to have had a most remarkable effect at Glasgow. The shipyards of that city comprise probably the hardest drinking community in Great Britain, but after word was received of the king's action by concerted agreement the laborers are reported to have shunned the bar-rooms.

Government leaders have stated that they are considering the question not from a moral, but from an economic standpoint. They believe the country will gain financially by any movement suppressing the sale of liquor. A manufacturer, who is a student of the drink problem, says: "If the public saw the time-sheets of industrial concerns engaged in manufacturing munitions of war, showing the contrast between the work done by teetotalers and drinkers, it would be appalled. The days lost by drinkers reduce their working time on an average to three full days a week. Britain's drink bill is twice as much per capita as America's, four times as much as Canada's, and far the highest of any country in the world."

OH, FOR A DESPOT!

For years we dry, teetotal cranks have tried to slay the demon Rum, and from our agitated ranks all sorts of shrieks and prayers have come. Such weapons as were at command we have employed, as best we knew, and every corner of the land has heard our earnest howdy-do. We gain a little every year, small triumphs follow every slump; a village there, a county here, cuts out the booze and hits the pump. But, oh! it is a weary task, this tolling onward, stage by stage, while Barleycorn, with jug and flask, still poisons youth and murders age! But in this country of the free we cannot burn the booting ken, or lock the door and lose the key—the Beast must linger in its den, until the law, that's halt and lame, can be persuaded of the truth, and urged to kill the thing of shame that fattens on the nation's youth. Enlightened Russia knows the way, great Russia, with her tyrant czar; he twists his wrist, and in a day the lid is placed on every bar. The wish is treason, much I fear, and I am shaking in my shoes—I wish we had a despot here,—just long enough to kill Old Boozie.—Walt Mason.

MEXICO AND DRINK.

"Pancho" Villa, the Mexican leader, has declared for prohibition. Personally he is a total abstainer and does not even smoke. In an interview recently he announced: "Mexico will be without liquor when peace comes if it is in my power. Mexico is suffering from it now. It is not only the effect of the drink upon those who drink it, but the effect upon those who are to come. Most of the epilepsy is caused by drunkenness. The children are the sufferers and, as usual, the poor suffer the most from it. The president of a people might not be a drinker himself, but so long as he permits his people to play with poison he is showing himself a weakling. I will not permit it among my officers. It makes them less efficient. When my troops reach a town I order all of the saloons closed. Some of my men have been shot for drunkenness, and some saloon keepers have been executed for selling into the soldiers."

THE SECOND GENERATION.

Ex-President Taft and his two sons, Robert W. and Charles P., differ decidedly on the prohibition question. Shortly after Mr. Taft vetoed the Kenyon-Webb bill as unconstitutional, Robert W. Taft, his oldest son, published in the Harvard Law Review an article showing that his learned father was wrong in his conclusions. Quite recently the ex-president has given public expression to his opposition to state-wide and nation-wide prohibition, but his son, Charles P. Taft, a member of the Yale trio which met the Syracuse university team in a freshmen debate on state and national prohibition, stoutly defended prohibition and took the stand that prohibition laws have been successful where they have been given a chance, citing especially Maine and Kansas.

Dispute Over Player Settled.

Managers Griffith and Moran have settled their dispute over the Cuban player Seagle, who started with the Phillies and then went to Washington. The Washington club pays the expenses that Philadelphia was put to and keeps the player.

Park of the Old Orioles to Go.

Orlie Park, Baltimore, the scene of the early baseball triumphs of McGraw, Jennings, Keeler, Kelley and other famous baseball players, is to be cut up for building purposes.

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Whereas, the said Company has filed in this office a duly certified copy of its charter with certificate of organization in compliance with the requirements of the insurance laws aforesaid. Now, therefore, I, W. C. Taylor, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered, through its authorized agents, to transact its appropriate business of fire insurance in this state according to the laws thereof, until the 31st day of March, A. D. 1915.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Bismarck, this 1st day of April, A. D. 1915. W. C. TAYLOR, Commissioner of Insurance.

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And from the Sorrento, where Tasso was born, it looked across to pleasant Posilippo, where Virgil is buried and to stately Ischia. The palm of Capri saw all that was fairest and most famous in the Bay of Naples.

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Singer's Hints on Child Training.

Mme. Schumann-Heink in The Saturday Evening Post: I had other experiences like this, which fact prompts me right here to say a word about the pernicious cynics who make it a business to throw cold water on the aspirations of youngsters.

The man who is always saying "Don't!" is the frost that kills the tender blossom of aspiration. It is as presumptuous for him to judge and advise us as it is weak and foolish for us to accept his judgment. Such a man cannot possibly know us as we know ourselves, for we have a capacity for development, hidden qualities that are brought out only in actual work and that shrink out of sight under the inquiry of a cynical, bored, wholly unympathetic interrogator. Such an interrogator terrifies us, where a warm, hearty audience inspires us, lifts us into a seventh heaven, and brings out powers we never dreamed we possessed.

These cynics would-be judges invariably lose sight of the fact that because you want to do a thing is evidence that you can do it! I had so much faith in the fact that I could sing that nothing could swerve me. I did not know the fact at the time, but I have come to believe that the fact is that when a youngster has faith he can do a thing, there is the ability to do it behind it, since aspiration is nothing but ability seeking to express itself.

A Pretty Sick Man.

Kansas City Star: Private Tommy Sims had had pneumonia and had been for some time in the hospital, where they treated him so well that he was almost ready to get up and go home. One day the doctor was taking his temperature and while Tommy had the thermometer in his mouth the thermometer fell and happened to turn his back. Tommy saw his chance. He pulled the thermometer out of his mouth and popped it into a cup of hot tea, and when the doctor came back he found the thermometer in the cup. The doctor looked at Tommy and then back at the thermometer and said: "Well, my man, you're not dead, but you ought to be."

As to Supplies.

Milwaukee Sentinel: The country of Washington and Lincoln is not asked to fight, but to use its providentially offered option of shortening the period of disaster in the most peaceful way by withholding supplies from the cause it disapproves and thereby lessening the military torture and death on the part of both victor and vanquished.—Sir Oliver Lodge.

Well, Sir Oliver, to pursue the subject, what about our putting an embargo on the sale of arms? Or does it make all the difference in the world whose side we are on?

We are perfectly well aware that Great Britain, Germany and France have always sold all the guns and ammunition they could do any better in any war who could pay for them.

But two wrongs do not make a right. Uncle Sam has done some romantic and idealistic things in his time. He actually harked back Cuba to its people, and all the applause he got or asked was that of an approving conscience. He may even repudiate the example of the Armistice and the Krupp, and Schneider & Co. at Creusot, and exercise the "providentially offered option" of stopping the sale of the tools of slaughter to the present belligerents. It might not square with the law of neutrality to take such a step in the midst of a war. It might not square with "good business." But what about good morals, Sir Oliver?

Conservative Woman.

Suffrage Number of Fack: Here—"Suppose you get into office and there's a proposition comes up that you would absolutely nothing about. What would you do?" She—"Unlike the men, I think we'd have sense enough not to meddle with it."

Thrifty People Are Happiest.

San Francisco Chronicle: Dennis Tierney was a ranch hand all his life. When he recently died he left \$20,000. William Wayne, Commissioner of the State of California, has just sentenced to one day in jail as a vagrant. The one saved his money, the other squandered it. They are typical of the masses, a continuous procession of the thrifty upward into the ranks of the well-to-do or rich alongside of a similar procession downward into the ranks of the poor and wretched. There is a cult which despises thrift, holds that vagrancy and crime are necessary result of our civilization, that man is a creature who needs it because society is responsible for his condition society owes him a living.

The same cult, and it is larger than many suppose, says that charity is a despicable humbug, since it yields up for the benefit of the unfortunate but a trifle of the possessions which in fact all belong to the misers who need it. And yet, it is self-evident to those who think, and ought to be self-evident to all, that if society is responsible for the condition of the poor, it is equally responsible for that of Tierney, who died and left \$20,000. The two were under the same social influence and one cannot see how it is possible that the same social influence can produce opposite results.

An Eccentric Dancer.

Indianapolis Star: You say he is an eccentric dancer? "Extremely so. He persists in dancing waltzes and two-steps."

SAFETY FIRST.

We never thought there was such a sense in seeking the south pole; But, believe us the Johnny Bull Who's headed for that goal Has got some hard sense in his head, To hike for it, by jing! If he keeps on he'll show good sense If he climbs up the Houston Post.

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