

TEMPERANCE.

Its Importance as a Factor For Human Happiness.

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There is beauty in temperance, like that which is portrayed in virtue and truth. It is a close ally of both, and like them has that all-pervading essence and quality which chastens the feelings, invigorates the mind, and displays the perfection of the soul.

Young man, did you know some of your best friends are your worst enemies? "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink." How many friends have you that will divide the contents of their bottle with you?

Satan uses whisky as a mark to cover the sinfulness of crime. Let him get you under its influence, and he has you where he wants you, he can get you to do low, immoral tricks, that you won't do when sober.

And is this all that the use of whisky does? No! Think of the wounds that are inflicted upon the hearts of mothers, wives and children; think of the homes that are wrecked by it.

Husbands, have you thought of the pain you cause that wife, that should be dearer to you than all else in life, by the intemperate life you are leading?

In the midst of a meeting a woman arose And a warning she uttered there; For the girls in the bloom of their beautiful youth Who are happy, and free and fair. "Oh, girls," she then pleaded "oh heed me well, And listen while I my story tell. Too late I had heard of my wasted life, The terrible fate of a drunkard's wife. I married a drunkard, dear girls, she exclaimed, And was giddy, and young, and gay, But like the mist in the morning my joys took their flight And thus swiftly they passed away. I have learned that the crown of all sorrow below, Which will crush and blight the heart, The poor wife of a drunkard is destined to know, And to writhe and suffer the smart, Though young, behold! my hair is white Made so by the scenes of one sad night. Oh, the sight! oh the sight! of that terrible night! She exclaimed in an anguished tone. As the scene of the past seemed to rush o'er her sight As if reason they would dethrone. With hands that were pale she hid her face, As if to conceal her deep disgrace. The delirium tremens! Oh, girls, have you seen? May God spare you the fearful sight Of a husband insane by the demon drink As he staggers towards home at night. "Oh take them away!" I have heard him scream, It seems like a sad and awful dream. On that night I was sitting beside my sick boy, And my two little girls at rest, When a feeling of fear that they both were unsafe Of a sudden my soul possessed; I rushed to their room and on the bed I found them mangled, cold and dead. By the hand of their father they both were slain, And with knife with their blood still red In the frenzy of drink and madness of shame He still raved with his reason fled. O, me he then glared—his wretched wife And then with a thrust he took his life. Then I fell to the floor and was borne from the room, A wreck since that night I've been; And the boy that was left had passion for drink The sad mark of his father's sin, It chained him, though young, a hopeless slave, And early he filled a drunkard's grave. I beg of you, girls, as you value your lives, From the drinker to turn aside, And give heed to no plea, whatever it be Of the drinker to be his bride, To save from such sorrow as wrecked my life Oh never become a drinker's wife."

There they are; judge for yourself.

WHISKY DEALERS.

The whisky dealers are a class of people that have my prayers; they are men that have hearts as well as you, and they have souls to be saved. They are God's creatures, spending their lives in the service of Satan, who has so blinded them with sin as to make them think there is no harm in it, and that it is as good a way as any of making a living. But do you suppose they know what they are selling, when they sell a barrel of whisky? Do you know?

A barrel of headaches, a barrel of woe; A barrel of curses, a barrel of blows; A barrel of sorrow from a weary, loving wife, A barrel of care, a barrel of strife; A barrel of hunger, of poison, of pain; A barrel of hopes all blasted and vain; A barrel of poverty, ruin and blight; A barrel of tears that flow in the night; A barrel of crimes, a barrel of groans; A barrel of orphans' most pitiful moans; A barrel of serpents that hiss as they pass; And glow from the liquor at the top of the glass; A barrel of falsehoods, a barrel of cries; That fall from the maniac's lips as he dies.

You know his fate, but what does he leave behind? Listen, I will read his will:

I leave to society a ruined character, a wretched example and a memory that will rot. I leave to my parents as much sorrow as they can in their feeble state bear. I leave to my brothers and sisters as much shame and mortification as I could bring on them. I leave to my wife a broken heart—a life of shame. I leave to each of my children poverty, ignorance, a dishonored name, and the stinging memory that their father fills a drunkard's grave.

Girls, did you know there is a judgment day coming? And did you know that on that day you and

I will have to stand before the judgment bar of God and give an account of the life we are leading. God gave us this life and He intended for us to spend it in his service. How many of us are doing this? How many of us are doing what we can to save the fallen men of humanity? Some will say, O I haven't any influence; don't say that, for we all have our influence either for good or evil. When Satan tempted the pair in the Garden of Eden, he tempted the woman first, for he knew if he could get her to yield her influence over the man was so great that, using her as a tempter he could easily get the man to sin. And I must say this world today, to a great extent, is what the women have made it. We girls are to blame, to a great extent, for their being so many drinkers among the young men of this community. A sinful, wicked woman in the hands of Satan, using her influence for his cause, can drag a man down to ruin quicker than anything under the sun. Had you thought of that? Its as true as you live.

And now, girls, let us go to work and do what we can to save the drinkers of this neighborhood. Let them know we are anxious to have their souls saved. If we are not right, let us first get right with God, and then live right, and always take God's love as our motive power, and with that seek to save the drinkers. For when the true principles of temperance are established in early life, and made the controlling power through life they insure health, freedom from pain, honor, virtue, usefulness and happiness, all for which a true man lives or hopes for in this life. Happy would it be if they were general and every youth would put them in practice. Then would religion assert her mild and gentle sway, peace plant her olive wreath in every nation, wisdom, divine and time honored, shed everywhere here glorious light; a race of men and women, full of rosy health, strong, active, symmetrical beautiful as the artist's mould; pure, virtuous, wise, affectionate, full of honor and lofty principles, would grow up into communities and nations, and the earth would bloom and rejoice with more than Eden gladness. So girls, let's say with God's help we will establish these principles, so far as it is in our power.

May God take you all out of this city of Gomorrah's wickedness; may He take you out of this serpent's arms, out of this sea of evil and regenerate you all in your full manhood is my prayer. This address was delivered by Miss Linnie Nunn at Repton Sunday school.

A CARD.

TO THE VOTERS OF CRITTENDEN COUNTY:

At the solicitation of many friends of the various political parties, and having received the nomination of my party without opposition, I take pleasure in announcing that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of county clerk, and hope that you will give my claims due consideration, and any and all favors shown me in this matter will be duly and kindly appreciated; and if re-elected I promise a faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of said office, as I have ever tried to do in the past; and permit me to return you my heartfelt thanks for your many acts of kindness extended me, and for the confidence reposed in me as your public servant and friend in the by gone years, and during all of which time I have endeavored to be faithful to the trusts confided to me, in the discharge of all of my official duties required by law, but how far short I have come, you are to be the judges; and knowing that your judgment will be just, I submit my entire case with you, and whatever decision you may render next November, will be cheerfully accepted by me. Respectfully yours, D. WOODS, Co. Clerk.

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Illinois Central Railroad Co.

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Upon the recommendation of the President the resolution adopted July 21, 1897, authorizing the free transportation of stockholders over the Company's lines, to Chicago and return, at the time of the annual meeting of stockholders, was reconsidered and amended so as to read as follows:

RESOLVED: That until the further order of this Board, there may be issued to each holder of one or more shares of the capital stock of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, as registered on the books of the company, a ticket enabling him or her to travel free over the company's lines from the station on the Illinois Central Railroad nearest to his or her registered address, to Chicago and return, for the purpose of attending in person the meeting of the stockholders. Such ticket to be good for the journey to Chicago only during the four days immediately preceding, and the days of the meeting, and for the return journey from Chicago only on the day of meeting and the four days immediately following, when properly countersigned and stamped during business hours—that is to say, between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m.—in the office of the Assistant Secretary, Mr. W. G. Bruen, in Chicago. Such ticket may be obtained by any registered holder of stock on application in writing to the President of the Company in Chicago. Each application must state the full name and address of the stockholder exactly as given in his or her certificate of stock, together with the number and date of such certificate. No more than one person will be carried free in respect to any one holding of stock as registered on the books of the company.

By order of the Board of Directors. A. G. HACKSTAFF, Sec'y.

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