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Good of the Order.

THE BOY WHO WE NEED.

Here's to the boy who's not afraid To do his share of work; ...

SPEED THE DAY.

There's a better day approaching, We have waited for it long; ...

COULD I HAVE BORNE IT?

Could I have borne it? I often think If one of my idols had bowed to drink, ...

How many must bear it? The very air Is full of smoke of dwellings fair, ...

Oh it is better to praise than pray, To be thankful than weep on this bright, glad day.

Help me to remember those who bear— An aching heart under garments fair; ...

The White Ribbon

THE POISONING OF THE PEOPLE WITH ALCOHOL. THE MONSTER CRIME.

BY W. JENNINGS DEMOREST.

The Christian world will stand aghast when the people fully realize the fearful responsibility they have assumed in the toleration and justification of the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and more especially their culpability in giving it a legal status through a license, by their vote.

That politics should become the vehicle of this diabolical wrong and injury to the people, is the more deplorable because the franchise or vote should represent the highest and purest phase of our moral sentiments but because we have neglected this branch of our moral and Christian duty, the liquor dealers have found they could manipulate and control this power, and so secure for themselves both prestige and a monopoly of the trade through political action, and to this purpose they have given such vigilant attention (while the friends of temperance were delinquent and insensible to their rights), that the liquor interests have secured absolute control of every department of the government, to favor their wishes.

But the tremendous array of crime consequent upon the enormous and increased consumption of alcohol, notably in the form of beer, has awakened a widespread consternation among thinking people; and it is found, by careful estimate of the probable outcome of this terrible evil, that crime and anarchy and the destruction of all our material interests, together with all moral restraint, will surely follow if this tide of alcoholic poisoning is not speedily arrested.

At the present time the most formidable barrier that we have to overcome is the personal indulgence in the use of various kinds of intoxicating liquors by many of the leaders in the Christian Church, and the encouragement this diabolical drink-traffic has received from them; these are the powers of darkness in high places. This drink habit among Christians misleads the unwary, deludes the young, and is revolting to the moral sense. If Christ should come to-day He would see this wicked superserviency to the worst forms of crime and oppression sanctioned by His representatives, and He would certainly denounce them with the same emphatic severity as He denounced the scribes and Pharisees for their hypocritical pretenses eighteen hundred years ago. He would undoubtedly say in substance, as He said then: "Ye blind guides, who make large your phylacteries and enlarge the borders of your garments, who make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within are full of extortion and excess. Whited sepulchers, full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness! Ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" And the fate of Sodom will certainly overtake our civilization unless these teachers can be awakened from their lethargy, and the moral delinquency now manifested by members of the church in their toleration of and connivance with this monster of iniquity, be overcome.

History tells us of Nero, who fiddled while Rome was burning; but here in the latter part of the nineteenth century, we in a sense repeat history by the perfidy and wickedness manifest in the so-called Christian Church through its teachers, while our streets are rampant with crime, and the overflowing poor-houses, hospitals, and prisons testify to the debauchery and degradation among the people, caused by this alcoholic poison. Yet these representatives of the Christian Church, these appointed teachers, by way of palliating this awful scourge, stand like Pilate and wash their hands, saying, "I find no

fault with these promoters of temperance;" but they crucify the principle of total abstinence and prohibition by telling the people (as recently announced by a conference of bishops in London), "We are constrained to utter a caution against a false principle which threatens to creep in and vitiate much useful work. Highly valuable as we believe total abstinence to be as a means to an end, we desire to discountenance the language which zondemns the use of wine as a wrong in itself, independently of its effects on ourselves or on others."

While this language shows them to be blindly wicked in their utterances, it is not only what they did say, but what they did not say, that proves their culpability; like Judas, it was not the kiss only that he gave our Saviour, but it was the betrayal of his Master we condemn; and so these teachers, who are supposed to represent the best interests of the people, by withholding the truth most effectively delude the people to their ruin, and in this way they become treacherous wolves in sheep's clothing. Their position gives them a controlling power over the sentiments of the people; but if the trumpeters give an uncertain sound, if they like the watchmen on the walls fail to tell of the approaching enemy, they become traitors to their trust, and the people must and will condemn these delinquent cowards and the worst enemies of the Church; for certainly no class of traitors and cowards is so much to be dreaded as that which has the people's interests in its custody, and either from fear or indolence or treachery allows the enemy to poison the fountains, and devastate the homes of the people.

These representatives of the Church of Christ should be made to see their delinquency in the light of the fearful facts crowding themselves on our attention. The cries and tears, the moans and anguish the broken hearts, and the destruction of thousands of the best men and women in the community, together with the wasted wealth and the crime and debauchery among the people caused by this terrible scourge the poison of alcohol, ought to arouse the dormant conscience of the world, and cause its teachers to see what God would have them do. But in any case, the lash and spur of an outraged people ought to be brought to bear with such a force and power that they would be compelled to see the truth and raise the alarm, and lead the people to combine against this monster iniquity with all the zeal and earnestness of strong conviction; for the people, through their representatives, have power to crush and demolish this stronghold of Satan, this devil incarnate. This poison of alcohol that now darkens our moral atmosphere destroys the home, covers the land with crime, misery, and pauperism, must be prohibited by the law.

The Church through its teachers must come to demand the entire prohibition of the manufacture, sale, and importation of this vile and destructive poison, as the acme of just legislation; and not pamper the beast with hope of mere restriction, or, worse still, the possibility of a legal sanction for a monopoly of the crime of manufacturing drunkards and debauching the people with intoxicating liquors; Prohibition, first, last, and always, is our only security against this terrible curse of alcohol. The treacherous, selfish, and perfidious friends of the traffic must be made to understand that the people's rights must be respected wherever or whenever the best interests of the people require Prohibition.

Therefore Prohibition must come, and come it will, and come to stay; and woe be to the mercenary, blind, or craven churchman, bishop, or citizen, who shall oppose the progress of this grand and glorious consummation!

Strong condemnations of the issuing of liquor permits in the Northwest Territories are being made in all parts of the Dominion.

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