

## BEER WINE AND DRUNKENNESS.

A desperate attempt is being made to convince the people of this continent that beer and wine are not intoxicating drinks, or if they are that it is only to a very small extent; and we are told that if our people would only acquire the beer and wine habit drunkenness would disappear. As many of our people do not know much about beer and wine, and cannot imagine that men would dare to make the strong statements that are made by the beer and wine champions if there were no facts to back them up, it is just possible that some well meaning people may actually be persuaded to vote for beer and wine in order to promote the cause of temperance. This possibility we cannot afford to ignore.

The first fact which should strike even the most careless observer in regard to this matter is the character of the men who are advancing the plea for beer and wine. With very few exceptions they are the very men who have fought the temperance hosts at every step during the great campaign against drunkenness. The brewers, the wine-merchants, the bar-owners, and the men who have been producing or conniving at drunkenness for a generation or more, are all lined up with this new "temperance" party. This in itself should indicate to most men where the temperance man should take his stand. He certainly does not belong to that crowd.

Another fact, well brought out by Cora F Stoddard in a recently revised pamphlet on beer and wine, is this, that the drunkenness of long ago was largely beer and wine drunkenness, as the art of distilling spirits is not yet one thousand years old. The drunkenness against which the prophets of Israel launched their thunderbolts was wine drunkenness. The drunkenness of Belshazzar's house of revelry was wine drunkenness. The drunkenness which helped to bring decadent Rome to its end was wine drunkenness. And in view of all ancient history it is hard to contend that beer and wine do not produce drunkenness.

Another fact which Miss Stoddard emphasizes is that beer and wine do, after all, contain a not inappreciable amount of alcohol. If we take a half-pint of light wine, containing only 8 per cent. of alcohol, and put alongside of it a pint of 4 per cent. beer and alongside of that place a glass containing about 3 tablespoonfuls of whiskey, containing about 42 per cent. of alcohol, the three drinks will contain the same amount of alcohol, just about two-thirds of an ounce. This means that the man who takes the half-pint of wine, the man who takes the pint of beer, and the man who takes the glass of whiskey have each taken about the same quantity of alcohol. And if alcohol taken regularly tends to produce the alcohol habit, then every one of the drinkers is in danger.

And the tests with beer and wine show clearly that even comparatively small quantities of those drinks lessen efficiency, reduce muscular ability, and perceptibly impair mental power. Dr. E. L. Fisk, of the Life Extension Institute, says very wisely, "Alcohol is alcohol, either in whiskey or beer. It is nonsense to claim that

beer is a hygienic drink. It is drunk chiefly for its alcoholic effect, and if the alcoholic effect is produced the danger of alcohol exists. Furthermore, heavy beer drinking, as in the case of brewery employees, adds the danger of excessive fluid intake, entirely apart from alcohol. The heavy mortality of brewery employees is sufficient evidence that beer, so far as its effect on masses of men is concerned, is not a hygienic drink." One of the greatest curses which ever visited Germany was the beer habit of which they boasted, and of whose brutalizing effect they seem not yet to have become aware.

Germany and France are sufficiently startling examples that national beer-drinking or national wine-drinking are not the way to national sobriety or permanent national greatness. And those who tell us so glibly and so positively that beer and wine are really temperance drinks have either some motive for deluding us or else they are woefully ignorant of the matters of which they speak. Whatever the pleas for beer and wine may be there is no tenable plea on the ground that they are temperance drinks.—The Christian Guardian.

## WHAT EVERY GIRL CAN LEARN.

Not every girl can learn to play or sing or paint well, before she is fifteen years old, but here are some "accomplishments" within every girl's reach:

- Never fuss or fret or fidget.
  - Never keep anybody waiting.
  - Shut the door, and shut it softly.
  - Have an hour for rising and rise.
  - Always know where your things are.
  - Learn to make bread, as well as cake.
  - Keep your room in tasteful order.
  - Never come to breakfast without a collar.
  - Never go about with your shoes unbuttoned.
  - Never let a button stay off twenty-four hours.
  - Speak clearly enough for everybody to understand.
  - Be patient with the little ones, as you your mother to be with you.
  - Never let the day pass without doing something to make somebody comfortable.
- The Girls' World.

## HIS GREAT WORK.

The great and crowning work of the Holy Spirit is to make us holy. For this reason he is called the Holy Spirit. He alone has the adjective holy prefixed to his name. While the Father and Son are holy as truly as the Spirit, yet he alone bears this distinction in name because his special work on earth is to make men holy. We receive the Spirit then not primarily to give us power for service, but to make us holy.

Holiness is His specialty, His chief work; the work towards which his convicting, awakening, rejuvenating, prayer-inspiring works all aim. He inspires all the people of God to pray for holiness, if not in name at least in essence. Those who sneer at holiness as a specialty are criticising the work in which the Spirit is engaged. Those who refuse holiness oppose the work of the Holy Spirit.—Christian Witness.

## WHAT NEXT

The following was taken from the Wesleyan Methodist of June 4th, which is printed in Syracuse, N. Y., where this took place:

A glance at the array of boxing talent which will appear at the Elks boxing show at the Arena Friday night for the benefit of the Salvation Army home service fund reveals a list of three-round bouts which should not fail to appeal to the fistic fancy. Chairman Charles E. Huck, of the Elks committee yesterday announced that he had matched twenty-two boxers and that he had been compelled to turn down the requests of as many more who were anxious to give their services.

Included in the list of boxers are to be found many of the veterans of other years, some of them lads who have returned from service overseas. "Young" Rogers, "Kid" Crozier, Jimmy Turner and other members of the local colony of boxers are among the lads who will stage 'comebacks' against rivals from other cities.

The best of the Syracuse boxers will be seen in action, while the lads from other cities are too well known to require comment.

Announcement was made yesterday that the demand for seats had exceeded expectations and that indications point to the greatest crowd that ever saw a boxing tournament in Syracuse. Special arrangements have been made to accommodate women. Seats were placed on sale at O'Donnell's smoke shop at Fayette and Clinton streets yesterday. General admission tickets may be obtained at any cigar store. The program of boxing follows:

The above mentioned boxing tournament came off as scheduled and was acclaimed as one of the big features of the money-raising campaign in Syracuse. The papers stated that this was the first time in the history of boxing matches in Syracuse in which women were spectators of the fistic exhibitions. Under the cover of raising money for the Salvation Army the door is opened wide for the repetition of the occurrence, if it does not become the settled practice.

With the motion picture play, "The Belle of New York," now making the rounds of the "movies" in the interests of the Salvation Army, with the tobacco war record, with a gigantic money-raising campaign engineered by a leading secret order and promoted by the means of boxing tournaments, are we not justified in feeling that the Salvation Army is in grave danger of "missing the mark" of her high calling?

Satan's kingdom is not much disturbed by a Christian who has not the victory over all his own troubles; through faith in Jesus' name. Nor is the Kingdom of our Lord advanced by either a sad and saddening Christianity or one that goes to the world's or the devil's pleasures to piece out its own lack of happiness in God. And this happiness is assured in the abiding fullness of the Holy Ghost.

A holy, happy heart is irresistible in a troubled, dismal, pleasure seeking world.  
—Rev. Joseph H. Smith.