

## Temperance Column

### WHO IS TO DRINK IT?

This is the report of an actual dialogue which took place between two American citizens the other day—one of them a business man, and the other a clergyman, to whom the business man spoke frankly as one does to a good friend.

"Well," said the layman, with an air of finality, "prohibition is a failure, and we must get used to the idea of making America 'wet' once again."

"But who is to drink the liquor?" queried his friend. "Will you?"

"Why, no," he replied. "You know I am a teetotaler."

"Will your son drink it?"

"No, that shall not be!"

"Would you want it to come back for the sake of your clerks?"

"No, it is my practice to discharge any clerk who drinks liquor."

"Do you want your customers to drink it?"

"No, I would much rather not; I am sure that those who use strong drink will not buy so much from me nor pay their bills promptly."

"Will you want the engineer on your train to use it?"

"No, I admit I don't want to ride on a drunkard's train."

"Ah, then, you want this liquor for the men whom you meet driving cars on the public highway."

"No, of course not; that is danger to everybody."

"Well, then, who is to drink this liquor in America, pray tell me."

"I am not sure that anybody should drink it. I guess we're much better off without it."—*Reformed Church Messenger*.

### WHY SMOKE, ANYWAY?

1. It takes time. This is the most precious thing in the world.
2. It befouls the air. Pure air is God's first and best gift to man.
3. It burns up money. Money is the circulating lifeblood of commerce and society.
4. It hinders work. By work we win in this world.
5. It weakens the heart. The time is coming when you will need every bit of its strength.
6. It endangers health. Grant and Mark Twain both died of tobacco hearts.
7. It is a habit-forming drug. You become its slave.
8. It is not recommended by your mother. A boy's best friend is his mother.
9. It is unclean. Paul says, "Keep thyself clean."
10. All smoke is waste and impairs health. Tobacco smoke is doubly so. He who abates it is a benefactor.—*G. T. Homerton*.

### WOULD PUT TOBACCO TRADE UNDER THE DRUG LAW

Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, who offered a bill in the United States Senate proposing to put the tobacco trade under the food and drug laws of the government, making them liable for prosecution of cases of illegal propaganda in advertising their goods. The Senator's speech is being widely distributed by forces interested in the welfare of the youth of the land as a vigorous protest against the efforts of the American Tobacco Trust in fastening the tobacco habit on women and children. The bill would do some

good, no doubt, and is worthy of support as a curb to this great evil.

### FINLAND AND PROHIBITION

Finland is one of the few countries in Europe that has absolute prohibition laws. Seven years before the outbreak of the World War this country passed its first total prohibition act. Finland was then a part of the Russian Empire, and the Czar did not ratify this law. It was not until 1917, after she gained her independence, that Finland finally ratified her prohibition act. Because of being surrounded by wet states, this nation finds great difficulty in protecting itself from illegal importations of liquor. In spite of the difficulties that beset enforcement of this measure in Finland, it is reported that great strides are being made in this direction. Some of the benefits derived from its prohibition laws are thus described in a circular put out by the World League Against Alcoholism: "Finland has had a continuous decrease in mortality per cent. under prohibition; health conditions have improved appreciably; the national wealth is greater than ever before; loss of liquor revenue has not raised taxes; crime has decreased; general social conditions are better."—*Gospel Herald (Scottsdale)*.

### LET US NOT FAIL GOD

I am much impressed by what Dr. Morrison is telling us in these stirring days concerning our duty to foreign missions. May the Lord strengthen his hand in this great work! What we can do we must do, and to say our Nazarenes over the country cannot give an average of \$4 a member for the salvation of the suffering nations, is ridiculous. Anything short of this will be a crime.

Dr. Morrison is showing us the way. Love and sacrifice are the way, and we must not fail God. Think of it! An average of a dime a week is all that is necessary to carry us through to glorious victory, and when he tells us that the whole thing can be accomplished by the Prayer and Fasting League, we throw up our hands and cry, "Lord save our Nazarenes from being a loud talking, non-performing aggregation!" "O Lord, how long?" Amen!

"They climbed the steep ascent to heaven

Through peril, toil and pain,

O God, to us may grace be given

To follow in their train!"

For one, I have always been glad that I have continued an active member of our Prayer and Fasting League from the day it started until now. It seems to me there is "no discharge in this war." Brethren, let us all tread the path the Master trod. Pay it? Of course we can pay it. Anything less, and we shall be forever disgraced!—*Leroy D. Peavey in Herald of Holiness*. N

### GOD'S MONEY

By A. M. Barr

I would not hoard Thy money, Lord,  
For wilful selfishness,  
But with it I would comfort bring,  
And peace and happiness  
To those who toil the live-long day,  
And know not what it means to play.

I would not hoard Thy money, Lord,  
For earthly grain and greed,  
But by its use I would relieve  
Somebody's pressing need,  
And though a servant would unfurl  
Thy love for man around the world.

—*Herald of Holiness*.

### THE SLAVERY OF SIN

Every sinner is a slave. A slave to the most cruel monster in existence. At the very time he boasts of liberty, he is doing exactly what Satan wants him to do. Some forms of slavery are worse than others, but they are from the same master and will end in the same place. Some are slaves to passion, some to bad habits, some to pride, anger, selfishness; some to respectable, popular sins, and others to the disrespectable kind.

Sometimes respectable sinner slaves will be very much concerned in the salvation of the disrespectable and go about with expensive Bibles under their arms seeking to save the poor drunkard and the scarlet woman, and they are as really slaves as are those they are seeking. Pride will take people to hell as really as will harlotry, and anger as well as drunkenness. Nothing except the religion of Christ will deliver the soul from slavery.

Judge McLeon, of the Montgomery, Alabama, circuit court wrote:

This body that carries the soul through the world takes on habits and hugs them closer as the years go by. It first becomes the companion of habit, then the servant, and finally the slave. Now and then it goes to battle with its master, but when habit has become master it many times destroys the will; the fight is not for long. The servitude continues.

If avarice, greed, lust and hate are woven into the warp and woof of your life, then you are in bondage. You are in slavery. You work for these masters. They own your body and you are not free. You are permitted to look up and see the blue of the skies, to vision the hills and valleys, and listen to the song birds; but all the same you are in bondage. These masters continually call you to labor in their service. You must wait on them. You must cringe and crawl in their presence.

The world stands just now in need of leaders who can and will direct the work of progress in the arts and sciences, in agriculture and the industries. A gesture was made in your direction, but, upon closer inspection, it was found that you had already taken service. You were bound out. You were in slavery. You had become the slave of sinful habits, and hence employment was not offered to you.

Would you be free? Would you stand up clean and straight, with the rich red blood tingling through your veins? Would you receive a call from the fighting line? There is just one way open to you. If you will call God into your life; if you will have the courage to seek His aid in cleaning house and in keeping it clean; if you will ask Him to take you out of bondage, He will issue to you a pardon and set you free. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."—Free Methodist.

### MOODY ON SPIRITUAL POWER

A great many people are afraid to be filled with the Spirit of God—afraid of being called fanatics. You are not good for anything until the world considers you a fanatic. Fox said that every Quaker ought to shake the country for ten miles around. What does the Scripture say? "One shall chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight." It takes about a thousand to chase one now. Why? Because people are afraid of being too religious. What does the world want today? Men that are out and out for God, and not half-hearted in their allegiance and service.—*D. L. Moody*.