

Temperance Column

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging. Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Prov. 1:20.

MR. BABSON DECLARES FOR THE PROHIBITION PARTY

Roger W. Babson is known as the world's greatest statistician. He is the founder and president of the Babson Institute, and director and associate in large business. He is known also for his frequent declarations in favor of religion in business. About fifteen or twenty books claim his authorship.

The largest recent news in his remarkable career is his recent affiliation with the Prohibition party. In a speech read before a banquet of select members of that party he stated his reasons for the step he has taken. The five closing paragraphs of his address read as follows:

"This nation is now spending \$3,500,000,000 annually for liquor, and an amount probably in excess of that for gambling. This is all economic wastage, and cannot be defended from the viewpoint of morals, economics or good government.

"The time must come when we must sacrifice and be willing to suffer for the things we believe in. I believe that in every state we should bring court action against notable outstanding corruptionists in public offices. I believe we should picket bad movies, corrupt politicians, evil saloons, and other corrupting persons and institutions, and that a campaign of this kind should be inaugurated throughout the United States.

"In such a campaign I would have more to lose than any of you, but I am willing to go to jail if necessary to save democracy and to cast out the liquor and other evils.

"But again I say, democracy will never be saved by either the Republican or Democratic political machines. Both are mere business machines without patriotism or conscience. The only hope of the United States lies either with a coalition party or else some new party. I believe that the Prohibition party has the opportunity to be this party. I am now ready to align myself with the new kind of political party to help save the nation, and I now do so.

"The future of America—yea, of the world—is up to those spiritually-minded people who are willing to be peered at for the cause of righteous and good government. There are enough of them if united politically to save the nation. This Prohibition party group is a logical nucleus for the kind of political party this nation now needs. Let us restore as the keystone of the arch the stone of righteousness which the old political parties have rejected."

There has been some hope that Mr. Babson will accept the nomination for the Presidency on the Prohibition party ticket. If this should happen the old parties might be challenged to produce a candidate as familiar with business and government as is Mr. Babson. This those parties might not be able to do.

If, besides such a candidate for the head of the ticket, a good, dry, prominent Southern Democrat who is through with Roosevelt and the "New Deal" (and there are plenty of these) could be persuaded to take the second place on the ticket, then all of us might be surprised at the result of a vigorous campaign. Why not try this?—Free Methodist.

WHERE THERE IS

Faith, there is a heart more courageous.
Love, there is a world more beautiful.
Happiness, there is a man who has turned his back to bitterness.
Peace, there must be a clean conscience.

TOBACCO AND MORALS

In one of the Lincoln, Nebraska, high schools a careful study was made to discover the effect of the use of tobacco on school life, with the result shown in the table below. It is important to note the citizenship records of the two groups.

Group	Numbers	Scholarship		Citizenship
		Grades		
Smokers	24	77.0%		80.5%
Non-smokers	121	83.6%		88.0%

The superintendent of the Kearney, Nebraska, Industrial School for Boys, has the following to say about boys and cigarettes:

"Cigarettes are one of five very common causes that bring boys to our institution. The smoking of cigarettes seems to sap the energy of the growing boy, constitutes the first step downward from his exalted self-respect, surrounds him with companions, many of whom tend to lower rather than lift his standard of behaviour, weakens his physical and volitional resistance, and constantly draws his thoughts to the practice of a miserable habit and shunts his attention from nobler acts and thoughts."—Clean Life Educator.

AN EDITOR IS INDIGNANT

The Chicago Daily Tribune, friend of the liquor traffic—friend, we venture to guess, because of the immense revenue reaped by the Tribune from liquor advertising—still does directly tell or at least hint at some of the evils of liquor drinking.

Illinois has had a law requiring the issuance of a marriage license three days before a marriage can take place. An editorial in the Tribune declares, "That law is intended to stop gin marriages, which were scandalizing the rites, vulgarizing the issuance of licenses, enriching disreputable marrying magistrates, and later filling the courts with divorce actions which never should have been in court because there never should have been a marriage."

And the editor is indignant at a movement aiming at the repeal of the three-day law. In this he is absolutely right.

But we cannot help but be a little amused, for that editor ought to know that this liquor which so messed up the lives of young people in the "gin marriages" messes up life in homes already established; messes up the "relief program" of the government so that money raised for relief to the extent of millions of dollars goes to the traffic; messes up employed men so that they are less efficient and their jobs less secure; messes up labor agitation so that labor troubles are worse and violence more frequent when liquor is present; messes up the eye and brain of the driver so that highway accidents are to an alarming extent "alcohol accidents"; above all, and worse than all the rest, attacks the morals of young people and generally demoralizes them in the "New Deal Saloons" and elsewhere.

Let the indignation of that editor arise. He is on the right track. He just has not gone far enough.

We would even admit the "scandalizing" and "vulgarizing" character of the business, and we would even allow that "disreputable" people are profiting by this traffic. But see the implication of that editor's terrible words!—Free Methodist.

CAN YOU IMAGINE

By Rev. J. A. Kelley

A mother with a baby on her lap, a cigarette between her fingers in one hand and a glass of beer in the other? What will motherhood give the world the next twenty-five years?

I rode on the new Zephyr train from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Chicago. Each seat is equipped with smoking trays. Nearly everyone in the train smoked; the train was well-filled. At a certain station another minister got on the train. I thought I had some company, but soon he took out a cigarette and began to smoke. The train was blue with smoke.

I have written the company asking them to please arrange a small room in one end of the train for those who do not smoke. It used to be the opposite.

BIBLE HOLINESS

If we hold to the figure of seven as the number of the primary colors, we may venture to use the same number in enumerating the elements that go to make up the "beauty of holiness"—

- (1) The Beauty of Holiness is the beauty of Purity.
- (2) The Beauty of Holiness is the beauty of Devotion or Consecration.
- (3) The Beauty of Holiness is the beauty of Harmony.
- (4) The Beauty of Holiness is the beauty of Humility.
- (5) The Beauty of Holiness is the beauty of Love.
- (6) The Beauty of Holiness is the beauty of Christlikeness.
- (7) The Beauty of Holiness is the beauty of Perfection.—G. W. Ridout.

THE CHRISTIAN HOME

Home cannot be understood or interpreted except in terms of spiritual values. No home can stand the stress and strain sure to come unless it is undergirded by moral and spiritual motive power. Without spiritual values the home is an empty shell.

It is not the positive command of parents that counts so much as the parental influence of unselfishness, sincerity, idealism, practiced as well as professed. Parental suggestions in such a home atmosphere will mean more than many commands when the home influence is not unselfish and sincere and kind.

Christian idealism is the great generator that supplies the force needed to make and maintain the home.—D. Carl Yoder in the Religious Telescope.

THE CERTAINTY OF FAITH

Faith, without doubt, is perfect faith. It sees nothing but Him who has promised. If human impossibility cries, "presumption!" faith boldly responds, "He is faithful who has promised." He cannot deny himself." The reason why so many ask and receive not, is that faith is mixed with doubt—it is not pure—not perfect.

The smallest doubt robs faith of all its power. But perfect faith will not be denied so long as it has a promise to rest upon. Within the circle of the promises, faith is omnipotent; you can ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you. Ask then, "and receive, that your joy may be full."—Wm. McDonald.