

## Temperance Column

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

### A PARADOX

Warnings are being issued by the government, through the head of the Federal Alcoholic Administration, to the state and local officials, distillers, brewers, and others engaged in their liquor trade, to stop all claims that their product is healthful, that it aids digestion, that it produces a clear head; to stop radio advertising and other advertisements that contain women and children, and also cease making false statements. And the reason for these warnings is the fear of prohibition. More than seventy per cent of the local option elections have resulted in favor of the "dry" sentiment. Therefore there is an effort to carry on the business above reproach and invest it with dignity! As if that could be done!—Alliance Weekly.

### A DRUNKARD'S WILL

Some time ago a young man in an eastern city committed suicide and left the following note:

"My last will and testament: :

"I leave to society a ruined character.

"I leave to my father and mother as much misery as, in their feeble state, they can bear.

"I leave to my brothers and sisters the memory of a misspent life.

"I leave to my wife a broken heart, and to my children the memory that their father fills a drunkard's grave and has gone to a drunkard's hell."—National Voice.

### DID YOU EVER HEAR?

Did you ever hear of a man who lost his job because he was a total abstainer?

Did you ever hear of an insurance company that offered reduced premiums to booze addicts?

Did you ever hear of a woman saying, "My husband would be the best man in the world if he would only drink?"

Did you ever hear of a chauffeur who could drive his car with more safety if he took a snort of alcohol before starting out?

Did you ever hear of a railway engineer who stood better with his employers if he patronized the saloons?

Did you ever hear of an Arctic explorer who stocked up his supplies with liquor in order to keep warm?

Did you ever hear of a child who complained because his daddy did not come home half-soused?

Did you ever hear of a man who objected to his daughter marrying a man because he was not a booze addict?

Did you ever hear of a woman complaining because her husband spent too little time in the groggery instead of spending his evenings at home?

Did you ever hear a murderer on the gallows declaring that his abstinence practices led him to his predicament?

Did you ever hear of a man who beat his wife and thrashed his baby because he was sober when he came home?

Did you ever hear of a house-owner who charged higher rentals because a saloon had been set up next door?

Did you ever hear of a banker who threw

up his hat with joy because a snake-hole was opened close by?

Did you ever hear of a mother who consented to her daughter becoming a barmaid in order to help civilize the dump?

Did you ever hear of a preacher delivering a better sermon because he was half-shot?

Did you ever hear of a gink who boasted that he "could drink it or let it alone" and who actually let it alone?

Did you ever hear of a "moderation society that advocated total abstinence?"

Did you ever see children go in rags, not having proper nourishment, robbed of health and happiness because their father would not drink? — W. E. (Pussyfoot) Johnson, in American Statesman.

### TOLERANCE

By Rev. Claude A. Watson

Tolerance: This word is many times misunderstood for compromise. No, we are not pleading for compromise. We plead for real Christian tolerance. How we need this spirit today when there is so much censoriousness. We are entitled to our different personalities. Some of us differ in our convictions. We might all be partly right. I have the right to convince the other fellow of the right of my position, but when I fail I have no right to slander or defame him because he disagrees with me.

The "Upper Room" has a lovely story illustrating this point. During the frontier days the Sioux Indians had a strange custom. When an Indian left his camp to travel in the lands of other tribes, he would sit beside the chiefs the night before. Just before the blaze of the camp-fire fell back into gray ash, the Indian would lift his hand toward the sky and say, "Great Spirit, help me never to judge another until I have walked two weeks in his moccasins."

What a marvelous change would come over us, what a sympathetic understanding would grip us, what a fellowship would spring up among us, if before we sat in judgment we would walk in the other chap's moccasins for two weeks. Even a shorter walk sympathetically and frankly taken might do wonders.—Free Methodist.

### IMPORTANT DISCOVERY

A sincere minister of the gospel fell into a deep reverie one day, and in his meditations he suddenly made a few very important discoveries. In contemplation of his ministry he came clearly to recognize the fact that most of his sermons lasted less than an hour, but that he was preaching everywhere he went through the entire week, and that his largest audience was not in the auditorium. In contemplating this situation, he concluded that God was not hunting for a man who could always devise better methods, but that He was looking for better men. He came to recognize that the progress of the gospel had a vital connection with himself and that it could move only as he, too, moved Godward and Christward. In the important discovery, he concluded that the gospel was not self-propagated by those who, having received it, were willing to share the good news with others.—Selected.

In prosperity prepare for a change, in adversity hope for one.—Burgh.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR PRACTICAL JOKERS

Two travellers were passing along a road, and saw a pair of empty shoes and a worn coat lying beside them. Said the professor to the student companion: "Some poor man has left his shoes here while he finishes his day's work." "Let us play him a trick," eagerly suggested the student. "Let us hide the shoes, and conceal ourselves behind these bushes. Then we will see what a state the man will be in." "My young friend," answered the professor, "we must never amuse ourselves at the expense of the poor. You are rich, and may give yourself a greater pleasure than by hiding the shoes of the man. Put a silver dollar in each shoe, and then we will hide ourselves as you suggested." And so he did. Slowly and wearily over the field came the man who had left his shoes at the wayside. When he reached the spot, he slipped one foot into a shoe, but he felt something hard, and stooped down to remove it. A silver dollar! Had it dropped from the skies? He looked up at the clouds, and then down the road. The professor and his pupil, unseen, were watching the man. He put the dollar into his pocket, and proceeded to slip his foot into the other shoe, but there was something hard in that, too. What! Another dollar? Then the poor man fell on his knees and thanked God for having heard his prayer for help. He spoke of a wife sick at home, and helpless, and of hungry little children, and asked God's blessing on the unknown hand that placed the two dollars in his shoes. Then he arose from his knees, put on his shoes, and walked as though he was rested. When he was out of sight the professor and the student came out into the road. "Are you not better pleased than if you had played your intended trick?" asked the professor. "Indeed I am," replied the student. "I feel the truth of some words I have never understood before: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"—Selected.

### "BE YE HOLY"

V—Persuaded Holiness

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"I beseech you therefore, brethern, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1).

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Cor. 7:1).

"And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness" (Col. 3:14).

"Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection" (Heb. 6:1).

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14).

"\* \* \* See that ye love one another, with a pure heart fervently" (1 Pet. 1:22).

"\* \* \* Be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless" (2 Pet. 3:14).

"A man's success in life does not depend upon his stature, but upon his spirit. The best man, after all, is the biggest man. It is moral stamina which gives distinction to humanity, whether it be young or old, high or low in the social scale."—Selected.