

Temperance Column

ARE YOU A SOCIAL DRINKER?

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With no apparent sense of shame many church people excuse themselves for drinking by saying, "I'm only a social drinker." We know what they mean. The liquor interests have made it popular to drink. Their seductive advertising is calculated to do this and to put the embarrassment upon the non-drinker rather than the drinker. What about this social drinking, anyway

Well, that's the way practically all drunkards began, by being sociable. They expected to never be more than social drinkers. But, behold, they soon found they had become acquainted with a substance that drugged them, that was an anaesthetic that eased their feelings of timidity, of inferiority, of fear. And because of the effect alcohol had upon them they resorted to it more and more. Secretly at first for they were ashamed to acknowledge their need of such a sorry crutch to lean upon, but they soon threw away all resentments and openly resorted to this thing that deadened their highest and best feelings. They were then well on their way to becoming alcoholics.

And these compulsive drinkers are with us. The Yale School of Alcohol Studies says there are three million excessive drinkers in the United States and that 750,000 of them are chronic alcoholics. Seven hundred and fifty thousand. That's $\frac{3}{4}$ (three-fourths) of a million. Think of the cost to the state and nation of looking after them. Think of the shame and disgrace they bring to their friends and loved ones. And think of the stupidity of a community that tolerates liquor stores where this poisonous concoction can be bought—even by boys—sometimes by girls.

You social drinkers may well be on the way to becoming alcoholics. Certainly you are setting a mighty bad example for the young people in your community. And certainly you are bringing reproach upon the church. Social drinking! It is today—as it has always been—simply the prelude to social debauchery. It is unthinkable that any church member should be guilty of this service.—National Voice.

HOLINESS

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God first, and it puts Him first in all things. Holiness is not human perfection, but freedom from sin, and such devotion to God that we do not take a step in any direction of our lives without knowing His will. It establishes us in a fixed loyalty from which we never swerve. We are His. It is God first, and God all of the time—complete devotion to God. It puts God first in our thinking and planning; it puts God in a relation to us where we consult Him in every step we take.

Dr. McPheeters, now editor of the Pentecostal Herald, said when he was a young man in college, his Bible teacher told them an experience one day as follows: He said: "When I was a young man, I was in love with a girl; I was so deeply in love with her that I thought I could never be happy without her. I felt so strongly in that direction that I did not even pray about it. I made up my mind I was going to propose to her." But he said a pull came on him that he had better pray about such an important matter. He knelt down and laid

the matter before God and said, "Lord, if this young woman is not the woman You want me to marry, take this deep love out of my heart for her, and if she will not be a good helpmeet to me in my obedience to Thee in such a position as You are calling me to, remove this love from my heart." He got up from his knees, and that love was gone. This is a concrete example of putting God first.

We are bound to Him forever; let Him put His mark on us. When we identify ourselves with true holiness, the mark will be on us. It will mark us among masses of so-called Christian people.

The fruit of being made free from sin, and of becoming a love slave to God, is the experience of holiness, a holiness that is linked up with the two world program that prepares for, issues in, and blends with eternal life. I say again, this is the one great essential for final and abiding success in life. We can afford to miss anything else in the world but to miss the one thing that will give us final acceptance and final joy in the presence of an infinite and holy God. That grace is available; it is provided for you and me today.—Christian Witness.

SCHOOL OPENING

Dear Highway Readers:

Greetings to you one and all in the precious name of Jesus. I can surely sing, "For He is so precious to me!" right from the very depths of my heart. Day by day He grows sweeter.

Our readers will be thinking it is indeed time something appeared in The Highway from or about our Holiness Bible School. I am of the same opinion and fain would have one of the brethren write. But, although either one could do better than I, I'll stumble along trusting that you'll get at least the main ideas and the most important pictures.

The Holiness Bible School, so long a thing of anticipation is now a reality. It is real! It has opened. Praise the Lord! Were you sitting here where I am viewing this fine group of students as they industriously apply themselves to their work for the morrow, you would agree that the Holiness school is "in full swing." Perhaps you'd care to come around during some of the periods of recreation. If so, stop your ears. We are a big happy family. Last Wednesday night was prayer meeting night. Friends, not for many months had there been such a number out to prayer meeting, but best of all the Lord was there and what a melting time we did have! Even if there are only a few at prayer meeting, it is the presence of the Holy Spirit that makes it a good meeting.

Let me assure you that had you been here that Monday and Tuesday prior to our registration day, your faith in the possibility of housing, yes, and more than that, of making a home for fourteen students, would have taken a slump. But we had one good brother "on the job"—our business manager—whose faith rather than failing seemed to mount with the hours. And how he worked! One might quote about him: "His strength is as the strength of ten because his heart is pure." With his sleeves rolled up he went to work with a will doing everything including plumbing, laying linoleum, making tables, etc., jobs innumerable. Much thanks is due him for his untiring efforts and willing assistance.

To all others who have helped us in any way, and they are many, we extend our grateful acknowledgment. May the Lord richly

bless you one and all.

Friday night we had the official opening of this school. I wish you every one could have been with us in that meeting. It was wonderful! The main auditorium of the church was over half full while sitting on the platform were twelve visiting preachers besides Brothers Rogers and Robertson. In the chairs sat our students and weren't we proud of them! Isn't a group of sanctified students bent on doing the Lord's will something to be proud of? I think that half of these fourteen students feel a definite call into the Lord's work! Is it worth while having a Holiness school where these young people can get the required training? I should say that it is.

One of our students who didn't register until Monday night told her mother Friday night that if she had her clothes she would stay and go to school.

Brother F. A. Watson brought the message Friday night, a message which one and all agreed was the one for that evening, the opening of our school. Solos were beautifully rendered by Brothers Bridges and McCrae. They both sang from the very depths, making it apparent to all that they had the experience about which they were singing. After that service, and the congregation had gone home, what was our surprise to see piled up around the doors, bags of potatoes, boxes of carrots, pickles, several squash and even 2 bottles of maple syrup! How we praised the Lord for His goodness to us!

Sunday—once again we feasted upon good things. Brother Robertson brought the message in the morning. The good people of Woodstock showed their appreciation of Brother Robertson by their presence in the service. The Lord was there too and there was a good spirit.

The evening message brought by Brother Dow marked a suitable climax to the services of the day.

But, oh, how we need a revival here! And we're going to have it! We in Woodstock are praying, friends are praying, and I trust all of our Highway readers are praying, or will pray to that end. God hears and answers prayer!

At present we have registered seven boys and seven girls, some of the very finest of young people. I say, Praise the Lord! We're believing Him now for greater things. Pray for us.

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EDITORIAL GLEANINGS

We are not too pessimistic when we say that conditions are alarming and the trend downward must stop—and only when the Church becomes true in her devotion to God and the Gospel of Christ will it be stopped! Only a ministry that is dead to the opinions of men and consecrated to preach God's Word in its fulness, demanding from those who profess to be Christians, a separation from the world and a walk of life that is honorable and pure before God and man, will fill the need of the hour. Anyone who is unwilling to meet the requirements of God's word for the ministry will only hinder His work. We need a devotion to God that can come only from a heart filled with Divine Love. Only such a ministry will be able to fill the gap in this age.—Editor Holiness Banner.

Dr. Merton S. Rice has described our age as "a rich age, but it is also a broken-hearted (Continued on Page 8)