

**"TEMPERED TRUTHS"**

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Some more about "Government Control". The trouble with Government Control rests in the stuff our Government is controlling. Liquor, as a beverage, is an unqualified evil. Not one thing can be spoken in its favor. To give any support to its existence or circulation is taking sides with gross evil. This may sound a bit extravagant, but is it? Just because our present law has dressed it up, and our present Government has a monopoly on the sale of it is no reason why we should accept it as less harmful and less iniquitous. So long as alcohol remains an intoxicant it remains an evil; so long as it remains an evil we are commanded by God to hate it.

**Alcohol impairs man's reason**

Alcohol impairs man's reasoning faculties temporarily. A sad spectacle indeed is a man under the influence of alcohol. I saw a young man put off one of our buses recently because he persisted in annoying two young women. A few days ago I saw an old man subjected to the most abusive language by a young man because the elderly man refused to answer some foolish questions asked by the drunk. A few years ago I saw a man infuriated because a horse whom he claimed to know refused to shake hands with him. A man under the influence of alcohol is capable of every senseless act from throwing his money into the ditch to going to sleep on a railroad track.

**Alcohol degrades and demoralizes**

The only thing I know of that reduces an otherwise fine person below the status of an animal is Alcohol. A son has been known to beat up his own mother; a father to abuse his children; a husband to scandalize his wife. Women, under the influence of liquor, persist in stripping themselves before the public. One night last summer, my Cocker spaniel forgot her manners to the extent of attacking a skunk. When she returned home she really seemed ashamed of herself. But I have known the victims of Government booze to project themselves into any place from a dance hall to a religious meeting without either shame or embarrassment. Reduced to drooling, muttering idiots, they knew no shame until sobering up time had come.

**Alcohol, A Killer**

A few months ago I asked a class of young people in our church to watch the "dailies" for accounts of accidents and deaths attributable to drunkenness. The list is a heavy one. We have no space in this article for its publication, but the accounts are appalling. If you doubt, you have but to watch the papers for a few weeks. Car accidents, resulting in deaths. Over indulgence, bringing on heart failure. Murders, and manslaughter cases, in which liquor holds a prominent place. This Province is being outraged by this accursed thing, and we act as if nothing can be done about it. Well, little can be done as long as our legislators protect it, legalize it, and promote the sale of it. Would we thus tolerate any other Gang who promotes, protects, and legalizes a system of killing comparable to what whisky is doing? I think not. But here is the unvarnished truth, and I challenge any man to successfully refute it. The Courts of our Province will bear me up, when I say, Alcohol is a Killer!

**A Bad, A Very Bad Set-up**

This Measure places our politicians in very

bad light. What can be said of a Government that sells a worthless, yea a positively harmful product, for good money? Our Government has paid agents who go about checking on products placed on the market to ascertain their true value, possible elements of danger to health, sanitary qualities, etc. The "Pure Food Act" is intended to protect the people against would be swindlers. These things are good but they should extend their usefulness further. They should visit our Breweries and Government Liquor Stores. Here they should hand down their scientific findings on the harmful effects of alcoholic beverages on the brain, the heart, the nervous system. In fact, the entire man, spirit, soul, and body. We need protection against a Measure that legalizes the sale of alcoholic beverages, and where are we going to get this protection while the Government operates the Saloons?

**JOHN WESLEY'S VIEWS OF SANCTIFICATION TO HIS DYING HOUR**

Some of John Wesley's followers in name, say that he changed his views about sanctification before he died. But according to his journals, letters and sermons to which people have access in our day, we find that this is a wrong teaching and is not the truth.

In Wesley's writings are found these statements to two men, Bell and Owen, who denied instantaneous sanctification, namely: "You have over and over denied instantaneous sanctification to me, but I have known and taught it above these twenty years." This he wrote in 1762, or twenty years after he was settled in this experience which he received by faith.

Again he says to Garretson in 1789, "And it will be well as soon as any of them find peace with God, to exhort them to 'go on to perfection.' The more explicitly and strongly you press all believers to aspire after full sanctification, as attainable now, by faith, the more the whole work of God will prosper."

In his Journal, February, 1789: "Keep that which is committed to thy trust, particularly the doctrine of Christian Perfection, which God has particularly entrusted to the Methodists."

Writing to John King, 1787: "It requires a great degree of watchfulness to retain the perfect love of God; and one great means of retaining it, is to frankly declare what God has given you, and earnestly to exhort all the believers you meet with to follow after full salvation."

In 1790, just two years before he died, he wrote to Robert Brackenbury as follows: "I am glad to hear Brother D—has more light with regard to full sanctification. This doctrine is the grand depositum which God has lodged with the people called Methodists, and for the sake of propagating this chiefly He appears to have raised us up."

Writing to Mr. E. Lewby, 1791, he says: "A man that is not a thorough friend to Christian Perfection will easily puzzle others, and thereby weaken, if not destroy any select society."

In a letter to Dr. Adam Clarke in 1790, he says: "If we can prove that any of our local preachers or leaders, either directly or indirectly, speak against this, let him be a local preacher or leader no longer. I doubt whether he should continue in the society, because he that could speak thus in our congregations cannot be an honest man." If Mr. Wesley were alive today, we wonder what he would do with a lot of leaders among us?

Hear what he wrote to Rev. John Booth in 1791, only two months before he died: "Wherever you have opportunity of speaking to believers, urge them to go on to perfection. Spare no pains, and God, our own God, will give you His blessing."

With these clear-cut unmistakable statements before us—covering the entire last decade of this great man's life—how can anyone try to wrest any disconnected scraps gathered here and there, through the long years of his life, and with them undertake to misrepresent his views? It is almost a slander on the name and character of this godly man.

No. Mr. Wesley did not change his views on Entire Sanctification.—Selected.

Religion is not emotion nor the mere belief in correct doctrines, but it is a life in obedience with God.—Pilgrim Holiness Advocate.

**THE MAJESTIC BOOK**

The Bible is like unto a magnificent palace constructed of precious stones, comprising sixty-six stately chambers. Each one of these chambers is different from its fellows and is perfect in its individual beauty, while together they form an edifice incomparably majestic, glorious, and sublime.

In the book of Genesis we enter the grand Vestibule where we are immediately introduced to the records of the mighty work of God in creation. This Vestibule gives access to the Law Courts, passing through which we come to the Picture Gallery of the historical books. Here we find hung upon the walls scenes of battle, heroic deeds, and portraits of valiant men of God. Beyond the Picture Gallery we find the Philosopher's Chamber—the Book of Job—passing through which we enter the Music Room—the book of Psalms—and here we linger, thrilled by the grandest harmonies that ever fell on human ears. Then we come to the Business Office—the book of Proverbs—in the very center of which stands the motto, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Leaving the Business Office we pass into the Research Department—Ecclesiastes—and thence into the Conservatory—the Song of Solomon—where greet us the fragrant aroma of choicest fruits and flowers and the sweet singing of birds. We then reach the Observatory where the Prophets with their powerful telescopes are looking for the appearing of the "Bright and Morning Star" prior to the dawning of the "Sun of Righteousness." Crossing the courtyard, we come to the Audience Chamber of the King—the Gospels where we find four lifelike portraits of the King Himself, revealing the perfections of His infinite beauty. Next we enter the work-room of the Holy Spirit—the Acts of the Apostles—and beyond that the Correspondence Room—the Epistles—where we see Paul and Peter, James and Jude, busy at their tables under the personal direction of the Spirit of Truth. Finally we enter the Throne Room—the book of Revelations where we are enrapt by the mighty volume of adoration and praise which is ever addressed to the enthroned King, and which fills the vast Chamber while in the adjacent Galleries and Judgment Hall there are portrayed solemn scenes of judgment and wondrous scenes of glory associated with the coming manifestation of the Son of God as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.—Selected.