



The Young Highway

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"Let No Man Despise Thy Youth, But Be Thou An Example..."

TEMPERANCE ISSUE

—Editorial—

VIEW POINT

At the present time we have a copy of the Report of the New Brunswick Liquor Inquiry Commission before us. Our first reaction to the report was not one of surprise, but one of horror. Our final reaction after meditating upon the report for some time is still unchanged.

If the recommendations of the Inquiry Commission are adopted in the forthcoming sitting of the legislature, it would appear to us that our government will have done little less than to open the doors of society to leave her naked before a cruel beast which directs its patrons to sin and vice.

This situation seems to us to be more appalling when we read the local papers and talk to men of influence and discover that they love to have it so. One critic of the commission suggested that the commission might be using too strong language by suggesting that alcohol was an evil. How could sensible men suggest otherwise. Perhaps Shakespeare's words would be more fitting when he said, "O thou invisible spirit of wine, if thou hast no name to be known by, let us call thee devil."

In the brief which the Young People's Association presented to the Inquiry Commission January 25, 1961, we emphasized that, "as young people, we have a high regard for human life. We cannot—we will not—support any program which will in our opinion bring greater hazards to the lives of our youth." We feel confident that the present recommendations will bring greater hazards to our youth. We therefore urge our young people, and older ones as well to continue to make our convictions known to our government through local representatives or other useful means.

Finally, do not despair. Talk to God about the problem. He has ways of performing His will which we know not of.

★ ★ ★ IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO SAY:

- (1) That excessive drinking may damage the cells of brain to the extent that they may die from lack of proper nutrition.
- (2) That motorists using alcohol are a menace to society.
- (3) That many children appear to be undernourished because parents spend too much of their income on drink instead of food.
- (4) That alcohol has many moral and social evils associated with it.
- (5) That alcohol is associated with evil.

WE MUST ADD: IT DAMNS THE SOUL!

I WAS READING:

(a) That the heads of twenty four governments signed the following declaration: "Recognizing the wide spread detrimental influence on society as a whole, and on youth in particular, of the use of alcoholic beverages on official state occasions, I hereby declare my purpose personally to ban all alcoholic beverages at social parties and state functions for which I am responsible." Among those signing this declaration were Kings and Prime Ministers. In addition to these, cabinet members of about twenty other nations signed this noble statement.

(b) That the government of Czechoslovakia has asked for the removal of all posters advertising liquor from the windows of stores.

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(c) That the cabinet of Ceylon has declared that no liquor shall be served at official functions at home or abroad.

Such facts stand as testimonials of men who know the evils of alcoholic beverages.

WORDS FROM THE WISE

- (1) Inflaming wine, pernicious to mankind,
Unnerves the limbs and dulls the human mind.

—Homer

- (2) My experience through life has convinced me that, while moderation and temperance in all things is commendable and beneficial, abstinence from spirituous liquors is the best safeguard to morals and health.

—General Robert Lee

- (3) The greatest curse of the labouring man is intemperance. It has brought more destruction to the wage earner than strikes or war or sickness or death. It has caused little children to be hungry and cold, and to grow up among evil associations. It has broken up more homes and wrecked more lives than any other cause.

—Cardinal Gibbons

- (4) The liquor traffic is the most degrading and ruinous of all human pursuits. By legalizing the liquor traffic, we agree to share with the liquor seller the responsibilities and evils of his business.

—William McKinley

A TEMPERANCE PLEDGE

My body is a temple,
To God it doth belong;
He bade me keep it for His use,
He wants it pure and strong.
The things that harms my body,
I must not use at all.
Tobacco is one harmful thing,
Another—alcohol.
Into my mouth they shall not go;
When tempted, I will answer, "No!"
And every day I'll watch and pray:
"Lord, keep me pure and strong alway."

—Unknown

AND PONDER THIS

"WRITE IT ON THE SHIPS THAT SAIL,
BORN ALONG BY STORM AND GALE;
WRITE IT LARGE IN LETTERS PLAIN,
OVER EVERY LAND AND MAIN:
'WHERE THERE'S DRINK THERE'S DANGER'."

REPORT FROM HAVELOCK Y.P. SOCIETY

Miss Harriett Mullen has been elected as President of the Havelock Y.P. Society for the coming year. Others elected at the annual meeting were: Gordon Sabine (Vice-President) and Ruth Mullen (Secretary Treasurer).

The attendance at our young people's meetings has been increasing during the past year or so. We pray that it will continue to do so in the coming year. We feel that we shall have a wonderful year with God's blessing upon our new officers.