

# TEMPERANCE ERA NOW NEAR AT HAND

### Prevalent Conviction That Abolition of Liquor Traffic Is Approaching

#### JOHN BARLEYCORN IS DYING

#### Booze Would Have Gone Long Before, but For Business Involved

The International Sunday School Lesson for November 8 is "Sowing and Reaping." (World's Temperance Sunday)—Gal. 6.1-10

By William T. Ellis

Back of the armed conflict that is writhing these present days in letters of red on history's calendar, lies an older, vaster struggle, of which, it may be, the present strife is but a phase. I mean the world war on behalf of idealism and the betterment of men. This struggle is almost as old as the human race, and it has steadily grown more acute, until now in our own time it has come to something approximating a crisis.

The effort to lift the human race up to its highest possibilities is, in its essence, what the Apostle Paul called a contest between the flesh and the spirit. It is material values set in array over against moral values. In other phrasing, it may be called force versus truth. More important than any questions involved in the battles raging in Europe is the victory in this supreme struggle.

Unquestionably, there is rapidly developing a common world mind, which bearing witness everywhere for the things of idealism. Civilization to-day connotes human values. Man-worth is seen to be real in the things of the mind and the spirit. The things of the mind and the spirit are all of that better day of human brotherhood and justice. One can scarcely pick up a current publication, whether it be a daily newspaper with its reports of commercial convention, or a magazine with an elaborate racial treatise, which does not accept as binding this new world mind concerning man's welfare. Politics and religion are both attuned to the note of social service.

Picking Out the Big Foe

There is something David-like and heroic in the way in which modern society is seeking out the most formidable foes. Throughout civilization and common agreement is that humanity has no worse enemy than intoxicating liquor. Humanitarians, sociologists, scientists, business-efficiency experts, reformers, and churchmen are all agreed upon this. Each points a finger of accusation at John Barleycorn.

Almost amazing is the prevalent conviction that the abolition of the liquor traffic is approaching. Drinkers and saloon-keepers freely substantiate it. Some talk of this temperance era as if it were a definite and concrete something, a sort of bogie-man lurking just around the corner. Certainly the sentiment, especially as registered at the ballot box, is making steady progress the land over.

After all, when stripped of its accessories and phraseology, what is it that men are asked to give up, by the abolition of the use of strong drink? They sacrifice no high moral principle, no precious heritage of truth or power or manhood; merely a minor personal indulgence is at stake, of which the best that can be said is that it is pleasant to the taste, and temporarily cheering to the spirit.

Over against this habit, which no reasonable person claims to be necessary to health or happiness, is ranged the vast sum of human welfare which has been adversely affected by the use of intoxicants. Long ere the present time, the use of liquors would have disappeared were it not for the business interests involved. It is not the appetite of the drinker so much as the avarice of the seller that stands in the way of a land free from the curse of intoxicants.

Twentieth Century Knights Errant

Despite the war in Europe, the latest heroes are not military. Our latest songs and pictures and poems are not in glorification of war. No heroes are emerging from the battlefield to arouse world-wide enthusiasm.

Quite the contrary. The settled conviction of civilization is that the heroes of the twentieth century are constructive servants of the world. The doctor risking his life to discover disease germs, and the reformer braving the depraved legions of evil, and the nurse caring for the suffering—these fill our modern conception of what is greatness.

Building From the Bottom Up

Fail as we may at "temperance fanaticism," and "practical" as they until we are hoarse, we cannot escape the truth that they have shown a victorious strategy in laying siege to the minds of youth. This lesson is the Sunday school's contribution of world's temperance Sunday. It is of a piece with the four temperance lessons a year, which, taught to more than a score of million youth, impress upon them in their plastic state of mind the tremendous importance of abstinence from strong drink. More than that, this Sunday school temperance propaganda associates temperance with religion, linking it up with the deepest impulses and inhibitions of character; for the Sunday school teaches temperance on the basis of the Bible.

Anybody who attempts to divorce the history of the progress of the temperance reform from the Sunday school's effectiveness therein, would be voted an infidel. The Sunday school has put moral propulsion behind temperance. It has promoted an acute intelligence and a strong conviction upon the subject. The average boy and girl to-day can give reasons for his or her hostility to strong drink.

This means nothing less than the

## Keep Your Lungs Strong

This advice is doubly important with the knowledge that every three minutes some one in the United States succumbs to consumption and many refuse to realize they are afflicted until it is too late. It is after colds or sickness, from overwork, confining duties or when general weakness exists that tubercular germs thrive because the resistive powers of the body are weakened. Only with fresh air, sunshine and abundant rich blood can one hope to arrest their progress, and the concentrated fats in Scott's Emulsion furnish fuel for rich blood, and its rare nourishment helps strengthen the lungs while it builds up the forces.

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ultimate drying up of the strings of the liquor business, if we were willing to wait so long for the consummation of this reform. A word of counsel is needed in this connection. No legislation, however drastic, upon the subject of temperance can justify the abatement of the educational and religious propaganda. Thence comes the real power of temperance.

Following the Billy Sunday meetings in Scranton, Pa., two hundred saloons in the valley were simply starved out of existence. The gospel brings the mightiest motives to bear for the support of abstinence. It destroys the test for the drink. It provides pathological care for the drinker. And with a strong hand it obliterates the plague spots of drink, just as the modern quack of health abolishes the mosquito-breeding pool of stagnant water.

On the Sure Foundation

One of the grave concerns of those who are intelligently working for temperance is to keep the cause upon an enduring basis. It should not be allowed to merit the accusation of a mere "wave," or hysteria or fad. The temperance conviction should be built solidly into the character of the people. Every community should become so soundly Christian that the toleration of a liquor business would be impossible. When the tested principles of Jesus are made sovereign in the personal life, then there is no longer a temperance question; the wine-bidding preacher would quit his social glass inevitably as the saloon-keeper would put up his shutters.

It is significant that the Scripture appointed for the day's study is taken from the great personal liberty letter of the New Testament, which Dean Farrar calls "The Epistle of Freedom." Says he, "Eleven times in these short chapters the thought occurs, 'Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free.' But this freedom is 'in Christ.' Forty-three times in this epistle does the name Christ occur, and thirty-nine of these times it is Christ, not The Christ, Christ the personal name, not Christ the descriptive appellation; Christ the Saviour, the man Christ Jesus."

What was given to these Christians in ancient Galatia—a region in the center of Asia Minor that to-day is so sorely torn by poverty consequent upon mobilization, and that was visited by a terrible earthquake last month—is still good for our own times.

"Brethren, even if a man be overtaken in any trespass, ye who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; looking to thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if a man thinketh himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let each man prove his own work, and then shall he have his glory in regard to himself alone, and not to his neighbor. For each man shall bear his own burden."

"But let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth

unto his own flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth unto the spirit shall of the spirit reap eternal life. And let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. So then, as he have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men, and especially toward them that are of the household of the faith."

The central truth of the teaching is that "To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." The greatest task of constructive statesmanship before North America to-day is to put into the minds of the people spiritual ideals, so that they will hold principles above pleasures, and duty above appetite. No other evil in America is so great as that of carnal-mindedness. Every pupil should echo this tremendous truth of Jesus; for only the truth which makes men free can emancipate our present-day life from the fleshy tenderness of the time.

## Steel Mills Employing 200,000 Men to Resume in Pittsburgh District

Pittsburgh, Nov. 6.—Steel mills, blast furnaces and manufacturing plants in this district employing over 200,000 men are preparing to resume either full or partial operations within the next ten days. In several instances employees of these concerns were notified to-day that they would shortly be needed in their old places or that they would go on full time next week.

From the big New Kensington plant of the Aluminum Company of America came word to-day that that concern expected to resume operations in full in a few days.

Jones & Laughlin Company, the largest independent steel concern in the country, is preparing to increase its working force at the Soho, South Side and Allequippa works, while several mills in the Allegheny valley will start partial operations next week.

The Pressed Steel Car Company's big McKees Rocks and Woods Run plants will both increase operations next Monday.

Spang & Chalfant, in Millvale, will fire several mills Monday, while at least four furnaces in the Monacaheia valley will be blown in. The McClintic-Marshall Company and the American Bridge Company expect to increase operations at their Woods Run plants this week. The extensive works of the latter company at Ambridge will also go on better time.

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## American Civic Workers to Meet at Washington

The tenth annual convention of the American Civic Association will be held at Washington, D. C., Wednesday Thursday and Friday, December 2, 3 and 4. It will be a most important meeting, from which will go out inspiration to all parts of America for advance effort for the achievement of beautiful and helpful community life, and for the preservation of great national scenic wonders, such as Niagara Falls and the national parks.

This year's convention of the American Civic Association will be an anniversary occasion and distinguished by the presence of many of its charter members, who at St. Louis in June, 1914, effected a consolidation of the American Park and Outdoor Art Association and the American League for Civic Improvement under the name of the American Civic Association. The program for the December convention will relate importantly to city and town planning, to city and county parks, to neighborhood improvements, to the abatement of billboards and smoke nuisances and, in a large national way, to Niagara Falls preservation and to the proposed creation by Congress of a national park service. Distinguished speakers, recognized as authorities on the various subjects assigned to them will be present from various parts of the United States and Canada.

Delegates, representing civic leagues, women's clubs, commercial organizations and other societies, besides a large number of individual members, will attend the convention from all parts of the United States and Canada.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS DEDICATED

Special to The Telegraph  
Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 6.—Williamsport's new high school, erected at a cost of \$250,000, was formally dedicated yesterday. Addresses were made by State Superintendent Schaefer, Dr. John Howard Harris, president of Bucknell University, and Dr. B. C. Conner, president of Dickinson Seminary.

## INSURANCE MEN HOLD BANQUET

Representatives of the Pittsburgh Life and Trust Company held a meeting and banquet at Hotel Columbus yesterday. Those present were: H. S. Sutphen, director of agencies of Pittsburgh; O. S. Boda, of Philadelphia, supervisor of agencies for the Eastern district, and representatives from Philadelphia, Allentown, Hazleton, Williamsport, and R. W. Fair, of Harrisburg.

on here Egg-nogg, what you mean by coming 'long so slow?" A by-stander asked her why she called the child by such a name as Egg-nogg, and she replied: "You know that nigger Julie Johnson? Well she done got twins what she calls 'Tom and Jerry'; and I ain't 'gwine to let no nigger get ahead o' me naming her brats. Come on here Egg-nogg."—National World.

## TRIPS AND HURTS ANKLE

Mrs. William S. Rutherford, 1924 North Second street, slightly injured her ankle when she stepped from a Carlisle car and tripped. She was returning from a missionary meeting at Mechanicsburg and was with several other ladies from the Pine Street Presbyterian Church when the accident happened. She was taken to her home. Her injuries are not serious.

## SEIZED WITH STROKE

Mrs. W. O. Smith, 122 Cumberland street, was brought to her home in a serious condition after a stroke. She was at Mechanicsburg attending a missionary meeting at that place and was waiting on the car when she became sick. When she reached this city she was met at the car by the ambulance and taken to her home. Her condition was reported slightly improved this afternoon.

## TRUST THE CHILDREN

Trust the children. Never doubt them—  
Build a wall of love about them; After sowing seeds of duty, Trust them for the flowers of beauty.  
Trust the children. Don't suspect them—  
Let your confidence direct them, At the hearth or in the wildwood Meet them on the plain of childhood.  
Trust the little ones. Remember May is not like chill December. Let no words of rage nor madness Check their happy notes of gladness.  
Trust the little ones. You guide them And, above all, ne'er deride them. Should they trip, or should they blunder, Let you snap love's chords asunder.

Trust the children. Let them treat—  
Mother's faith in boundless measure, Father's love in them confiding; Then no secrets they'll be hiding.

Trust the children just as he did Who for "such" once sweetly pleaded, Trust and guide, but never doubt them—  
Build a wall of love about them. —New York Ledger.

## DINNER FOR AID SOCIETY

Dauphin, Pa., Nov. 6.—Mrs. William B. Sheets entertained the Ladies' Aid Society of the Lutheran Church at her home in North Erie street on Thursday afternoon. After the regular business meeting dinner was served to Mrs. Harry B. Greenawald, Mrs. William F. Reed, Mrs. Warren Weitzel, Mrs. John Q. Fertig, Mrs. Aaron C. Coble, Mrs. William H. Edge, Mrs. Harry Gerberich, Mrs. Katharine Jackson, Miss Onelda Fertig and Mrs. William B. Sheets.

## PASTOR IS TRANSFERRED

Chambersburg, Pa., Nov. 6.—The standing committee of the East Pennsylvania Eldership transferred the Rev. H. Dixon Boughter from the First Church of Altoona to the Chambersburg Church of God. The Rev. I. A. MacDannald had been assigned from Shippensburg to Chambersburg, but at the request of the former congregation he was permitted to remain at Shippensburg.

## SMOKE ENTERS COAL MINE

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Lykens, Pa., Nov. 6.—Smoke from the forest fire on the Short Mountain entered the air hole and strangled several of the miners, who were afterward revived by oxygen. The fire has been raging in the mountains for several days.

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