

# THE DEVIL'S WEAPON

### Terse Comments on the Uniform Prayer Meeting Topic of the Young People's Societies—Christian Endeavor, Etc.—For March 25: "The Saloon—The Foe of Society."—Isa. 59:1-8.

By William T. Ellis

The social and moral welfare of the people has become a national passion. Whatever promises to make the lot of mankind freer, easier and happier, can get a majority vote nowadays. In this era of insurgency, hoary traditions and established institutions have small consideration when they come into conflict with the common weal. Within the past generation there has grown up a conviction in the minds of all right-thinking persons that the liquor saloon is a baneful influence in the nation's life. The institution has lost "face." It has everywhere been put on the defensive; and in many places it has been driven entirely out of business. The verdict of the people has come to be that the saloon is a factor that hurts, and not a factor that helps social life.

The time-worn argument for the saloon is the license it pays; men with this plea keep silent about the cost it entails upon a community. All moral and social questions aside, the saloon exacts such a heavy toll

for the support of police, jails, almshouses, divorce courts, orphanages and asylums, that as a business proposition it is about as sensible as a merchant's receiving one dollar from a customer and returning him goods that cost three.

The man who votes for the saloon is pulling on the same rope with the devil, whether he knows it or not.—Billy Sunday.

The saloon is a mother of crimes and the silent partner of every existing social evil.

A brewer once said: "It appears from these facts that the success of our business lies in the creation of appetite among the boys. Men who have formed the habit scarcely ever reform, but they, like others, will die, and unless there are recruits made to take their places, our coffers will be empty, and I recommend to you that money spent in the creation of appetite will return in dollars to your tills after the habit is formed."

Patriotism, as well as religion, should impel us to oppose the saloon. It is the greatest debaser of politics and legislation. Next to corruption greed and akin to it, the saloon is probably the greatest existing menace to our national welfare. As we love the purity of our nation, and as we cherish its sacred ideals, we should contend against this power which threatens them.

When this day of brotherhood which is dawning is fully come, there will be no room in the world for anything which stains the soul or maims the body of man. That bars out strong drink, it must go under the ban of love. The net influence of the liquor traffic is bad, and only bad. It hurts humanity. Therefore the men who are their brothers' keepers will not continue to let it continue on its devastating way.

The drunkard sells for a dram his divine right to rule himself. He draws his kinglyship in the intoxicating cup.

Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage once said: "The world has scoffed at Christian people as insignificant, but banded together for any great moral movement, they can carry anything at the ballot box and in the congressional assembly. The trouble is that they have never yet massed their forces."

If the saloon stood alone, it would long since have fallen alone. But it is buttressed by every other form of organized vice.

Covetousness, one of the less repressive sins which often moves in the best society, is the mother of the saloon. Love of money is the root of this evil. It commercializes the thirst for drink, the loneliness and the stupidity of men. Because it is a business that pays high profits, covetousness is quick to engage in it, regardless of the consequences to human life.

The full saloon is an ally of the empty dinner pail.

Mirth in the saloon is commonly related to misery in the home.

Every time we face afresh the temperance question in any of its aspects, we need to remind ourselves to be temperate in our attitude. The easy way is the partisan way. To take sides with the largest crowd requires less courage and conviction than to think things through for one's self. A judicial attitude toward even the saloon is not only more creditable, but also more effective than an unreasoning antagonism. The person who looks into the subject, from a sincere desire to be fair, will surely come to the conclusion that the saloon is an evil; and his temperate opinion will weigh more than the hotter words of a less evenly-balanced person. To lose respect for the truth, and for the other person's rights, is as bad as drunkenness; all friends of temperance should insist upon this as basic. Antagonism to the organized liquor traffic of America is perfectly consistent with the utmost conservatism of temperament.

**American Baby—His Week**  
"One in eight of all babies born in the United States dies before he is twelve months old," is a startling statement made by Allene Tupper Wilkes in an article in the May Mother's Magazine. The cure for this, according to the author, is for more people to take Sulpher Tablets. The features and to learn the results of scientific experiments which have been made by delightful men and women who have made a life study of the little and great things concerning babies.

"Investigating scientifically, these men and women have recorded the results of innumerable experiments; conclusions have been carefully drawn, indexed and cross-indexed so that mothers may benefit for the mere asking and all may have a system, an orderly method to follow in rearing their children from babyhood to maturity.

"To appreciate the necessity for a nation-wide campaign requires only a moment's thought—a moment in which to examine the distressing proof that mothers, despite their love, despite their willingness to do all they can for their young, often fall woefully short. And it is a pitiable fact that the more ignorant the mother the more stubbornly she persists in following methods which have been proved unwise. She makes her baby the subject of one experiment after another—she tries this and that—when the experimental stage of baby care is past. And the result is that one in eight of all babies born in the United States dies before he is a year old.

"In the larger cities systematic, all-year-round infant welfare work has decreased the death rate astonishingly and similar results may be accomplished in any community, for it is generally agreed that at least half of all infant deaths are preventable. This fact is so stupendous! Think of it! At least half of the infants who die could be saved to their mothers, their communities and their nation if only proper care were taken."

**WHAT THE INVENTORS HAVE JUST INVENTED**  
Nothing new under the sun? Look at this list, chosen at random from the Popular Science Monthly, and decide for yourself.

- Eye-glasses for divers.
- A "Shot-gun" camera.
- The automobile torpedo.
- A mine trap for burglars.
- The acetylene life-reserver.
- Sling tennis.
- Dancing radiator doll.
- Automatic hair-cutter.
- The gasoline caddy.
- An electric hair comb.
- A buzz-saw razor.
- A Chinese typewriter.
- Sun glasses for baseball muffers.

# C. E. CAMPAIGN IN FULL SWING

### West End Endeavorers Have Hustling Committees Seeking Members

New inspiration, enthusiasm and a campaign for new members is in full swing at the Christian Endeavor Society of the Sixth Street United Brethren Church.

George Troup, the newly-elected president, is a hustling Endeavor worker and is putting some pep into the work of the committees. Every committee is on the job looking for and getting the young, middle-aged and even some of the veterans interested in the C. E. movement in the west end of the city. Mr. Troup has been a member of the Endeavor society only four years. He has been intensely interested in the work and has been promoted to the presidency of one of the leading societies of the city union. This society has an enrollment of seventy active members and on Easter Sunday twenty new members will be received into the organization.

Every Tuesday evening from 7 to 8 o'clock a Bible class meeting for the young people is held. This branch was organized by Miss Florence H. Saxman and now has a membership of twenty-five. Messrs. Lawrence Miller and George Troup are the leaders in the movement.

Sunday evening a debate will be held in the society: "Resolved, That it takes more courage to be a Pacifist than a Militarist."

**C. E. Notes**  
Ricketty, Go Licketty, Go Licketty, Go Licken.

Pennys at New York, 1917.  
With a Ripitty, Ripitty Ripitty Roar,  
We are all for  
H-A-R-I-S-B-U-R-G,  
Harrisburg,  
The Second Reformed C. E. Society!

has adopted the following functions for the new year and the interest in the work is constantly increasing: Training expression—(a) In Prayer, (b) In Testimony, (c) In Service, (d) In Song. Department work—Quiet hour, tenth legion, temperance citizenship, mission study, evangelism, introduction, floating endeavor, prison work, peace union. Daily devotional—Bible reading, personal evangelism, developing initiative, community service, life-work recruits, supporting church service. Efficiency—Physical training, co-operative service, fellowship and social life. Aim—To train the young for the work of church and kingdom.

The officers are as follows: President, J. Paul Selsam; vice president, George T. Burnett; recording secretary, Miss Mabel DeWalt; corresponding secretary, William H. Cocklin; treasurer, Miss Margaret Wingard; pianist, Miss Margaret O'Leary; assistant pianist, Miss Emily Watts; chorister, Oliver H. Senechal.

World-wide Endeavorers will study the topic, "The Saloon—The Foe of Society," on Sunday evening in the prayer services.

Seventeen new members have been added to the Harris Street K. L. C. E. They are as follows: Forest C. Donmoyer, Paul Strine, A. A. Burrell, Mrs. A. A. Burrell, Edna Lyter, George D. McHaffie, Beatrice Welsh, Samuel McHaffie, Sr., will lead the service on Sunday evening.

The Rev. R. T. Chafer, of the Philadelphia School of the Bible, will give an exposition of the Bible in the Fourth Street Church of God on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Quiet Hour and Bible Study Department of the City C. E. Union. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Lawrence A. Miller will have charge of the C. E. services at the Sixth Street United Brethren society on Sunday evenings. The Juniors will also hold a well-planned meeting on Sunday evening.

An interesting meeting was held this week at the Sixth Street U. B. Church by the presidents of the various societies of the West End. Paul D. March and Charles S. Ulrich gave short addresses. Plans were

made for a number of new features in the work for the new year. Last evening in the Camp Curtin M. E. Church the young people of the Sixth Street U. B. Church rendered a cantata, entitled "Our Busy Ladies' Aid."

The Rev. M. S. Sharp will lead the C. E. services at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran society on Sunday evening. A C. E. society at Corvallis, Or., raised potatoes to help out the society's fund. With potatoes at present prices this is a good hint to societies everywhere.

At the recent convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, at Boston, the well-known Endeavorer, Dr. William T. Ellis, made a stirring patriotic address and proposed a "Christian Covenant of Patriotism," which was enthusiastically adopted by the audience of over 2,000 persons.

The California delegation, seventy-five strong, has chartered a special train which will leave Los Angeles immediately at the close of the State convention, arriving at New York International convention at noon, July 5. This train is scheduled to make the fastest time ever recorded between Los Angeles and New York.

New York City Endeavorers have already registered for the convention to the number of 827. One Endeavor society of the A. M. E. denomination has registered 151 delegates, while thirteen societies have registered their entire active membership.

H. C. Baum and Harry Weirick will conduct the C. E. services at the Park Street K. L. C. E. on Sunday evening.

Thomas Curtis Clark, office manager of "The Christian Century," of Chicago, is one of the latest Christian Endeavor poets who is putting Christian Endeavor into poetry which is being published in many secular and religious papers. He also composes musical compositions.

**County Standards**  
Pennsylvania C. E. Union has adopted the following county standards and goals have been set to be reached by July, 1918:

County must be organized into a county union, reaching all Christian Endeavor Societies in the county.

County convention or rally held annually. Statistical reports sent to State headquarters annually. County apportionment for State work paid in full. County apportionment of campaign for millions adopted and apportioned to the societies. Society standards adopted and societies urged to adopt same. Branch or local unions organized wherever practicable.

All counties fulfilling the above conditions upon proper notice to the State secretary will be awarded a banner by the State Union and be known as "Front Line Counties." All counties reporting three-fourths of their societies as "Front Line Societies," and having also met the "Front Line County" conditions will be enrolled as "Efficient Counties" and receive proper recognition from the State Union.

Every member of the family is more or less subject to constipation and every home should always be supplied with a dependable remedy to promptly relieve this condition. Whenever the bowels become clogged and the natural process of elimination thereby disturbed, the entire system is affected, and readily subject to attack by disease. Constipation is a condition that should never be neglected.

Mrs. E. R. Gilbert, of Millbro, Va., says that Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a splendid laxative for children because they like its pleasant taste, and it acts so easily and naturally, without gripping or strain, and she finds it equally effective for the rest of the family.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin that contains no opiate or narcotic drug. It is mild and gentle in its action, and does not cause pain or discomfort. Druggists everywhere sell this excellent remedy for fifty cents a bottle.

To avoid imitations and ineffective

substitutes be sure you get Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. See that a facsimile of Dr. Caldwell's signature and his portrait appear on the yellow carton in which the bottle is packed. A trial bottle, free of charge, can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 455 Washington St., Monticello, Illinois.

# A Laxative for Babies Good for Everybody



Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin a Safe and Efficient Family Remedy.

# Have You Been Sick?

Then you must know that sickness leaves weakness and you should commence taking

# SCOTT'S EMULSION

to put an edge on your appetite, put power in your blood, induce restful sleep and restore your nerve force. Scott's is a true tonic-food which is free from alcohol.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

# FOR RHEUMATIC PAINS AND COLDS IN CHEST

Gingerole Best For Pleurisy, Tonsillitis and Bronchitis

Cures coughs, chest colds and sore throat over night without stomach drugging. Stops headache, toothache and earache in 10 minutes. Speedily ends lumbago, neuralgia and neuritis, and promptly stops rheumatic pains and reduces swollen joints. Never be without this great household remedy, for there is nothing so good for sprains, strains, sore muscles, swelling bruises stiff neck and backache. Thousands successfully use it to draw the agony from sore, painful, burning feet. Be sure it's GINGEROLE—it will not blister the tenderest skin. 25 cents. Any first-class drug-gist can supply you. For sale by Gross' Drug Store, Croil Keller, Clark's Medicine Store and dealers everywhere.

# Says Poisons Cause Headache Dizziness

Coated Tongue and Myriad Ailments in the Spring.

Grandma's Remedy Now Sold in Tablet—Sulpher Tablets.

Many men, women and children need a Spring Blood Purifier. The blood becomes thick with poisons through the winter months. When spring comes serious ailments like typhoid, scarlet fever, coughs, colds, catarrh, neuralgia, rheumatic pains, loss of appetite and a sluggish all-in feeling prevails.

The bowels, the liver and the kidneys need help. The blood needs thinning and purifying if pimples and boils are present. Sulpher Tablets quickly relieve constipation and kidney inactivity and elimination of poisons takes place and you are made strong and fit for spring and summer. Grandma gave sulphur and cream of tartar in molasses. Now you take them in tablets with laxative purifying herbs—a better medicine, easy and pleasant to take. Druggists sell them in 50c sealed tubes. Every package guaranteed satisfactory or money back. Get Sulpher Tablets (not sulphur tablets).

# Miller's Antiseptic Oil Known As Snake Oil

Will Positively Relieve Pain in Three Minutes

Try it right now for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Lumbago, sore, stiff and swollen joints, pains in the head, back and limbs, corns, bunions, etc. After one application pain disappears as if by magic.

A never failing remedy used internally and externally for Coughs, Colds, Croup, Sore Throat, Diphtheria and Tonsillitis. This oil is conceded to be the most penetrating remedy known. Its prompt and immediate effect in relieving pain is due to the fact that it penetrates to the affected parts at once. As an illustration, pour ten drops on the thickest piece of sole leather and it will penetrate this substance through and through in three minutes. Accept no substitute. This great oil is golden red color only. Every bottle guaranteed; 25c, 50c and \$1.00 a bottle, or money refunded. Sold by Geo. A. Gorgans' Drug Store, Harrisburg—Adv.

# Attention! Those Who Need Spring Apparel

HOW ABOUT THIS?  
Special Purchase of Ladies' Silk Coat Sweaters WILL BE PLACED ON SALE SATURDAY AT THIS LOW PRICE 4.75  
We had the good fortune to get these stunning silk sweaters under price and will let you have them at equally large saving. All the nobby sport styles and plain colors are here. Take your pick of the lot at \$4.75

# Great Values in Garments

Handsome New Dress Suits of Wool Poplin 19.75  
Stunning New Wool Poplin Suits, Special 18.95  
You cannot find a garment in the entire town to equal these at the price. Coat is fine pleated with semi-belt effect, novelty pockets and Spanish gold silk poplin over collar. Handsome new pleated model, set off with white stitching. Large collar, stitched cuffs. Lined with fancy silk. Great value at \$18.95. All sizes.

Fine All Wool Poplin and Serge Suits at 12.95  
Not a suit in the lot worth less than \$16.50. Plain tailored and belted model, novelty pockets, handsome workmanship. All the latest shades.

Women's and Misses' New Spring Suits 15.95  
Mustard, green, tan, blue black, open. Material of wool gabardine. All sizes. Sensational offer at \$15.95. Be sure to see it.

Women's and Misses' New Spring Suits 9.90  
Plain serges and mixed materials, in the latest spring models. Blue, black and mixed materials. Lined throughout. Belted models. New pockets.

New Sport Coats Marked Special at 9.90  
One of the leading coat values we have to offer. Just arrived. Made of diagonal cloth, in blue, mustard, green and rose. They have large, square collars trimmed in contrasting colors.

Wonderful Values in New Striped Silk Taffeta Skirts 4.45  
Newest gathered belt model and fancy gathered pockets. In all color combinations in stripes and plaids. The most remarkable silk dress offer in the entire city.

New Voile Waists Splendid Values at 1.25  
Voile waists with embroidered front and embroidered frills and collars and cuffs—lace trimmed waists and secco silk waists, and white and embroidered in combination colors of blue and gold. A fine line of tub and Jap silk waists in the best colors and patterns at \$2.45. A big line of dark stripes silk waists will go for the special price of \$2.98. New crepe de chine waists in the best colors and styles. \$3.98 value to go for \$2.98.

Extra Special Offer Saturday In Stunning Silk Dresses 8.45  
Made of fine quality Silk Poplin. One model is loose pleated back, silk poplin collar and cuffs in gray, green and blue. The other model is gathered belted model, fancy trimmed pockets and large collar of self material. Green, gray and blue.

Now, Mr. Clothing Buyer What Do You Think of This?  
We will sell on Saturday the finest suits that ever came down the pike at prices that will make you sit up and take notice.

NOBBY NEW SPRING SUITS FOR MEN AND YOUTHS WILL GO AT 10.00 12.50 15.00

Come and see them. Don't, by any manner of means buy a suit until you have seen these and then you will know why we are so sure that you cannot get values like these if your search the whole town over day and night.

ALL SIZES IN THE OFFER

MEN'S \$1.50 SHIRTS—the best that you can get will be offered Saturday as a big leader at \$1.39

MEN'S DRESS PANTS—wonderful value—in the new mixtures and stripes will go at only \$2.25

MEN'S ATHLETIC UNDERWEAR—Union Suits that sell everywhere at 75c will go Saturday at 50c

MEN'S AND YOUTHS' SPRING HATS—in the very newest and smartest soft and stiff styles. \$1.50

SALKIN'S, MAIN FLOOR.

Get Shoes For the Whole Family at Salkins and Save Money

Even against the high prices that other stores are asking for shoes we are selling them at prices that are the lowest in the town and you can prove this if you compare the styles and qualities.

LADIES' SHOES—of white canvas—lace model—high and low heel, regular price \$3.00—very special at pair, 2.48

CHILDREN'S SHOES—of white canvas—button style—will go at the following special prices on Saturday

Sizes 5 to 8 at . . . . . \$1.15  
Sizes 8 1-2 to 11 at . . . \$1.35  
Sizes 11 1-2 to 2 at . . . \$1.50

MEN'S SHOES—the best scout shoes in the town, all solid tan and black leather. Regular price, 2.75. Special pair, 2.23

BOYS' AND YOUTHS' SHOES—genuine vicci kid, guaranteed all solid leathers—

Size 9 to 13 1-2 at . . . \$1.98  
Size 1 to 2 at . . . . . \$2.23  
Size 2 1-2 to 5 1-2 at . . \$2.73

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