

ALCOHOL AND MY FUTURE

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FOLLOWING are several short essays by pupils of various schools of the service on the subject "Alcohol and My Future:"

There is one life to live on this earth and why should a young man handicap himself by drinking? What is left for him if he does? Nothing! The man who drinks can easily get a job driving a garbage wagon or cleaning stables but how many young men with ambition do we see at these jobs? It is no wonder that there are so many tramps and bums today; so many when asked, the reason of their flight will lay the blame on alcohol. We, the younger generation, must abstain from its use for many reasons, but the principal one is that we are Indians and if whiskey is put out of existence then the Indian will forge ahead faster than at present—Kenneth King, Carlisle School.

Many accidents have occurred right around here, caused by alcohol. Very often we hear of someone getting hurt or killed in a fight, while drunk. It is the cause of so many sicknesses among the Indians, and among the white people as well. Many of the Indians have the habit of drinking. But Temperance Bands and Societies are organized and many of them have joined these bands. As we know and have seen the evils of alcohol among our own people, let us then ask God to help us save them from it, so the next generation will not know that alcohol ever existed.—Violette De Marrias, Sisseton Boarding School.

A person who drinks alcohol is apt to say things which he afterwards wished he had not said. Alcohol has stolen away his senses. He does not care about right or wrong. He does not know his own friends. He loses all self-respect. He forgets that he is a man. He is an object of pity and disgust.

Once a boy passed a saloon. He saw a drunken man lying in the gutter. He opened the door and said, "Mister, your sign fell down." The saloonkeeper came out to look. He chased him half way around the square.

A great number of people live in need of food and clothing because the money has been spent for drink. The parents who waste money on drink cannot buy food and clothing to keep their families strong and well. Strong drink causes much sickness and sufferings and sometimes even death.—Russell Holliday, Odanah Day School.