

For the Messenger. Be Ye Temperate in All Things.

Temperance, temperance, what an old old story; what can be said upon this subject of which so much that is good and wise has already been said and written?

The religion of Jesus the lowly Nazarene is very old, yet it is the only fountain from whence spring living waters pure, and sparkling with the elixir of life for those who will stoop and drink.

Temperance lecturers usually bring up the heartrending scenes of orphans tears, and widows prayers, that ascend heavenward like burning incense to the Throne, that the kind Father will remove this blighting curse of whiskey intemperance from our land.

There are other demons than the demon of the cup, other victims of intemperance than those of rum, other paths that as surely lead to death as that which the inebriate treads.

It takes but a trifling circumstance to show a great principle, and often what we consider innocent tipping may be, after all, the loosening of the chains of an awful giant which with mysterious power will blight and destroy as surely as the demon of the still.

Many a man who would not think of touching the wine cup, yet who will study all day Sunday how he may drive a sharp bargain with his neighbor and brother, who boasts that he "Touches not, tastes not, handles not" alcoholic stimulants, yet who is wonderfully stimulated to hear, repeat, manufacture, comment upon, and exaggerate all the evil reports in circulation, who may roll up his eyes, and hold up his hands in holy horror at the sight of a poor wretch stealing into a saloon; yet who would most gladly if an opportunity offers, steal out of the public treasury, and think it no intemperance to bribe votes to get at the public treasure, who cries down with rum intemperance, yet blasphemes his God, oppresses the poor, gives not full measure, does not pay his debts.

He may drink nothing stronger than cold water yet have such a miserable disposition as to throw "cold water" on every effort to raise the fallen, help the distressed, and who turns a "cold shoulder" on every public enterprise for charity or the good of the community.

Some die of intemperance who have never even looked upon the wine red and glowing, but have violated almost every law of man, nature and God.

"Be ye temperate in all things." Oh! how easy to obey where no sacrifice is demanded; and where there is much to gain. How little sympathy those who make no sacrifice have with those who do, and how often we see a display of temperance where no real temperance exists.

About election times how temperate some politicians become, so radical that he almost faints at the mere mention of whiskey, (but could be restored by a little brandy, however), and before election he will don the lions skin and lecture: lecture!! lecture!!! (being a natural faultfinder lecturing is his normal condition).

But just watch and listen, though

his ears may be securely tucked away out of sight, you will hear him bray, and it no more resembles the deep thunder tones of the lion, than the barn-yard fowl can compare with the nightingale, or the mud puddle approximate the ocean, and when election is over, he proves to be but a miserable donkey after all.

Then there is the man who is so very temperate, if he could control the hereafter none would be allowed in heaven but the few who believe what he teaches, teaches but does not himself always practice. He is so religiously temperate, that he measures every one's line of conduct by his own rule, so wretchedly temperate, that he finds it utterly impossible to forgive an error or mistake made by a weak brother.

Well there is some consolation in the thought that there is a Judge who thoroughly understands all our efforts for real temperance, and will temper Mercy with Justice.

The Pilgrim on the Sea of Time.

My barque is on a stormy sea, Shall dangers overwhelm; Not while I see you beacon light, My Savior's at the helm.

The tempest darkens o'er the sea, The winds the billows rave; But He who walked on Galilee Can still these angry waves.

How many a tried and weary one, Hath sunk beneath the tide; The crown, the victory nearly won— They chose another guide.

"O pilgrim on the sea of time," A distant watcher cried "Lose not the bright and morning star, Trust not another guide."

Yes, now the night is nearly gone, My barque glides with the breeze. Look! heaven's glory beams beyond, What vernal shores are these?

Say, what those gilded glittering towers, What this enchanting song; Say what these brilliant blooming flowers,

The music and the throng. O this 's the city I am told, The singers are the saved; The music is from the harps of gold, The flowers will never fade.

"O pilgrim on life's stormy sea" Let not your courage fail; The joys of heaven wait for thee, Push hard against the gale.

The Sense of Honor in Boys.

There is great confusion in boys notions of honor. You should not go to the teacher with tales of your schoolmates, but when questioned by those who are in authority over you, parents, guardians or teachers, it is your duty to tell who did a mischief or broke a rule, no matter what the result to yourself, or how unpopular you become. Boys have a false honor which hides mean and skulking actions in each other, which ought to be ridiculed out of them. The most cowardly injuries and injustice among boys go unchecked, and the weaker are abused and bullied in a way every decent boy should resent, because this false notion of comradeship leads them to lie, prevaricate or keep silence to screen the guilty. Teachers and friends ought to put down this ignorant, petty "sense of honor" for something more intelligent and upright. When you know of a wrong, and keep silence about it when asked, you become a partner in wrong, and responsible for its original meanness. It is a pity that boys and grown people did not carry the same strictness of principle they show in screening bullies and frauds into points of genuine honor and courage.

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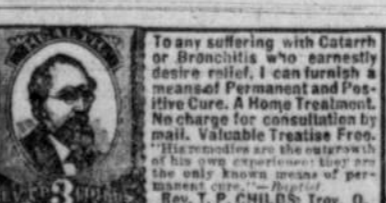
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