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**AN ANSWER TO  
ATTACK ON BEER**

**Mr. F. G. Deckebach Takes Ministers to Task--Defends Beer As a Food Product--Calls Prohibition a Fallacy and Not a Christian Law or Command.**

The writer cannot help but deplore the necessity of replying to the attack by so-called ministers of the Gospel last Sunday on the proposed "New Temperance Move" as adopted by the brewing interests of this state. To for a moment even entertain the thought that the words uttered by Mr. W. H. Selleck, of the Methodist church, received their inspiration from or were founded upon the "WORD OF GOD" as exemplified in the Holy Scripture, would certainly appear to me not only sacrilegious but also an insult to every one that believed in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. How any person can occupy the exalted position of a minister of the Gospel, and at the same time as reported traduce his fellow man by indiscriminately terming him a "brute" is a condition absolutely distinct and apart from the true spirit of Christianity.

Judging from his utterances, the man must be at war with the Almighty and not with Man and is trying to make the latter conform to his own crude ideas based on ignorance, egotism and fanaticism. One might readily inquire, why waste time and patience on one who is already so severely punished in lacking so many of the admirable traits necessary to the making of a true Christian?

**Man Must Be a Free Agent.**

That the doctrine of prohibition is not and never was a part of the Christian religion is conceded by all fair minded scholars who have made a consistent and conscientious study of the Holy Scriptures. That abuses have crept into the liquor traffic, that the drink evil is one and always has been one of the momentous questions of all ages and countries is also conceded by all reasonable minded men. That prohibition by law never has been successful in controlling the appetites of man has absolutely been demonstrated time and again. To make men lead sober lives they must be appealed to through reason. They can only be brought to that stage of reasoning as free agents and not through compulsory laws.

There is an old proverb that says truly, "To the feet of him who wears shoes the ground is covered with leather." Many of the Christian church of today, in attempting "prohibition" are attempting to cover the world with leather so that all may go out in the world barefooted.

**Prohibition Tainted With Falsehood.**

The policy of the prohibitionists is that the end justifies the means. Finding that the drinking of a mild beverage, such as beer is, encourages temperance and sobriety by taking the place of the more ardent liquors and therefore creates a natural repugnance to prohibition, it was decided by the prohibition leaders that it was absolutely essential to center

every attack on beer. It was found that whenever a community adopted beer as its customary beverage, prohibition could not gain a foothold. The campaign against beer was thereupon instigated and the country flooded with tracts intended to show that "beer is worse than whiskey" kills more men and women and is a more effective drunkard maker than spirits. The brewer therefore became the object of all their attacks, for wherever the beer saloon, properly encouraged by discriminating license laws, flourished, the result was a marvelous progress in the direction of sobriety and temperance.

The attitude of the prohibitionists on the canteen question absolutely proves the insincerity of their contention for since its abolition our army has fallen to such a deplorable condition regarding sobriety that the surgeon general in his last report "says it is the most drunken army of all nations." So illogical and unfair has been their course of action that Bishop Potter, of New York, sums up the situation in the following eloquent words:

"Most of our methods for dealing with the drink evil in our day and generation are tainted with falsehood, dishonored by essential unreality and discredited by wide-spread and consistent failure."

**Beer is a Food Product.**

In endeavoring to better the conditions of the liquor traffic the brewers are meeting with the usual assaults that have met every move along reasonable and common sense lines. The brewers state and their statement is backed up by the consensus of opinion on the part of the greatest thinkers of the age that beer is a food product.

Mr. Selleck, the prohibitionist, says that there is little or no food matter in beer. For the benefit of Mr. Selleck and others who are uninformed in the matter the following analysis of both beer and milk is given. The authority for this analysis and statement is Herman A. Schank, president of the scientific station for pure foods.

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Let us be thankful that we never take any more than is coming to us from anybody.  
Let us be thankful that we always return good for evil, and judge no one uncharitably.  
Let us be thankful that we always treat the poor man with just as much consideration as the rich.  
Let us be thankful that we do not think we are better than anybody else, and are not trying to get ourselves into any select circle where we can look down on other people.  
Let us also be thankful that in our own opinion, we think we are it, and that the other fellow isn't. It helps one so much to lift himself by his own bootstraps.

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**Personal**

George Johnson went to Portland yesterday.

Mrs. Mers left for Woodburn last evening to visit friends.

A. L. Venzie, of Portland, was in the city yesterday on business.

Wm. Pollard left last evening for a Thanksgiving visit in Oregon City.

Mrs. H. Johns and daughter, Miss Gabe, are visiting friends in Corvallis.

Mrs. L. R. Hatch and son, Harold, went to Portland last evening to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gardner left last evening for a short visit in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Dinsmore left last evening for Portland where they will spend Thanksgiving.

W. N. Gatens, private secretary to Governor Chamberlain, went to Portland last night.

Mrs. Carrie B. Shelton has returned home from spending two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Emma Stallard went to Portland yesterday to visit her son, William, for a few days.

Mrs. J. J. Spallinger, of Jefferson, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harry Crawford, in this city.

Miss Viola Fisher and sister, Miss Ione, went to Woodburn yesterday to be the guests of Miss Esther Leech.

J. H. Lanterman, the insurance man, after a short business trip and visit in the city, has returned to his home in Portland.

Mrs. Whit Holman and Mrs. Walter Looney went to Jefferson last night to spend Thanksgiving at the Russell home.

Roy Knots, who has been attending the medical school, left yesterday for Portland where he will spend Thanksgiving with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harwood, of Eugene and Joseph Shaw, of Seattle, are guests of Miss Gertrude Harwood in this city.

Miss Helen Gleason, teacher in the east school, left yesterday for Oregon City to spend Thanksgiving at her home.

Miss Addie Swartz and Miss Bertha Klinger went to Portland last night and will be the guests of Mrs. Frankie Campbell for a few days.

Dr. Wallace Bruce, of Portland, is visiting in the city. He is a former Salem boy and a graduate of the Willamette medical school.

Mrs. E. J. Seeley, of Albany, came down yesterday afternoon to spend Thanksgiving with relatives in this city.

Dave Forbs and brother, George, went to Oregon City yesterday to spend Thanksgiving with their parents.

Mrs. D. E. Mode and father, A. J. Davis, left last evening for their home in Portland, after a short visit in this city.

Miss Jennie Booth and sister, Miss Georgia, left yesterday for a visit in Silvertown. They will return in time for the game today.

Archie Parker and wife, of Monmouth, after a visit in this city, went to Portland yesterday where they will spend Thanksgiving with friends.

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