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THE HOUSE OF MIRTH AND THE HOUSE OF MOURNING

(Editorial in Philadelphia North American.)

The current of the United States mails, swollen by the flood of early holiday business, has been raised to a still higher level by other messages of good cheer and human fellowship not definitely connected with the Christmastide.

Ministers of the gospel, Catholic and Protestant, Jew and Gentile, throughout the states of the central seaboard, and, for aught we know, throughout the entire nation, have received these extra seasonable reminders that man was not made to mourn. Strictly speaking, the message is that if man does mourn it is his own fault, for nature, he is told, has provided a surcease from melancholy in the divine blessing of booze.

The preacher who finds a book in his morning mail and feels the flush of pleasure that comes from a friendly remembrance that may be at the same time an intellectual treat, may well be pleased when opening the tome he finds the title page inscribed, "A Textbook of True Temperance." The subject of temperance is one that is near to the heart of every student of moral and social conditions. It is particularly engaging the attention of the good shepherds who love their flocks.

But, indeed, may they observe with wonderment that they are to be taught the principles of true temperance by interests which are virtual owners of a great percentage of the saloons of the country, and the most active and powerful single influence in the extension of the liquor traffic.

For the publishers of this new book are none others than the owners of the country's breweries, appearing on the title page as the "United States Brewers' Association."

There is something in the audacity of these men that invokes a peculiar kind of admiration, the same kind one might have for the wolf who excused himself for eating the lamb because the lamb, drinking below him in the brook, "muddled the stream."

One has but to consult this new textbook on true temperance to learn that the great evils which even the brewers concede have sprung from the liquor traffic in this country have been due to the efforts of the temperance folk to abolish the saloon.

That the brewers have hopes of converting some ministers to their point of view does not rest for proof on the fact of the book's being sent to the religious leaders. The volume contains internal evidence. For there is a chapter devoted to proving that something—presumably the breweries and saloons owned by the United Brewers' Association—has the "sanction of religion." To carry this point, the brewers appeal to the solemn sacrament of the eucharist.

And then elaborate statistics are quoted to convince the preacher that religion flourishes best in those communities where the saloon has full sway, and that it languishes and declines when the saloon is put out of business.

As the clergymen of Pennsylvania will soon be called upon again to consider the question of local option, they may turn to the brewers' chapter on this subject for enlightenment as to its relation to the principles of "true temperance." They will find, perhaps to their surprise, that the brewers unequivocally in-dorse local option. This is what the brewers say:

"Many men believe as heartily in the principle of local option as they disbelieve in state-wide prohibition.

To deny that the local community has the right to decide for itself whether or not the sale of intoxicants shall be licensed is to deny a wholesome principle of local self-government."

The clergyman, seeking to be guided in the work of true temperance, may be somewhat confused by this statement in the textbook. For he will remember that the brewers, who lay down this doctrine, themselves were the leaders in the fight against a local option before the last session of the Pennsylvania legislature.

He may attribute the apparent inconsistency to the stand that the brewers take against making the county the local unit. But he will instantly recall that the Fair local option bill reduced the unit to the lowest possible division, the rural borough, and township, and the city ward.

So the clergyman, reading on for enlightenment, is told that the objection to most local option laws is that they make majority rule their working principle. "It should not be permitted to settle so fateful a question as that of license or no license by less than a two-thirds vote," say the brewers in their book.

In other words, if seven-twelfths of the voters of a district declare against the licensing of saloons, "this fateful question of license or no license" will be settled by the five-twelfths.

This is what the brewers mean when they say that "it isn't a question which can be settled by a bare majority vote." Certainly not. The

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