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The Saloon An Unmitigated Curse.

ITS FRIENDS AND ITS ENEMIES.

Excerpts from two ante-election sermons by Rev. Father Cassidy, delivered November 22 and 29, 1908, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Fall River, Mass.

And yet it has many friends, this great power which has corrupted the earth. It has likewise many valiant foes.

The suppliers of the saloon and its proprietor surely are the foremost friends of this king of evils, and of them I have spoken to you before. Many of them are good men, worthy of aid and sympathy. But there are many others that are wholly bad. The evil that they do, they do knowingly, willing, even eagerly. Such men, when the day comes for decision on this momentous moral question, will endeavor to win their cause by dishonest, illegal and unfair actions, will attempt to debauch the electorate of the people. They are the ones who will debauch the city in the name of rum.

And then there comes the friend of the saloon, in this particular case our police commission, the officers appointed to enforce the law against the conduct of this nefarious evil, who allow the law to be violated.

Next in order as the friend of the saloon is the man who thinks he knows a little about the word of God. He betakes himself to a very strange pass for a liquor dealer, the searching of the Scriptures. He looks through the Scriptures and picks out a text in which the word wine is mentioned and he endeavors from that to draw justification for the evil things we have today. I have in my hand a little pamphlet which has floated out of the headquarters of the Liquor Dealer's Association into my possession and which will, no doubt, be spread broadcast. "Wine and the Christian Church. Prohibition Not Warrant-

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How desperate these men have grown when they look to the word of God for a justification of the saloon, the recruiting station of hell. They hear St. Paul telling Timothy to take a little wine for his stomach's sake and they say the saloon is all right and this should prove it. Just as though this had anything to do with the saloon. They even forgot that Timothy must have been a teetotaler, since he needed St. Paul's persuasion to induce him to use a little wine. They also cited in their pamphlet, the miracle of our Lord at Cana, turning water into wine. They refer to the use of wine at the last supper, of the church's use of wine at the holy sacrifice of the mass. Just as though that had anything to do with modern rumshop. If I can do so without irreverence and disrespect I would like to ask if they think our Lord would have turned water into whiskey, if He would have used rum at the last supper or sanctioned the use of brandy or gin for the sacrifice of the mass?

Can they find anything about these liquors in the Scriptures? And if they quote from Scripture, why not get away long enough from the distractions of the saloon to make a thorough search of the sacred book? Why not quote the first verse of the twentieth chapter of the Book of Proverbs? Why not read from the twenty-third chapter of the same book, the twenty-ninth verse?

And then they quote from eminent clergymen, both Catholic and Protestant, in an attempt to prove prohibition not necessary and an invasion of private rights. But even the priest of the church, the archbishops and teachers of divinity, must keep silent before the authoritative voice of the Church. I read to you from a decree promulgated by the third plenary council of Baltimore, not expressing a private view of any individual or group of individuals, but enacting positive legislation for the Church in America.

"It is not to be doubted that among the evils which we in this country bit-

terly deplore is to be considered the abuse of intoxicating liquors. Excess of this sort is the perpetual tinder and the prolific origin of misery. Abject ruin falls upon innumerable men and upon whole families and draws heading to eternal damnation myriads of souls. Love of religion and the fatherland imposes upon all Christians the solemn duty of striving with all their might to wipe out and uproot this pestiferous evil.

"Finally, we admonish our people who are engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors that they should seriously consider with how many and how great dangers and with what occasions of sin their business, although a legal one, is surrounded. Let them select if they may a more respectable way of earning a living."

The committee of the Liquor Dealers' Association ought to spread that broadcast. It is not the opinion of any one man. It is the authoritative voice of the church in recommending legislation.

Next, as the friend of the saloon, comes the man who thinks of nothing more to be desired in life than a reduction in taxes; who desires public improvements and is unwilling to pay for them himself, preferring to see them come from the profits of the saloon. In the discussion of this question in the public press I have marveled at the failure of men to grasp the gross immorality, if not criminality, of such arguments. Mark where these men stand. They say you must get money from the saloons. They never consider what are its effects upon the lives and morals of the people. They care nothing about whence the money comes, provided it comes.

They would build macadam streets with the bones of the unfortunate. They would build sewers and parks with the blood money from the saloons. If they must have these improvements why, in God's name, will they take them from the blood of the people?

I do not believe there are any who have considered it in this light and I can-

not imagine any man, mindful of these consequences of the sale of liquor, who will vote for it as a benefit to the city. But if there are any of them here that will do so, I say to them, You are worse than the worst bum. You are lower than the lowest drunkard. Why? Because while the drunkard is weak you are strong. The drunkard is blind while you are clear-sighted. The drunkard is drunk while you are sober. What do you do? You set a trap at his feet and stand over him in his stupor and rob him of his earnings.

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Real Estate Filings.

The following real estate filings have been made in the county clerk's office since last report:

Robert McQuilken Jr. et ux to Henry H. Wiedeman, wd to e hf sw qr 3, 4, in 31-1-29.....	6200 00
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Frank Blake, wife and baby spent several days with her mother Mrs. Sawyers.

Mrs. Helm returned from her visit to Fort Morgan, accompanied by her daughter Mrs. Giese and that new baby.

Mrs. Arch Hatcher spent the week at her father's, J. F. Helm.

Mrs. Owens Longnecker gave a little oyster supper as a surprise on Owens. Only a few young friends were present and they had a quiet pleasant time. Mrs. Owens knows how to cook oysters to perfection and Lucy Miller and Alta Helm are experts in serving them.

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