

TEMPERANCE COLUMN. LODGE DIRECTORY:

GRAND LODGE: W. C. T. - Rev. J. W. Tanager, Nebraska City... Regular meetings every Tuesday evening... TRAVELING TEMPLES: HANSEN WINDHAM, W. C. T. EVERETT DOOM, M. W.

It is often charged upon us, and perhaps too justly, that some of your Good Templars - while they keep their standing in the Lodge - are all the while drinking behind the door.

We would say that this may all be true, for we remember that there was a Judas among the disciples of our Saviour, and from that day to the present, the Christian church has ever been cursed with her Judas's and why should we expect our noble order to be exempt from this same curse. So long as it is popular and honorable to be connected with the Order, so long will base and designing men be found, seeking to hide their real character under the assumed name of Good Templars.

'I Only Prayed for Him.' 'Is it true, Arthur, that your father joined the church last Sunday?' 'I said to a little boy whose father I had known was a drunkard.

'Yes, sir, and so did mother, and we are all so happy.' 'Why, I thought he did not attend church, and used to spend the Sabbath in the rum-shop.'

'It is different now, sir. He has signed the pledge, and goes to church, and teaches in our Sunday School.'

'How did this come about, Arthur?' 'I know you belonged to the Band of Hope and went to school. What did you do for your father?'

'I only prayed for him! When father drank, he was so cross I was afraid to speak to him. One day at our Band of Hope meeting, the Superintendent told us to ask every one we knew to sign the pledge, and if there were some we could not ask then we should pray to God for them. So that night I wanted to ask father, but he was so cross. I therefore, with Sarah and Gerry, before going to bed, prayed to God to get father to give up drinking and sign the pledge; and father gave up drink, and now with mother he has joined the church. This is all I did, I only pray ed for him.'

Dear children, do any of your fathers, mothers, brothers, or friends drink, and do you want them to sign the pledge? Then pray for them.

Twenty Reasons for Abstaining from Intoxicating Liquors.

1. Because cider, ale, porter, rum, gin, brandy, wine and whisky, all contain a portion of spirit which is calculated to derange the human system.

2. Because those of these drinks as a habitual beverage are ever useful, but always injurious to persons in health.

3. Because drunkenness is a besetting sin, and leads to idleness, quarreling, swearing, fighting, stealing, adultery, murder, and almost every other sin; and finally, to eternal death.

4. Because drinking produces poverty, domestic misery, insolvency, bankruptcy, destruction of property, loss of reason, disease and premature death.

5. Because a great deal of valuable land, time, labor and capital, are wasted upon making, vending and using these intoxicating drinks.

6. Because many millions of money are annually expended upon these drinks in America, which ought to be laid out in food and clothing, and to benefit the manufactures of the country.

7. Because many millions of quarters of good grain and large quantities of other valuable produce, are annually destroyed to make these poisonous liquors.

8. Because intemperance obstructs the progress of civilization, education, the religion of Jesus, and every useful reform.

9. Because abstinence is sure and safe, but drinking moderately is difficult and dangerous and has led to all the drunkenness in the world.

10. Because if I drank I cannot effectually warn the drunkard, unless I am myself an entire abstainer.

11. Because I like to join those who are exerting themselves to promote the temporal and spiritual reformation and happiness of mankind universally.

12. Because it is important to set a safe example of perfect sobriety to our children, friends and associates.

13. Because it is our Christian duty to deny ourselves even of lawful things to promote the happiness of others.

14. Because while millions repent of drinking, not one repents of abstinence.

15. Because, while no blessing is pronounced upon drinking, God's approval is frequently recorded in favor of abstinence. See Jeremiah 35; Luke 1: 15; Proverbs 23: 1.

16. Because I should be ashamed to touch, taste, handle or keep in my house, the article which is filling the land with misery, lamentation and woe.

17. Because nothing but total abstinence, as a human instrument, will cure the drunkard, or prevent the moderate drinker from becoming such.

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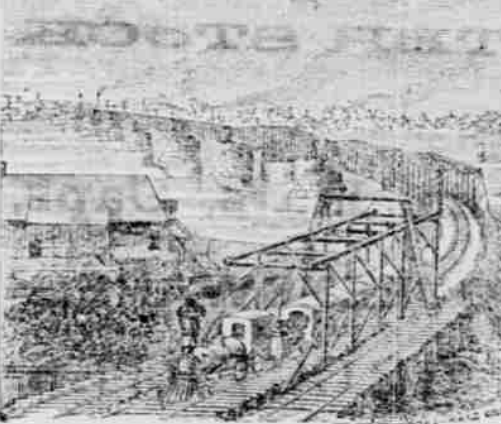
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