



VOLUME IX

MANDEVILLE, JAMAICA, SEPTEMBER, 1952.

NUMBER 8

Drive The Monster From Our Shores

His counsel is, "Wine is a mocker; strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Proverbs 20:1.

Ever since the first rose in the garden of Eden wilted, Satan in the trappings and armour of king alcohol has striven for the mastery. The soul and body of mankind are his pawns. Working through appetite, demons of the liquor traffic have toiled and sweated and distilled relentlessly to vice-grip the body between the jaws of indulgence and habit. From the twilight of time, men, and even women without souls, have made, advertised and sold FIRE-WATER (drinks).

Human bipeds without consciences realise that if the body—God's masterpiece—is wrecked in their glittering grottoes and the gutter, orphans and widows will continue to be tortured with suffering embarrassment, shame, hunger and cold, while they fill their "bottles of tears." Worst of all, blasphemous saloon keepers gorge their enslaved victims and literally rob bread and milk from infants and from slowly dying mothers with milkless bosoms!

The aim of the rum seller is and shall ever be the downfall and ruin of the home, of society and of the nation. Eternal damnation is the battle cry of the Intemperance gang. Eternal vigilance must be the response of the World Advent Temperance Brigade.

The British West Indies Union is

BY

A. R. HAIG

TEMPERANCE SECRETARY
BRITISH WEST INDIES UNION

destined to play an important role in the new drive against the hordes of intemperance. Let us prepare NOW and urgently to do our bit nobly, gloriously, and well. In the revival of this heaven-appointed campaign, the heroic youth of our islands must lead out.

Although regaled with Philistine beauty and appetising aroma, still DRINK is the MONSTER to be feared, dreaded, and hated. He is often the base for and the teacher of the sensual, the dope addict, the rapist and the murderer. His slaves are robbed of their money, their honour, their strength, and their character. Millions of his victims are enslaved in slums, brothels, prisons, venereal wards and poor houses.

Had our temperance bands the world over done their duty fifty to seventy-five per cent of the above millions of derelicts would never have gone wrong. What a shame dear temperance guards? Oh that we could recall the wasted years when we slept on guard! That is impossible, but we can redeem the time and, launching forth in an earth-shaking crusade, save youthful millions not yet tainted or stained by the renegade and BULLDOZER-DRINK.

The hour has struck for the Church of God to confess and forsake her lethargy. All the ills of and in the world must be traced to one source and that is the Church! To whom much is given much is expected. The church has received of the best from God. All other fields of politics, science, culture, and their related human enterprises and endeavours look to the Church for leadership and counsel. Had she done her part more faithfully, wars, hate and the destroying corruptions of DRINK and her many vices might have lain crushed in the streets, and the certainty of the kingdom of God might have been planted in millions of hearts whose retort is, "Away, Christian dreamers, the world is without hope; there is no guide, no truth, no virtue." However, dear friends of the temperance cause, rejoice, for prophetic light is breaking; it declares the church shall arise and shake itself from the dust and finish the work of God in a blaze of glory. —*Great Controversy*, pp. 611, 612; Vol. 9, p. 126.

Let us then unite our efforts with the true in christendom, in every field of human uplift and save the CHILD, then the MAN, maiden and MOTHER from the clutches of the rum seller. They must shingle his mansions no more, but must give themselves, soul and body, to God so that drink will eventually be slain and buried forever and "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." Isa. 11:9; Hab. 2:14.



E. W. DUNBAR

All Adventist Youth Under the Temperance Banner

"Ye shall be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign upon a hill," Isaiah 30:17. The man who founded the Quaker denomination said that every Quaker home should be a light for 50 miles around it. How much more true should this be of every Adventist home today, especially every Adventist youth who takes the name of Jesus Christ will be a light and a beacon in a world of dark and sinful habits. Everywhere are found Adventist youth who are set "as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign upon a hill."

When I was in the Emerald Isle, a young woman, a Seventh-day Adventist, and in the business world a representative of the American Linen Buyers Association, came to me with a thrilling story. She lived in Belfast and there came to her city a buyer from a large company in Washington, D. C. His wife accompanied him, and their dealing with this young woman was so pleasant that they invited her to dinner. Near the close of the meal the gentleman turned to her and asked, "Are you by any chance a Seventh-day Adventist?"

"Why," she said, "that's exactly what I am. But what caused you to think I was?"

"For some time," he explained, "my wife and I had an Adventist young woman in our home assisting with the work and looking after our little girl; but now she has left to be married. Our home can never again be the same since her sweet influence is gone. She did not

drink tea, coffee, or liquor; nor did she smoke or wear jewelry or flashy clothes though she dressed neatly and becomingly. When I saw that you did none of these things and noticed how you talked I felt sure you must be an Adventist too."

Hands across the sea! A faithful volunteer in America and another in Ireland unknown to each other yet holding the same high standards, speaking the same language, presenting the same truth, holding aloft the same ensign, esteemed for their common testimony of modesty, grace and loving service.

In abstaining from alcohol Adventist youth are bypassing the tragedy road.

Recently an attractive department store clerk was charged with murder when the body of a man shot through the heart was found on a canal bank. The clerk, a divorcee, was found wandering in a dazed condition nearby. She had been with the man that evening at a party that visited several liquor bars.

Regarding bars, one industrial bulletin gives its advice to its employees, "Bars are something which, if you go into too many of, you are apt to come out singing a few of, and maybe land behind some of."

What a doomed world needs most today is young men and young women of purity, cleanliness, and a simple faith in God.

—E. W. DUNBAR, Secretary,
M. V. Department, G. C.

Dramatizing Temperance Before a Stupefied World

All alcoholic wholesalers and retailers seek through glamorized advertising and luxurious environments to make as dramatic as possible the influence of social pressure to drink. Certainly there is a great need for our temperance forces to make a more dramatic appeal to the youth throughout our country. They need to see the call of youthful destiny in the challenge to adhere to the principles of clean living. Total abstinence must be presented as a mighty challenge to the youth of our day.

Millions throughout the world are so stupefied by the narcotic alcohol that their brain has become a tool of the destroyer of souls. "Because of the *benumbing influence* of stimulants and narcotics, the minds of many," says the servant of God, "are unable to discern between the sacred and the common."

Counsels on Health, p. 432.

The youth of this denomination are indispensable, for "There is no class of persons capable of accomplishing more in the warfare against intemperance than are God-fearing youth." —*Temperance*, p. 235. Years ago the servant of God wrote this challenge to our youth in the pages of "The Youth's Instructor": "The young men and young women who claim to believe the truth for this time can please Jesus only by uniting in an effort to meet the evils that have, with seductive influence, crept in upon society. They should do all they can to stay the tide of intemperance now spreading with demoralizing power over the land." —*Ibid.*, p. 235. How dramatic the challenge of this question to the Adventist young people! "Are our young men prepared to lift their voices in the cause of temperance and show its bearing upon Christianity? Will they engage in the holy war against appetite and lust?" —*Ibid.*, p. 236.

We are told that as Adventist people "We should be at the head in the temperance reform." —*Ibid.*, p. 220. Each of us individually should be furthering the effort to reach the high destiny of leadership which the divine blueprint has set before us as a people. Too much of modern Christendom has sold out to the gods of this age; alcohol has won thousands of devotees among professed Christian peoples. Since we are clearly told that liquor was devised by the devil "in order to deface and destroy the moral image of God," *Ibid.*, p. 32, it is obvious that the Seventh-day Adventist denomination is challenged by alcohol, which was deliberately invented by Satan to keep people out of the kingdom of God. This church is in the thick of the struggle of the ages; the flame of the evangel must not die; the crusading spirit of the pioneers must not disappear. The urgency of this question in the battle for survival and the redemption of man is expressed in the following two questions asked by the servant of God:

FIRST: "Is it not time for us to arouse our God-given capabilities, to catch holy zeal that we have not had as yet? . . . Are we not able to possess the land? We are able in God to do a mighty work upon the point of temperance." —*Ibid.*, p. 256.

SECOND: "As we face these things, and see the terrible consequences of liquor drinking, shall we not do all in our power to rally to the help of God in fighting against this great evil?" —*Ibid.*, p. 233.

(Continued on page 6.)

The Need of Temperance and Simple Rules to Promote It

As we near the end of time Satan will do all he can to confuse, stupefy, befuddle and enslave men's minds. It is his purpose that not one will ever enter the kingdom of heaven. His programme calls for the destruction of the entire human race.

Christ and His ministering angels, as well as His representatives on this earth, will, on the other hand, do all they can to free men's minds, to restore the image of God in man's character, and to save mankind. The great controversy between Christ and Satan will become more tense as we near the end of all things.

"Satan is taking the world captive through the use of liquor and tobacco, tea and coffee. The God-given mind, which should be kept clear, is perverted by the use of narcotics. The brain is no longer able to distinguish correctly. The enemy has control. Man has sold his reason for that which makes him mad. He has no sense of what is right."—*Temperance*, page 17.

"As we near the close of time, Satan's temptation to indulge appetite will be more powerful and more difficult to overcome."—*Ibid*, page 21.

"Those who frequent the saloons that are open to all who are foolish enough to tamper with the deadly evil they contain are following the path that leads to eternal death. They are selling themselves, body, soul, and spirit, to Satan.

Under the influence of the drink they take, they are led to do things from which, if they had not tasted the maddening drug, they would have shrunk in horror. When they are under the influence of the liquid poison, they are in Satan's control. He rules them, and they co-operate with him."—*Ibid*, page 24.

"In the city and the country, on the railway trains, and on the great steamers, in places of business, in the halls of pleasure, in the medical dispensary, even in the church on the sacred Communion table, his traps are set. Nothing is left undone to create and to foster the desire for intoxicants. On almost every corner stands the public house with its brilliant lights, its welcome and good cheer, inviting the workingman, the wealthy idler, and the unsuspecting youth. Day by day, month by month, year by year, the work goes on."—*Ibid*, page 24.

"Behind the liquor seller stands the mighty destroyer of souls, and every act which earth or hell can devise is employed to draw human beings under his power."—*Ibid*, page 24.

The above statements from the Spirit of Prophecy indicate that as we near the

end of time the evils that existed at the time of the flood will again be apparent. As it was in the days of Noah so shall it be in the days of the Son of Man. One of the prevailing sins of those days was drunkenness. Crime reigned supreme. Life itself was unsafe. Men whose reason was dethroned by intoxicating drink thought little of taking the life of a human being. As it was in the days of Noah so shall it also be in the days of the Son of Man.

We are living down in the closing days of this world's history. Seventh-day Adventists should therefore take their stand for total abstinence, and make their influence felt by precept and example, by voice, by pen and by vote.

May we suggest a few simple ways to help advance the cause of temperance in your community.

1. Sign the pledge and induce others to sign it with you.

2. Become an active member of our temperance organization and contribute annually to the association.

3. Sponsor as many subscriptions to LISTEN magazine as possible. See that the teachers, the churches and leading officials in your community are receiving LISTEN magazines.

4. Circulate literature: ALERT magazine, LISTEN magazine, and temperance issues of the SIGNS, of the LITTLE FRIEND; also tracts and other temperance literature that may be available in your community.

5. Put up posters in prominent places that will bring the temperance issue to the forefront.

6. Take part in all efforts to promote the cause of temperance in your community. Take the initiative and launch an aggressive programme in your community.

7. Last but not least, live an exemplary life in your community and make your influence felt by precept and example, by voice, by pen and vote in favour of total abstinence.

—W. A. SCHARFFENBERG,
Executive Secretary,
International Temperance Ass.

BEER MATHEMATICS

The Glass of Beer said to the Bottle of Rum: "I am not much of a mathematician, but I can and do—

Add to a man's nervous troubles;
Subtract cash from his pocketbook;
Multiply his aches and pains;
Divide his property with bootleggers; so
Fractions only remain for him.

Moreover, I
Take *interest* from his work, and
Discount his chances for success."



J. C. CULPEPPER

"Every Colporteur a Temperance Sentinel"

Colporteurs are called, "The feet of the movement." Says the prophet: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith to Zion, Thy God reigneth." Isa. 52:7. "SERMONS," says Elder M. L. Rice, "are profitable in the pulpit, in books, on stones, at sea, in the heavens, and in flowers. But, as one has said, 'The sermons in shoes are what the busy world needs today.'"

"O son of man, I have set thee a watchman, (a SENTINEL). If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head . . . But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand." Eze. 33:3-6.

The SWORD OF LIQUOR is taking many away. *Each colporteur*, as a temperance sentinel, can by word and example blow the trumpet against the use of intoxicating drinks; and many will take warning and shall deliver their soul.

"Since 1932, arrests for drunkenness have increased 197 per cent; and arrests for drunken driving have increased 122 per cent. Excessive drinking is responsible for most of the crime, broken homes,

pointed dictator for one hour over all business failures, and juvenile delinquency. . . ."

"Reports show that 1,790,036 major crimes were committed in the United States during 1950. On an average day, this would mean 1,129 burglaries, 301 persons killed or assaulted, 146 people robbed, 2,861 other thefts, almost 500 cars stolen, and 45 women and children attacked. The predominant age among persons arrested in 1950 was 21 years. Excessive drinking is responsible for most of the crime, broken homes, and business failures. Drinking has a serious effect upon the social problem, such as divorce and sex.

For every dollar spent for God, in the cause of Christianity, ten dollars is spent for drink, — approximately \$305.00 each second, or a million dollars each hour. Belgians drank 30 gallons of beer in 1950. The British drank 20 gallons each, and the Americans 18 gallons each.

"Henry was 32, had a lovely wife and two children, Bobby, four, and Sandra, two. Henry brought a baby rattlesnake home with him after a recent hunting trip. His wife protested in horror. 'But it is just a little fellow and can't hurt anybody', Henry insisted. 'What possible harm can it do?' But the baby rattlesnake kept growing. Henry was hardly aware of it. The snake got startled one day, and struck out with its little fangs. It happened to hit Bobby, and he was dead soon afterwards. 'But it was just an accident. I didn't think it would ever do any harm to him,' said Henry

"But beer is not intoxicating," Henry protested. "It has too little alcohol in it to do any harm." Henry didn't realize that a stein of beer has as much alcohol as a glass of whiskey. Henry began to imbibe more often, and sometimes he took bigger doses of alcohol, as in wine and whiskey. One day he had a row with his wife. So, like many other juvenile husbands, he got liquored up. Later in the afternoon he entered into his car to go to a ball game. In his alcoholic state, he zoomed out of the garage. But two-year-old Sandra had toddled out of the house to wave good-bye to her Daddy. And Henry backed the car over her, killing her instantly. So his 'baby rattlesnake' again had grown to lethal adult size, hadn't it?" (Dr. George W. Crane.)

Said Dr. Howard Rusk in the *New York Times*, April 1, 1951: "Alcoholism is responsible for a loss of about 12% in production."

"Because of alcohol, insurance losses in one year amounted to 185 million dollars."



PAULINE DEAN

Temperance Sentinel

Oakwood College Student, of Kingston, Jamaica, made a five hundred-dollar scholarship within twelve weeks, selling LIFE AND HEALTH and *Message*.

"One out of 27 of us may be killed or injured by a drinking driver during the next ten years; and 50% of all traffic fatalities and injuries may be caused by alcohol."

"New Hebrides natives face ultimate extinction if present use of intoxicants is not checked." (Commission to Investigate the Administration of the South Sea Islands.)

According to an Interior Department's survey report, natives of the Aleutian Islands and some other parts of Alaska are drinking themselves to death. The most deplorable conditions among the natives exist in those communities and villages where liquor is available.

"Sports and drinking do not mix! As a boxer, I would urge all youths who intend to follow this sport, or any other, to leave alcohol alone, for no good result can be obtained from indulging in what I call a useless and ridiculous habit, for that is exactly what drinking and smoking are — bad habits." (C. R. Payne, of England.)

"It is my opinion that athletics and the drinking of alcoholic beverages do not mix." (Arturo Jo Amos, of Argentina.)

Ghandi, back in 1907, has stigmatized alcohol as one of the greatest evils of the British rule. He said: "If I were appointed dictator for one hour over all India, the first thing I would do would

be to close without compensation all liquor shops; destroy all toddy palms."

Palestine: "Drink was by far the worst enemy that had ever invaded this land. . ." (Former Bishop of Jerusalem.)

Canada: "Approximately 65% of the citizens of Ontario, Canada, drink; and 35% are total abstainers." They classify their drinkers as follows: Chronic Alcoholics, 4%. These were recruited from habitual drinkers, who number 9%. Regular drinkers, 19%, recruited from moderate drinkers. Moderate drinkers, 30%, recruited from the Casual drinkers, 38%. Alcoholics are not born. A craving for alcohol is an unnatural craving, one that must be acquired.

COLPORTEUR TEMPERANCE SENTINELS, if we recognize alcoholism as a disease, then, to be scientifically correct, we must tackle alcoholism as we would malaria, smallpox, typhoid, or any other disease; namely, we should discover and annihilate the cause. Prevent the first drink, because it is the first drink that starts the young man or young woman on the road to alcoholism.

—J. C. CULPEPPER,
*Temperance Secretary,
Inter-American Division.*

Unite as One Army

The favourite subject of Mrs. E. G. White was Temperance. She was ever grateful for the light God had given her, to deliver from bondage the lives of thousands of slaves to intemperance in every country. Untold millions, who might be well and happy if someone only took the time to present the principles of true Temperance, are slowly committing suicide and constantly suffering various degrees of pain.

We have come to a time when a great revival of this Heaven inspired work should be rekindled in the hearts and lives of every Seventh-day Adventist. Like a forest fire, it must spread to every nook and corner of the British West Indies Union. The Conferences and Missions must not be satisfied until there is a strong Temperance Society organized in every church, or at least in every district within their territory. The hour has struck when we must agitate and agitate the need of the Temperance work until there is an undying passion kindled in the heart of every man, woman, and child, to not only accept these principles of true Christian Temperance, but to enlist men and women everywhere to "sign the pledge."

As a denomination we have stressed the importance of Temperance from the very beginning of the Advent Movement. In our Church Manual we read the following statement. "Health reform and the teaching of health and temperance are inseparable parts of the Advent Message." (page 199) If in our preaching as ministers and lay preachers we have not fully explained the importance of Temperance, we have not proclaimed the Third Angel's Message in all its fullness. As leaders in our churches and conferences we must not be content or feel that we have done our full duty until every convert has signed the Temperance Pledge.

The youth of today have more enticing temptations than ever before, through the modern advertising of the Devil, to smoke and drink. The Missionary Volunteers of the British West Indies Union must be warned against this stealthy enemy that would rob them of strong bodies, pure minds, and undefiled souls. The youth who are giving the gospel to all the world in this generation are the youth who are to be translated. Therefore they must reflect the strong characters of Daniel and his companions. Though everyone else may be taking the broad way, with wine, laughter and mirth, the saints of God will be sober and vigilant for they are aware that their adversary is close on their trail.

Christ, while hanging on the cross, refused a drink that would have deadened his physical pain but would have deprived him of a clear mind. The saints of God are facing their Gethsemane and would be crucified by a rejected people if permitted by God. No man will pass through the fearful days just ahead unless his mind is sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and if it was necessary for Christ to do His part, it is many more times essential for the members of the remnant church to do their part.

We trust that this issue of the VISITOR may bring about that long looked for day when over 19,000 men, women, and children will unite as one army in a total war against intoxicating drinks of any kind. As watchmen on the walls of Zion we must sound an alarm. We earnestly call for volunteers to enlist under the Temperance Banner until all Jamaica, her dependencies, and the Bahamas are on the side of Temperance.

—R. W. NUMBERS, *President,*
British West Indies Union.



NURSE PHILPOTTS

Miss Doris Philpotts sold Temperance literature and God promoted her.

A Privilege for Every Church Member

WHAT? "From the light God has given me, every member among us should sign the pledge and be connected with the temperance association." —*Temperance*, p. 20.

WHEN? Let no excuse be offered when you are asked to put your name to the temperance pledge, but sign every pledge presented, and induce others to sign with you. Work for the good of your own souls, and the good of others. *Never let an opportunity pass to cast your influence on the side of strict temperance.* —*Counsels on Health*, p. 441.

WHERE? "Especially does the temperance reform demand the support of Christian workers. They should call attention to this work, and make it a living issue. Everywhere they should present to the people the principles of true temperance, and call for signers to the temperance pledge. Earnest effort should be made in behalf of those who are in bondage to evil habits." —*Ministry of Healing*, p. 171.

"Give prominence to the temperance reform, and call for signers to the temperance pledge. Everywhere call attention to this work, and make it a living issue." —*Manuscript 52*, 1900.

"At our camp meetings we should call attention to this work and make it a living issue. We should present to the people

the principles of true temperance and call for signers to the temperance pledge."

—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 110.

WHO? "Here is a work opened before the young, the middle-aged and the aged. When the temperance pledge is presented to you, sign it. More than this, resolve to put all your powers against the evil of intemperance, and encourage others who are trying to do a work of reform in the world." —*Temperance*, p. 198.

"Let every God-fearing youth gird on the armour and press to the front. Put your names on every temperance pledge presented. Thus you lend your influence in favour of signing the pledge, and induce others to sign it. Let no weak excuse deter you from taking this step." —*Temperance*, p. 198.

"To those in high positions we are to present the total abstinence pledge, asking them to give the money they would otherwise spend for the harmful indulgences of liquor and tobacco to the establishment of institutions where children and youth may be prepared to fill positions of usefulness in the world." —*Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 58.

WHY? "Of all who claim to be numbered among the friends of temperance, Seventh-day Adventists should stand in the front ranks." —*Gospel Workers*, p. 348.

"While intemperance has its open, avowed supporters, shall not we who claim to honour temperance come to the front and show our selves firm on the side of temperance, striving for a crown of immortal life, and not giving the least influence to this terrible evil, intemperance?" —*Review and Herald*, April 19, 1887.

Because of the wickedness that follows largely as a result of the use of liquor, the judgements of God are falling upon our earth today. Have we not a solemn responsibility to put forth earnest efforts in opposition to this great evil? —*Counsels on Health*, p. 432.

"The honour of God, the stability of the nation, the well-being of the community, of the home, and of the individual, demand that every possible effort be made in arousing the people to the evil of intemperance.

... Let an army be formed to stop the sale of drugged liquors that are making men mad. Let the danger from the liquor traffic be made plain, and a public sentiment be created that demand its prohibition. —*Ministry of Healing*, p. 346.

"The only guaranteed formula for security against alcoholism is total abstinence." —**DR. ROY L. SMITH**, *The Christian Advocate*, February, 1949.

Food For Thought

I was speaking to a dear old mother in Israel recently and this is what she said, "During the years that we conducted Temperance Programmes and scattered literature that warned of the evils of strong drink and tobacco rum shops did not flourish. Two men opened grog-shops but were forced to close for the want of patronage. I am now over seventy years of age and it is just recently that two saloons have been opened. Some of the other shops sell on the side too.

Our pretty little village by the sea is now noisy and the youth are losing their self-respect, and slowly but surely their lives also.

The Price of a Drink

"Five cents a glass." Does anyone think That that is really the price of a drink?
"Five cents a glass." I hear you say,
"Why, that isn't very much to pay."

Ah, no, indeed, 'tis a very small sum
You are passing over 'twixt finger and thumb,

And if that were all that you gave away,
It wouldn't be very much to pay.
The price of a drink! Let him decide
Who has lost his courage and lost his pride,

And lies a grovelling heap of clay
Not far removed from a beast today.
The price of a drink! Let that one tell
Who sleeps tonight in a murderer's cell
And feels within him the fires of hell.

Honour and virtue, love and truth,
All the glory and price of youth,
Hopes of manhood, the wreath of fame,
High endeavour and noble aim—

These are the treasures thrown away
As the price of drink from day to day.
"Five cents a glass!" How Satan laughed
As over the bar the young man gauffed
The beaded liquor; for the demon knew
The terrible work that drink would do.

And ere the morning the victim lay
With his lifeblood swiftly ebbing away,
And that was the price he paid, alas!
For the pleasure of taking a social glass.
The price of a drink! If you want to know

What some are willing to pay for it, go
Through the wretched tenement over there
With dingy window and broken stair,
Where foul disease, like a vampire, crawls
With outstretched wings o'er the moldy walls,

There poverty dwells with her hungry brood,
Wild-eyed as demons for lack of food;
There shame in a corner crouches low;
There violence deals its cruel blow
And innocent ones are thus accursed
To pay the price of another's thirst.

"Five cents a glass." Oh, if that were all,
The sacrifice would, indeed, be small,
But the money's worth is the least amount
We pay; and whoever will keep account
Will learn the terrible waste and blight
That follows the ruinous appetite.

"Five cents a glass!" Does anyone think
That is really the price of a drink?

—Author Unknown.

Beware of Temptation

"Lead us not into temptation." Most every child born of Christian parents has been taught the Lord's Prayer from the time they could articulate a sentence, but very few adults sense the meaning. One Bible translator has expressed the deep yearning thought—"Suffer us not to be led into temptation."

These are the days in which the arch-deceiver and enemy of the pure and holy God is using every subtle device to hire the appetites and desires of the unsuspecting Christian, so as to destroy those delicate tissues of the most wonderful part of the human body—the brain.

It is shockingly appalling to observe the greed of our youth for stimulating beverages. The words rum, gin, brandy and whisky are danger signs to all Seventh-day Adventists. They shy away from even mentioning the names, knowing the deadly effects they produce. A few decades ago the signing of a Temperance Card was more than an outward pledge to abstinence; it was a safeguard and constant reminder of the evils of strong drink. The reformed drunkard with the Holy Spirit's help was strengthened to withstand these poisons, and was mortally ashamed to be found sneaking in to the saloon. He shunned places of that kind until he had completely lost the desire for strong drink.

What of today? These same poisons are put up as sparkling beverages, under the most intriguing names—Planter's Punch, Cocktails, etc. The milder forms are advertized under very glowing terms and pictured as being deliciously refreshing and strengthening. Indulgence in these beverages creates a desire for something more stimulating; so by short degrees the barriers are broken down, and a sip of the fancy-named concoctions of many flavours of alcohol become a regular full drink for all time.

A believer with the Advent faith, who had been trying for years to break the drink habit, met us some time ago and told us that at last he had found something to satisfy his thirst, so he does not take rum anymore. It was a new drink called "Anison". Oh how he was deceived! When told it had a certain percentage of alcohol, he would not believe. This is not the only example. Intoxicating wines of every description are hidden under the most fanciful disguise.

Mothers used to be anxious and agitated over their growing boys for fear they would be enticed into this evil habit, but now it is not the boys only, but the girls, who are shamelessly and

boldly clinking the tinkling glasses with the men anywhere and everywhere.

The loathsome cigarette is the devilish device which is the forerunner and stimulator of the craze of alcohol. Beware of the mild beverages such as beer and sweet wines. "At last, it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

Our Divine Counselor has sent us this message: "While we are not to be dismayed by trial, bitter though it be, we should pray that God will not permit us to be brought where we shall be drawn away by the desires of our evil hearts . . . Sin means dishonour and disaster to every soul that indulges in it, but it is blinding and deceiving in its nature, and it will entice us with flattering presentations. If we venture on Satan's ground we have no assurance of protection from his power. So far as in us lies, we should close every avenue by which the tempter may find access to us."

"Suffer us not to be led into temptation."

—MRS. E. E. PARCHMENT.

Dramatizing Temperance Before a Stupefied World.

(Continued from page 2.)

In the educational programme of LISTEN Magazine, the Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism, and the other projects of the International Temperance Association, we are endeavouring to follow the lead of the Spirit of Prophecy in which we are admonished to "not work solely for our own people, but bestow labour also upon noble minds outside of our ranks."

—*Ibid.*, p. 220. God has graciously blessed in providing golden opportunities of contact with these noble minds. Here is a great moral cause of righteousness in which every member of God's remnant faith can co-operate, in providing world leadership for the cause of clean living and for the advancement of the principles of the kingdom of heaven.

In this membership drive we are seeking to enlist every member in this crusade that we might provide a united impact of our Christian faith in the support of a new temperance movement that will lead the temperance forces of this country to stem the tide of dissipation and rescue men and women for the kingdom of God. Every true Seventh-day Adventist will feel the challenge of the two questions quoted from the pen of inspiration, and we wish to thank you

for your investment in this programme for the redemption of man and to express that we will all join in heeding the clarion call of this hour, "Rise up, O men of God!"

—J. A. BUCKWALTER,
*Associate Secretary,
International Temperance Ass.*

East and West Jamaica Relight the Temperance Torch

How some of us lamented through the years of decadence! Up to twenty years ago our churches in Jamaica made every passing year more perfect by sounding at least once the temperance bells. How we heartily helped to prepare the temperance programmes and looked forward to the evenings when hundreds of non-Adventists gathered to get a temperance message.

As glasses containing coloured water and empty charcoal pipes cocked at precarious angles in clean mouths unused to retaining shanks of clay-pipes between lips and teeth, we smiled with the actors. But when the programme ended many had signed the temperance pledge. Scores of eyes were bedimmed with tears while others sang on their homeward way:

*"Water, pure water that sparkles so bright,
Beautiful, fresh, and free;
Falling from heaven like jewels of light,
Falling for you and me."*

And best of all, for the first time many souls resolved that the Adventists were the clean people of God and they would join up with them on their march to full obedience to heaven.

What caused the temperance bells to cease for so long a time may never be known but to God; yet we of the old days realized something was definitely wrong. It was then with no little rejoicing that we welcomed the return of that leadership in General Conference and Division that called us back to the "old paths." For surely we have a health message for the world that must go hand-in-hand with the messages of Revelation 14. Now we believe temperance promotion has returned to stay with us to the end and for this we are very thankful to our heavenly Father. Like a one mile long train the revival of temperance has taken at least three years. During these years those appointed have not been idle and as a result the temperance train is now on its way. Listen! Hear the whistle blowing; it says, "Whew! Whew! Get ready—ey—ey—ey! Whew!!" And the engine, "We're on our way, on our way, on our way, jug, jug. Come

with us, come with us, we're going to reach, jug, jug." Yes friends, we are on our way and, God helping, we are going to reach.

East Jamaica has opened up her temperance artillery barrage. Soon the attack will be relentless in its fury. The Kencot church, under the strategist and church Pastor, W. U. Campbell, ably assisted by number one lay worker, Mrs. Etta Cecil Hewitt, launched an attack that shall long be remembered. Doctor Alwyn Parchment and Matron Marjorie Whitney of the Andrews Memorial Hospital gave valiant support. Many signed the pledge. There is a going in the mulberries of Kencot.

The Guys Hill church, firing from the hills, supported the Kencot attack. Sisters Pierson and Boyd were in command. Many left deeply impressed. The Temperance Cause shall not lack support where advent youth are active. We are sure God is going to accomplish great things for the temperance movement in East Jamaica. Elder W. U. Campbell, our keen Publishing Secretary, is also the conference Temperance Secretary.

West Jamaica too are cleaning their artillery. Their conference Temperance Secretary is Mr. Joe Fletcher. To show that they sense the danger of this hour, whole-hearted support was given to the officers of the West Indian Training College Chapel. Faculty, Conference and Union officers teamed and a Saturday night programme of high merit was recently put over. Under the guidance of Miss Edna-Mae Clarke, B.A. (Normal Course), and student officer Mr. Ralph Burgess, the students of West Indian College plan to shake the entire island for God.

Plans are on foot to convey a temperance troupe to as many churches in the East and West Conferences so as to early light the temperance torch far and wide. The College and West Jamaica Conference cry, "We have made a vow unto the Lord and we will not turn back." Let us all unite to fan the greatest temperance flames ever in East and West Jamaica.

A. R. H.

DARE TO SAY "NO"

Dare to say "No" when tempted to drink; Pause for a moment, my boy, and think— Think of the wrecks on life's ocean tossed For answering "Yes", without counting the cost;

Think of the mother who bore you in pain; Think of the tears that would fall like the rain;

Think of her heart and how cruel the blow;

Think of her love, and at once answer "No."

Counsel to Temperance Leaders and Secretaries

1. First, you must be called by God. Jer. 1:4-12.

2. You must have a burden for clean living. 1. Cor. 6:15-20.

3. You must learn the art to compel by love and win supporters. 1. Chron. 12:32, 33.

4. You must follow the instructions of your Conference officers. 1. Cor. 1:10.

5. In counsel with your local church elder or leader you must thoroughly prepare your recruiting, pledge signing, and temperance programmes, and advertise far and wide in due time. Eccl. 9:10, 11.

6. Articles to be read, recitations, dialogues, should be given out long in advance. II Tim. 2:15.

7. Select your chairman and ushers wisely. Luke 2:52.

8. Prepare banners and slogans and soft, appealing paper streamers. Songs of Solomon 6:10.

9. Have at hand temperance pledge cards or slips of paper. Eccl. 5:45.

10. Have members pass out temperance envelopes to believers and the community. Ex. 11:2, 3.

11. Remember to take up the temperance offering at the right time when the audience is ready to give. Mal. 3:8.

12. Do not drag out the programme. Short and spicy must be our aim. Isa. 7:12.

Echoes From Across the Seas

Elder R. E. Gibson, President of the Bahamas, Mission, is also the Temperance Secretary of the field. Our believers and their youth are an example to the other Bahamians and to all the tourists who come and go annually. They will not drink or smoke, they refuse to indulge in pleasures that degrade or destroy the soul.

Elder J. C. Culpepper, Temperance secretary of the Inter-American Division, and the writer associated recently in running a Youth's Camp, Colporteur and Temperance Revival. Elder O. V. Schneider, Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Union ably led out. As a result the youth are on fire for Jehovah and soon victories in temperance and literature missionary work shall rend the skies. Pray for the Temperance Cause in the beautiful Bahamian Isles as they obey the bugle call of duty.

The Cayman Islands territory is a precious product of the West Jamaica Conference. Elder B. E. Hurst, who is

their large-hearted leader and friend, assisted by Brother and Sister Newman, G. Forbes and Millicent Hurst are declearing His law in the little islands. A nobler and cleaner group of believers is hard to be found anywhere and their example is winning souls. Soon the Temperance banner and the Union Jack will fly together. Pray for the Cayman Islands Temperance Band.

Salt Cays district is now under the paternal wings of East Jamaica. What better mothering conference could they have? Colporteur and Pastor H. N. Moore and family are already on the job in Grand Turk. They plan to build on the corner stones laid by Pastors Nebblett, Prenier, and Waller. If there is a group of islands that need the defence and protection of the Temperance Flame it is the group which comprises the Salt Cays district.

A. R. H.

"Temperance"

A motorist needs a road map to tell him where he is going and which are the best routes to travel.

A builder needs a blueprint to show him the specifications of his building and the materials needed.

A navigator needs a compass to give him his direction and keep him from

wandering from his path.

An artist needs a model from which to work in order to get every detail perfect and symmetrical.

A cook needs a recipe to give her the ingredients and procedure so she can be sure of good results.

In the same way, a temperance worker needs that which will give him the best preparation and guidance for doing his work. Such can be found in the volume *Temperance*. No alert, on-fire temperance worker can afford to be without this valuable guide.

To him *Temperance* presents the challenge of the problem, the extent of the need, the procedure of the work, the directions for effective labour, the approach to victims of intemperance, and the rewards of faithful endeavour.

We urge every conference temperance secretary, every local church temperance secretary, and every other temperance worker to have this book at his fingertips at all times. No greater inspiration can be found, or more exhaustive source of information be imagined, than this collection of all the major writings of the Spirit of Prophecy on the subject of temperance. It deals with the origin of intemperance, the present effect of alcohol on the individual and on society, how to cope with the mighty problem, and the basic relationship of temperance to the whole gospel message. Order this important book today from your Book and Bible House—for yourself!

APPEAL FOR TEMPERANCE VOLUNTEERS

Realising the lateness of the hour and the need for men and women, boys and girls, of good will to prepare thousands for the coming of the Lord by leading them through the undefiled gates of Temperance, and knowing also that there is a dearth of leaders and supporters of the Temperance Cause among us, I hereby willingly sign the Temperance Pledge below, solemnly promising my Saviour and His leaders in the Advent Temperance Cause to loyally support the Movement, doing all I can to help others refuse the bottle as well as poisonous weeds such as tobacco, ganga, marihuana, etc.

THE TEMPERANCE PLEDGE

Believing that alcoholic beverages are not only harmful to the individual, but also detrimental to society, I hereby solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from all intoxicating beverages, and the use of tobacco, or narcotics other than prescribed by a physician for medical purposes.

FULL NAME

NAME OF CHURCH

NAME OF POST OFFICE

Mail in promptly to the Temperance Secretary of your Conference or Mission.

Temperance Literature for Believers and Unbelievers

ALERT: The ALERT is serving as the voice of the International Temperance Association. It should have a wide circulation. It is being sent to the majority of the members of our national organizations. In the United States it is being sent to contributing, sustaining, and life members only. ALERT is also being sent out on the sponsorship plan to members of Parliament, the United Nations Staff, prominent statesmen and other leaders in all walks of life. Let every division, union and local conference temperance secretary sponsor from ten to five hundred subscriptions to ALERT on this plan, and give ALERT an international circulation.

LISTEN: The October-December issue of LISTEN which featured Judge Lillie was completely sold out. We had orders for 6,000 more than we could fill. We jumped the printing order for the January-March number which featured Roy Rogers from 100,000 to 110,000. This issue was completely sold out within four weeks. We have issued a printing order for 130,000 for the April-June number which features Miss America of 1952. One denomination sent us a cheque for eight hundred and fifty subscriptions, and requested us to send LISTEN to 850 ordained ministers in their denomination. Their general headquarter's office requested every minister to preach at least one sermon a year on total abstinence and suggested that they gather their source material from LISTEN magazine. One minister arranged to have LISTEN sent to every family in his church with growing children. Another temperance organization is sending LISTEN to 750 high school libraries in their state. This indicates that it is being well received, not only by the temperance forces of the country, but by the various denominations. It has put us in the forefront of the battle.

The British West Indies Union Visitor

R. W. Numbers Editor
U. Greene Asst. Editor

Official Organ of the
BRITISH WEST INDIES UNION
of Seventh-day Adventists
Post Box 22, General Post Office, Mandeville, Ja.

UNION DIRECTORY

R. W. Numbers President

DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARIES

A. R. Haig Publishing
A. C. Stockhausen Home Miss. S.S., Temperance
O. V. Schneider Y.P.M.V., Educational
E. E. Parchment Field Secretary & Radio
R. W. Numbers Religious Liberty