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## Youth and Temperance

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**Editor's note:** This is the first of a series of articles on youth problems to appear each month in the Friendly Endeavor.

The youth of to-day face a great question. What shall I do about the Temperance question? True the youth of every age have had to meet the same question but not in the present form. For several years alcohol has been an out-law. To use it as a beverage one must have been a law breaker. We have been told that the youth of our land were learning two evils at one time; to be alcohol addicts and also to be criminals.

In order to correct this evil modern men are trying to convince us the way to do is to legalize the old out-law, beverage alcohol and popularize its use.

Then there is a group of people who seek to teach youth to drink alcohol beverages moderately. This group have launched a ten year program for such education.

The Bible and scientific research have proven that this cannot be done, for alcohol first destroys self control, the God given power for moderation. It renders man helpless against a most deadly enemy.

For the Christian youth it should be much easier to face and decide this question than for one who knows not Christ. Plainly the Bible teaches us total abstinence from alcoholic beverages. "Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last is biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Prov. 23:31-32. Countless other references may be given in proof of Bible teaching against alcoholic beverages. If we are to be Christian our way is plain we must be total abstainers.

The greatest privilege granted to youth is the power of choice. Be careful young people in making choices for the choices of youth determine all later life. In no other question is this more true than in this great temperance question which is so alive in our nation to-day, because of the recent change in the laws governing alcoholic beverages.

In the ancient fable the touch of King Midas turned every thing to gold. The modern man wishes to put the touch of Midas on the liquor traffic, turning its revenues into a golden stream that would flow into the treasury and assist in balancing the budget.

Before the days of National Prohibition the liquor traffic was credited with contributing around \$284,000,000 per year revenue. This stream of gold, so it was asserted, was being lost through prohibition, and the claim was made that the bootleggers were taking all the profits to themselves, selling liquor cheaper because there was no revenue to pay. However, even so prominent an economist as Clark Warburton himself employed by the association against the Prohibition Amendment, writing in his study, "The Economics of Prohibition," admitted that the

## Summer Conferences Hold Limelight For Next Four Weeks

AMERICAN LAKE, JULY 4-7; QUAKER HILL, JULY 9-14; TWIN ROCKS, JULY 30-AUG. 4. PLAN, PRAY AND PREPARE TO ATTEND

Joseph Reese, Friends pastor from Yorba Linda, Calif., who is the evangelist at both Quaker Hill and Twin Rocks Conferences.

masses undoubtedly annually consumed less than half as much alcohol under Prohibition and spent a billion dollars less. Moreover, statistics show that the fines, forfeitures, and sales of confiscated property more than paid the cost of prohibition enforcement.

Persuaded that it was impossible to entirely stop the sale of alcoholic beverages and attracted by the vision of lessened taxes because of great revenues from license, the voters repealed the Eighteenth Amendment. It is notable that this was done by less than a fourth of the electorate. Evidently a large part of the voting population were too bewildered by conflicting reports to cast their ballot for or against the proposition.

The results have justified the bewilderment. Just how much has the revenue from the liquor traffic helped meet government obligations in the past year? The deficit for 1930 to 1833 averaged \$1,400,000,000. The total liquor revenue amounted to about \$360,000,000. Including state and local taxes the total amount the liquor traffic paid was somewhat in excess of \$450,000,000. The most conservative estimate of the amount spent by the people for liquor since repeal is two and a half billion dollars. To reduce it to understandable figures, the 30,000,000 families of the United States contributed \$83.33 per family to the support of the liquor traffic, while the returns to the U. S. government amounted to \$14.97 per family.

That is an expensive way of carrying on business to spend \$83.33 in order to receive back \$14.97, but that is not the entire picture. Other businesses are paying the toll, for no one yet has been able to spend the same dollar for bread and booze. Leit Jones of England said: "Recently I met the finished article of the liquor trade; he was lying in the gutter. He had no hat, the hat trade was suffering; his coat was full of holes, the tailoring trade was suffering. The man had holes in his boots, the boot trade was suffering. He had on no shirt, the linen trade was suffering. Indeed, I can hardly mention an industry in the country which was not effected by that man's insobriety."

Alcohol does not produce wealth. It destroys wealth to manufacture pauperism, crime, lunacy, disease, poverty and death. These products of the drink habit are an expensive drag on the wheels of industry. A glance at any daily newspaper tells the cost of drunken driving.

Young people here is your opportunity to make a great choice. Study your Bible;

Orpha Pressnall, erstwhile C. E. Sup't of Boise Valley Quarter has jotted down the leaders of Quaker Hill Conference for your humble editor. The classes and leaders follow: "Character Study," by Fred Harris; "C. E. Methods," by Milo Ross; "Friends Doctrine," by Edward Mott; Discussion Class, handled by various leaders; Children's Class, Harriet Rinard. Joseph Reese, of Yorba Linda, Calif., will speak at both the inspirational hour and the evening evangelistic meetings. Recreational directors are Ralph and Esther Choate, and Edward Harmon. Clark Smith is Dean of Men, and Mrs. Rice, Dean of Women. Lois Jones, of Star, is to be the Registrar.

The rates for Board at the Dining Club follow, those 16 years of age or over, \$5; 12-15, \$4.50; and children 5-11, \$2.

This will be the 18th Annual Conference at Twin Rocks. The theme is "I Choose Christ!" The western C E'ers, feel that theirs is a good program, too. The evangelist is Joseph Reese, and he will lead the chorus class, as well. Following are the leaders and the titles of the classes: "Problems of Quaker Youth," Walter P. Lee; "Old Testament Character Study," Denver Headrick; "Symposium," by Paul Cammack; "Missions," to be decided; "Tabernacle Types," Edgar P. Sims, and "Toward a Better C. E.," by Milo Ross. Phyllis Macy will conduct the congregational singing. Recreational directors are Betty Ott, Mary Colver, and Paul Astleford. Eilene Kenworthy will have charge of the children's classes, and Esther Miller is pianist. Miller and Hazel Porter, are again conference Father and Mother.

The board is \$5.00. Both conferences will accept produce as payment on board.

These conferences can be made dynamic forces for social and spiritual uplift only as concerned Friends all over the Yearly Meeting pray for them, and back them in every way. Business people and farmers, why not spend your vacation at one or both of these conferences? Send your young people to them. Make it possible for a great number to go this year. May this year be the greatest year to date for our summer conference work!

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Lehman of Monitor, Oregon are the proud parents of a baby boy, born May 23rd. Mrs. Lehman will be remembered as Florence Ritter, for several years Society Editor of the Friendly Endeavor.

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### SPRINGBROOK GOSPEL BAND REPORTS SUCCESSFUL MEETING

The Springbrook Evangelistic Team continues to go each Sunday to Oak Hill where Sunday School is conducted in a school house. The attendance for the most part has been encouraging and this community promises to be a fruitful field.

The contest that our Sunday School has been carrying on with Ladd Hill terminated the last of May and a joint picnic of the two Sunday Schools was held at Ladd Hill. Dinner was served in the community hall and most of the afternoon was spent playing games.

We are indeed glad to welcome former C. E. members into our community again. Just recently Fern and Harry Burke, and Clio and Stell Murdock with their families have come from Texas. Paul Brown and his family have arrived from Wyoming to spend the vacation in the community. Sanford and Bernice Brown with their little boy, have stopped a short time in Springbrook en route from Montana to Seattle.

The regular monthly business meeting and social time was held at the church on June 5. Supper was served out of doors and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Merle Green and Wilmer Brown have recently returned from the Portland Bible Institute, where they have been attending school. Wilmer left for Seattle on June 8, where he will be working during the summer months.

Wendall Mills preached at Springbrook in the morning of June 2, and Denver Headrick went to West Chehalem to preach for him.

A carload of young people went to Portland to attend the closing exercises of the Portland Bible Institute.

Ruth Gulley, who has been visiting relatives in Idaho for over five weeks, returned home on June 5.

### HOMEGOING OF TWO FAITHFUL MEMBERS SADDENS GREENLEAF

We have been saddened by the loss of two of our members—Mary Jane Roberts and Mrs. Leva Longstroth. But we know that they are with their Saviour, and we shall meet them by and by. The body of Mrs. Roberts, accompanied by her daughter Alma, was taken to Allen, Nebraska for burial.

We welcome the college and Bible school students home.

Mrs. Lucinda Wells of Berkley, California, the widow of a former pastor here, is visiting in our midst.

We rejoice with Ralph and Esther Choate that they have been accepted as missionaries to Africa. We will miss them, but, to hear Esther talk, it seems that she feels as if she

were going home. We know they are anxious to go, and pray that God will bless them.

Ruth Crozier visited a few days in Newberg, Oregon after the close of school.

Caldwell District C. E. met at the home of Hulda Winslow, and around the table, talked of plans for C. E. work for the next few months.

The Margaret Fox S. S. class has built a cabin at Quaker Hill to be used for conferences and for guests of the conference.

A contest that is causing much interest in our Sunday School and which is of benefit to both student and teacher, is one based upon studying the lesson and bringing quarterlies.

### PRESIDENT PAUL CAMMACK WRITES MESSAGE

Tribute should be given to the former presidents and officers of Oregon Christian Endeavor. The growth in our membership stands as proof of their labors. Twin Rocks, Payette and American Lake Conferences were built by those who had vision and action. Can one doubt that God has a future for our Christian Endeavor Union as fruitful as the past? God will honor our labors as we continue to build on the unshakable and immovable foundation—Jesus Christ.

Let us pray, yet, and actually see Oregon C. E. Union expand this year in membership and spiritually. This will be the inevitable outcome if we as members follow implicitly the Saviour's wish for us. What does your Endeavoring center about, Endeavor? If a fresh touch from the Lord is needed to make you see that your thrilling task is endeavoring to introduce other young people to Jesus, get that fresh touch from the Lord and with it the accompanying vision of the right-at-home possibilities. God wants no weaklings mouthing his name in hypocrisy. He calls for the valiant who dare make such statements, "I cannot, because I am a Christian," and "I wish you would accept the Lord as your Saviour." Milo Ross made the plea, "evangelize, evangelize," and I would re-shout the same message. Will you, young people of Oregon Friends covenant God with me to make this a year of personal evangelism. Will you strive by the Lord's help to win those for whom you have yearned so long? The vitality of C. E. work depends on its goal. Let it be evangelism so that we go forth as "ambassadors for Jesus Christ."

"Lord, help Oregon Friends Christian Endeavorers, their president and officers to be unobstructed channels, through whom Thou canst work to bring salvation to many this year."

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