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# An Open Question

*"They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He bringeth them out of their distresses."—Psalm 107:27, 28.*

**T**HE problem of alcoholism must remain an open question so long as the effects of any social measures taken in regard to it are unsatisfactory.

The ideal method of dealing with the problem of alcoholism is a method which will decrease the use of alcohol to a minimum. It would be quite possible to have a society in which drunkenness was utterly unknown and yet in which alcohol was a social menace of first magnitude.

The test of any alcohol system is, "What is the effect of this system as to promoting the use of alcohol, as to drink-caused poverty, crime, industrial and transportation accidents?" If under any given system lawlessness increases, young people are encouraged to begin the use of alcohol, accidents in the handling of machinery increase in number and fatality, and commerce is injuriously affected, obviously the system is not working. It may not be working because it is not being worked or it may not be working because it is incapable of being worked.

It is too early to judge the results of "repeal" but scattered returns indicate a large increase in drunkenness and motor accidents, while the administrator of the Federal Alcohol Control Administration says that lawlessness continues upon such a scale that the illegal alcohol industry is capable of producing more alcoholic beverages than the licensed traffic.

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There is no single disease in the world of which alcohol is the cure. This fact is well known to science, is now generally admitted by progressive members of the medical profession, but is rarely made clear to the layman. The purpose of medicine is to cure disease. Since alcohol cures no disease, it is not a medicine. It has no place in medical practice.—*Dr. Howard A. Kelly.*

The unfortunate thing is, and the whole case against alcohol rests upon this, that with use the effect diminishes, and to obtain the same effect the dose must be gradually increased.—*Sir James Crichton Brown, M.D.*

Alcohol is just as bad for the arteries of traffic as it is for the arteries of a human being.—*Louisville Times.*

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EVENING WORSHIP - EIGHT O' CLOCK  
( In Charge Of Epworth Leagues )

ORGAN PRELUDE	Miss Alice Drake
INVOCATION	Miss Edith Koeber
HYMN ( Church School Hymnal ) NO. 105	
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Robert Hazelquist
PRAYER	Robert Hazelquist
ANTHEM	JUNIOR CHOIR
PSALTER READING ( P. 368 -- No. 8 )	
OFFERING	
OFFERTORY DUET-Marion Trueblood-Paula Kretz	
HYMN	NO. 192
ADDRESS: The Place of Youth In	
Today's World -- David Leich	
ADDRESS: Eplea Lodge -- Anne Ossenfort	
HYMN	NO. 204
ADDRESS: What The League Has Given Me	
That The Public School Has Not.	
-- Helen Corssa	
ADDRESS: What Christ Has Come To Mean	
To Me Since I Have Become an Epworth	
Leaguer -- Thomas Pinnell	
HYMN	NO. 219
BENEDICTION	
POSTLUDE	--- Miss Alice Drake
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NOTICES

There will be no Sunday evening services in July and August. There will be no more session of the Church School until Sept. 9th.

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MORNING WORSHIP SUNDAY JUNE 24TH

ORGAN PRELUDE ( People In Meditation )  
CALL TO WORSHIP  
INVOCATION  
HYMN NO. 84  
THE 'APOSTLES' CREED  
THE PASTORAL PRAYER  
Congregation Joins In Lord's Prayer  
CHORAL RESPONSE  
ANTHEM " Open Our Eyes " MacFarlane  
CHOIR  
RESPONSIVE READING 25th Sunday  
GLORIA PATRI  
WORSHIP IN OFFERING  
OFFERTORY ANTHEM " Arise, O Lord " Deis  
CHOIR  
THE SCRIPTURE LESSON  
HYMN ( Second Tune ) NO. 354  
SERMON " When God Speaks " --Pastor  
HYMN NO. 481  
BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE

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NOTICES

At the worship hour next Sunday morning we shall observe the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Mrs. Edwin Forster is our new communionsteward. Our thanks is due Mrs. H.O. Smith who has faithfully served as communion steward in years.

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## He Commands and We Obey

**H**E commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in his fellowship, and, as in ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who He is. Thus staying here and working here, I feel like one who is conquered by Jesus and who is willing to serve Him as his Lord. It was not easy for me to give up the lectures at the University of Strasbourg and the career as an artist in music. For both I have natural gifts, and therefore I had the natural tendency to follow the arguments of my friends that one should do that for which one is gifted and that one can do best. But through the spirit of Jesus I became conscious that a man can be called to a place without knowing exactly just why he has been called to it. He would like to withdraw from his obedience, arguing that others would do better than he. Yet this is the great mystery. The spirit of Jesus commands, and we have to obey.—*Dr. Albert Schweitzer, Philosopher, Musician, Medical Missionary in Africa.*

## Be Informed

**A**N excellent study for use by adults and people's groups in the church is *Temperance and the Changing Liquor Situation*, by Deets Pickett. It is intended to answer the following questions:

What is the inside story of repeal? What lessons can we learn from the methods used by the wets in the repeal movement? What is the truth about the "gay nineties"? Why was prohibition put into the Constitution and why did it not stay there? How did it succeed and how did it fail? What is the fundamental alcohol problem? Why do men drink and what are the effects of drink upon the body and mind? What is the relation of the drink problem to other social problems? What is the truth about "control" in Europe and Canada? What is proposed for the United States? What is the inside story of developments at Washington in connection with the re-establishment of the liquor traffic? How is the campaign conducted by men who know the "ropes"? What about the personal problem? The book has a bibliography, a resource guide and questions for class treatment. It is invaluable to those who think, speak or write about the important subject it covers.



## To a Tree

**I**T must be great  
To be a tree  
And look up at God  
All through the day.  
If in dendroid shapes  
We were to be,  
We could justify our vanity  
By robing in verdant display.

There's something majestic  
About a tree,  
Something worthy of reverence  
and awe,  
Which shows the work of the Master.  
The thing which inspires—  
Its fine symmetry—  
Cannot be produced by man,  
But only by God, its caster.

—W. Henri Kreicker.

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