

THE PRESIDENT ON TEMPERANCE

President Roosevelt's speech at Wilkesbarre, Pa., before the annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence union is one of the best the president has made. It is a wholesome and helpful speech. The Catholic Total Abstinence union is doing a very important work and the president is to be commended for lending the influence of his great office to the movement.

Strong drink is the fruitful cause of an immense amount of misery, and total abstinence, while not the only remedy, is the surest preventive. The president has added to the sum of human happiness by his visit to Wilkesbarre.

On that occasion Mr. Roosevelt spoke as follows:

I am particularly glad to speak to this audience of miners and their wives and children, and especially to speak under the auspices of this great temperance society.

In our country the happiness of all the rest of the people depends most of all upon the welfare of the wage-worker and the welfare of the farmer. If we can secure the welfare of these two classes we can be reasonably certain that the community as a whole will prosper. And we must never forget that the chief factor in securing the welfare alike of wage-worker and of farmer, as of everybody else, must be the man himself.

The only effective way to help anybody is to help him help himself. There are exceptional times when any one of us needs outside help, and then it should be given freely; but normally each one of us must depend upon his own exertions for his own success. Something can be done by wise legislation and by wise and honest administration of the laws; that is, something can be done by our action taken in our collective capacity through the state and the nation.

Something more can be done by combination and organization among ourselves in our private capacities as citizens, so long as this combination or organization is managed with wisdom and integrity, with insistence upon the rights of those benefited and yet with regard for the rights of others.

But in the last analysis the factor most influential in determining any man's own qualities, of his own knowledge, foresight, thrift and courage. Whatever tends to increase his self-respect, whatever tends to help him overcome the temptations with which all of us are surrounded, is the benefit not only to him but to the whole community.

No one society can do more to help the wage-worker than such a temperance society as that which I am now addressing. It is of incalculable consequence to the man himself that he should be sober and temperate, and it is of even more consequence to his wife and his children; for it is a hard and cruel fact that in this life of ours the sins of the man are often visited most heavily upon those whose welfare should be his one special care.

For the drunkard, for the man who loses his job because he cannot control or will not control his desire for liquor and for vicious pleasures, we have a feeling of anger and contempt mixed with our pity; but for his unfortunate wife and little ones we feel only pity, and that of the deepest and tenderest kind.

Everything possible should be done to encourage the growth of that spirit of self-reliance, self-restraint, self-respect, which, if it only grows enough, is certain to make all those in whom it

shows itself move steadily upward toward the highest standard of American citizenship. It is a proud and responsible privilege to be a citizen of this great self-governing nation; and each of us needs to keep steadily before his eyes the fact that he is wholly unfit to take part in the work of governing others unless he can first govern himself.

He must stand up manfully for his own rights; he must respect the rights of others; he must obey the law and he must try to live up to those rules of righteousness which are above and behind all laws.

This applies just as much to the man of great wealth as to the man of small means; to the capitalist as to the wage-worker. And as one practical point, let me urge that in the event of any difficulty, especially if it is what is known as a labor trouble, both sides show themselves willing to meet, willing to consult, and anxious each to treat the other reasonably and fairly; each to look at the other's side of the case and to do the other justice. If only this course could be generally followed the chance of industrial disaster would be minimized.

Now, my friends, I want to read you an extract from a letter I have just received from a Catholic priest, whom I know well, and whom I know to be as staunch a friend of the laboring man as there is to be found in this country. Now and then—not too often—it is a good thing for all of us to hear what is not perhaps altogether palatable, provided only that the person who tells the truth is our genuine friend, knows what he is talking about (even though he may not see all sides of the case), and tells us what he has to say, not with a desire to hurt our feelings, but with the transparent purpose to do us good.

With this foreword, here is a part of the letter:

"I would humbly recommend that you lend your entire weight to the cause which the Catholic Total Abstinence union of America represents, and especially so in relation to the working classes of this country, for whom it is doing so much good. You know that the temperance movement is a potent auxiliary to the institutions of our country in building up a better manhood, and a truer Christianity among our citizens. It played a very important part in the two coal strikes of 1900 and 1902, respectively, by keeping the men sober, and thus removing the danger of riotous and unbecoming conduct. There is one discouraging feature connected with the upward tendency of the wage scale among the workmen of this country. The higher the wages, the more money they spend in saloons. The shorter the hours, the more they are inclined to absent themselves from home. An apparent disregard for family ties is growing among the poorer classes which will eventually lead to a disregard for the blessings our country affords them. Hence, with an increase of wages a corresponding movement for better manhood, nobler citizenship and truer Christianity should be set on foot. The dignity of labor should be maintained, which can be done only through the love that a man should have for his work, and through the intelligence which he puts into it. A steady hand and sober mind are necessary for this. Hence, the necessity of the temperance cause, and of the efforts which organized abstainers are putting into the movement."

Now, in what is here written this priest does not mean that the tendency is to grow worse; but he means that with shorter hours and increased wages there is a tendency to go wrong which must be offset by movements, such as this great temperance movement, and similar efforts for social and civic betterment, or else the increase in leisure and money will prove a curse instead of a blessing. I strive never to tell anyone what I do not thoroughly believe, and I shall not say to you that to be honest and temperate and hardworking and thrifty will always bring success.

The hand of the Lord is sometimes heavy upon the just, as well as upon the unjust, and in the life of labor and effort which we must lead on this earth it is not always possible, either by work, by wisdom, or by upright behavior, to ward off disaster. But it is most emphatically true that the chance for leading a happy and prosperous life is immensely improved if only the man is decent, sober, industrious and exercise foresight and judgment.

Let him remember above all that the performance of duty is the first essential to right living, and that a good type of average family life is the corner stone of national happiness

and greatness. No man can be a good citizen, can deserve the respect of his fellows, unless first of all he is a good man in his own family, unless he does his duty faithfully by his wife and children.

I strongly believe in trades unions, wisely and justly handled, in which the rightful purpose to benefit those connected with them is not accompanied by a desire to do injustice or wrong to others. I believe in the duty to seek one another out, to understand each other's point of view, and to endeavor to show broad and kindly human sympathy one with another.

I believe in the work of these great temperance organizations, of all kindred movements like the Young Men's and Young Woman's Christian associations, in short, in every movement which strives to help a man by teaching him how to help himself.

But, most of all, I believe in the efficacy of the best man himself striving continually to increase his own self-respect by the way in which he does his duty to himself and to his neighbor.

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HAVE YOU EVER STOPPED TO THINK THAT A MEAL CAN BE COOKED MUCH QUICKER ON A GAS STOVE THAN ON THE OLD FASHIONED WOOD STOVE? HAVE YOU EVER STOPPED TO THINK THAT A GAS STOVE DOES NOT HEAT UP A KITCHEN LIKE THE OLD FASHIONED WOOD STOVE? HAVE YOU EVER STOPPED TO THINK THAT POSSIBLY A GAS STOVE MAY BE CHEAPER THAN THE OLD FASHIONED WOOD STOVE? LET US EXPLAIN TO YOU THE WORKING OF A GAS STOVE, AND WE WILL CONVINCED YOU THAT YOUR GAS BILL WILL NOT BE SO HIGH AS YOUR WOOD BILL. ARE THESE ABOVE REASONS SUFFICIENT TO INDUCE YOU TO INVESTIGATE THE POLICY OF GETTING A GAS STOVE? WE THINK SO, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOU OUR LINE OF GAS STOVES AND RANGES AT REASONABLE PRICES. YOU KNOW WE PIPE YOUR HOUSE FOR YOU SO YOU ARE UNDER NO EXPENSE SAVE THE PRICE OF THE STOVE AND THE FUEL. THE PRICE OF GAS FOR ALL PURPOSES WAS REDUCED ON SEPTEMBER 1 TO \$2 PER 1000 FEET. THERE IS NOW A 15 MINUTE SERVICE ON THE ASYLUM CAR LINE.

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