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## THE ONLY LIQUOR CONTROL



The hand at the right offers not a votive candle (as one fellow guessed) but dynamite, in the form of a tiny glass of hard liquor. The hand at the left is not about to grasp the glass but to refuse it.

And thereby hangs the tale.

The drawing illustrates an important principle—that the only adequate liquor control is self-control. Self-control rules where external prohibitions cannot reach.

Most fellows talk loud about moderation as the ideal means of self-control. They pooh pooh total abstinence as narrow and unnecessary. But that's merely the way they talk.

In practice, oodles of self-styled "moderate" drinkers frequently get credit for being socially, if not theologically, drunk. Everybody but themselves thinks that they are drunk.

Most self-styled "moderate" drinkers cannot enjoy themselves at a dance or a dinner or a "party," unless they have had "a few drinks." And the so-called "few" drinks are not helpful to moral decency.

Self-styled "moderate" drinkers want to drink "moderately" four or five nights a week—no harm to anybody, you know, just a bunch of good fellows "bulling over the mugs." Nice habit for Papa to pay for!

Whether or not this is really moderate drinking, whether or not is is approved and practised by "smart" university folk in other sectors, is beside the point. The fellow who finds he has been talking moderation and drinking to excess ought to stop kidding himself and fill out one of the pledge cards at the Dillon or Sorin Pamphlet Rack. It will be his salvation.

The collegiate form of "moderate" drinking is seriously detrimental to the formation and growth of strong character and of wholesome spiritual and intellectual life. It is not approved, you can be sure, by the Lady on the Golden Dome.

The young man who still thinks clearly, without an eye-opener, will see the point, even if he hasn't the courage to openly advocate it.

PRAYERS: Deceased, Mr. C. Connerton (old student); E. McCue, friend of Holy Cross Sisters; uncle of Don Hanning (St. Edward's). Ill, Brother Emilius, C.S.C.; friend of Sister Mateo; Warren A. Cartier, '87, Lay Trustee of the University and donor of Cartier Field, seriously ill; wife of Charles H. Lynch, '28. Four special intentions.

NOTE: Due to the Cleveland trip, Mass this week for the football team will be at 6:25 on Friday morning in the main church. There will be Masses at 5:00 in all hall chapels Saturday morning to enable students who are making the trip to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion before breakfast. Breakfast Saturday, for those going to Cleveland, at 5:30.