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Alcohol Can Bruise And Damage Souls, Too

Pity the group, especially the Freshmen, who think that the process of growing up involves the manly art of getting "looped," or "soused," or "stiff." In reality, you become less a man, because you lose partially, or completely the use of your senses -- and that renders you unreasonable, unpredictable -- possibly altogether unpleasant to have around.

We have all sorts of things happen to drinkers -- immorality, cursing, killing (yes, generally with an automobile), anger, beating one's wife and children. These, and similar evils may well be expected.

The passing of the stage from "moderate" drinker to alcoholic is hard to describe; and, of course, a man will never admit he is becoming an alcoholic.

Sometimes, doctors prescribe liquor in small amounts. But that is always for very old people -- never for the young. No student ever needs liquor. And now is the time for a student to realize that an alcoholic can never be cured -- alcoholism can only be arrested. This truth becomes more of a reality as he looks at the ruined bodies and/or souls of some alcoholics who, at one time in their lives, were much the same as he -- and thought it great sport to take a drink.

The Remedy

If you think that abstaining would make you a "sissy," and if you find yourself frequently in an atmosphere, or in a group, where drinking is considered smart, then what you need is will power -- in daily doses. The best and strongest doses come in little packages labeled "Sacraments" which make for self-denial. Smaller doses of will power may be had in capsules marked "Prayer." These are the best and the surest means of becoming immune to the disease.

Many types of fancy and expensive psychiatric remedies have been discovered through the ages; but the remedies given by the Divine Physician have never been equaled or surpassed. Furthermore, they may be obtained free of charge. They safeguard not only the body, but also the soul. They even make for much happiness in this life.

Case History

"If you are a married man who absolutely must drink, start a saloon in your own home. Give your wife \$20 to buy a gallon of whiskey. There are 128 ounces in a gallon. Buy your drinks at retail from your wife. When the first gallon is gone, your wife will have nearly \$60 to put in the bank, and \$20 to start in business again. If you live 10 years, buy all your whiskey from your wife, and then die with snakes in your boots, your good wife will have enough money to bury you respectfully, bring up your children, buy a house and lot, marry a decent man, and forget all about you."

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The Pledge

Quietly and unnoticed, without flag or fanfare, a large number of students come to the Prefect of Religion or the Class Chaplains, and take the pledge to abstain from alcoholic drink until their 21st birthday. It safeguards them from all manner of "accidents," physically, spiritually, and mentally. It also safeguards their parents from heartbreak, too. When they become 21, chances are they will be mature enough to make another wise decision in this matter.