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**W.C.T.U. NOTES**

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DRINK TO SUCCEED IN LIFE

By J. HERBERT CRANSTON  
In the Midland Free Press Herald

Is it necessary to drink to succeed in business? Can a man establish a reputation as a good fellow and win popularity if he abstains from the use of intoxicating beverages? And what is one to do at a social affair where the host or hostess provides cocktails for the guests?

To answer the first question one only has to look around him and note the number of successful business men who do not drink. There are many who do, of course, but very few would say that their liking for a social glass has anything to do with their advancement.

I doubt if there is any business in which a man receives more invitations to drink than does a newspaper writer. He probably attends more public functions than any other type of business man. He meets all sorts and conditions of people, and he must win their respect and friendship if he would get them to talk in confidence. He often undergoes great strains which tax his nervous system to the limit.

In the old days newspaper men did drink, often quite heavily, but such conduct is taboo among the top writers of today. No writer could afford to fall down on an assignment by getting drunk or because he just took enough to slightly fog his brain. He has to be in top form all the time. Occasionally when off duty he may relax and indulge, but even then he takes chances, for a good newspaper man must always be on his toes.

Just Say "No Thank You"

All my life I have been a teetotaler. I am sure I have lost nothing either in a business or social way by it. When I am at a function where drinks are being served I just say "No thank you" quietly, and that is all there is to it. All decent men and women respect your right to follow your own judgment. Some chaps whose offer of a drink I have refused have congratulated me on having kept dry, and have told me they wished they had been wise enough to do so.

I quite agree that there are some people who regard me as a prig, and a killjoy because I do not join in the drinks with them. I can, however, get along very well without them. If that is their standard, I feel that my popularity would suffer much more among those whose friendship I value most, if I became a social drinker.

"It is easy to glide with the current"

**Seasoned Timber**

By Dorothy Canfield

CHAPTER TEN

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The bugle sent its blare down the hill to Clifford and its people, up the mountain to the pine and the spruces, as for the last hundred years. But it did not galvanize into startled speed any laggards loitering on their way to assembly. Every student was there ahead of time, and grown-ups too, both men and women, sitting upstairs in the gallery, downstairs at the back of the bare straight-backed benches where they found some of their youth still left, standing in the doorway and along the hall. The Ashley Record was distributed in Clifford by half past seven in the morning and it was now half past eight, thirty-six hours after Mr. Wheaton's spirit had departed from the heavy old body carefully tended ahead of his masseur.

Ever since the arrival of the newspaper the closely woven network of telephone wires had been humming stormily in a tempest of exclamations, questions and surmises. Now they sat and stood in the assembly room, a greater crowd than had ever come, even to a commencement, looking up at the words of America written large in Professor Hulme square handwriting on the blackboard at the back of the stage, at Professor Hulme standing by the piano, the harsh sonority of his voice carrying his words to the farthest corners of those standing in the hall. "Our old town and our old school have suddenly been called out from the quiet and peace where they've lived so long, to answer a question of life and death importance to those who believe in the American principle of equal opportunity for all, and safety for minorities. The future of our town and of our school depends on the answer we will make at the election of the new trustee two months from now. But before you, I think we would do well to sing our national hymn."

He sat down at the piano, he sang the first verse with the others, "My country, 'tis of thee, rent Adown the stream of time, To follow the course of the river Like music to some old rhyme. But, ah, it takes strength and courage Against the current to ride, We must have strength from Heaven Whilst rowing against the tide."

Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing. From verse to verse, the music swelled like a rising tide of rhythm on which everyone there would he or would he not — swept forward. When they came to the last verse, "Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light! Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King. Amen."

sang the men, the women, the boys and girls of Clifford, slowly, drawing in deep breaths between the lines, and remained standing for an instant to let the tide of music subside. Those who had seats sat down rustlingly. Timothy rose, went to the front of the platform and stood, looking out thoughtfully over the expectant faces.

"Perhaps the best place to begin," said Timothy, "is at the beginning, eight years ago when we elected Mr. Wheaton as trustee of the Academy. I'm afraid we all just thought that if we elected a rich man as one of the trustees, we could get some money out of him. And using our votes in that way, the wrong way, has brought on us a great temptation to do wrong again, this time a wrong we could never set right. Here are the terms of the bequest."

He read aloud slowly, then, with pauses between the sentences, the letter from Mr. Wheaton's lawyer. "We are offering one million for endowment and two hundred thousand for buildings, on three conditions: one — he drew a long breath — "that the Academy bind itself never to admit to its classes or to give any education to a Jewish student, the word Jewish being defined as applying to a person with any relatives with Jewish blood." He stopped to breathe again and to straighten his pince-nez. "Two, that the name be changed to the George Wheaton Preparatory School." He laid the emphasis on the word preparatory. "Three, that the tuition fee for day students be raised to not less than \$250 a year, but, so the clause in the will reads, 'always making generous provision for scholarships for needy Clifford youth,' and the fee for boarding students to not less than one thousand dollars a year." After letting this sink in, he added more rapidly, "A quarter of a million is set aside for buildings or endowment if offered if girls are excluded from the student body but this is not made a condition for obtaining the bequest."

"I think now," said Timothy, putting the letter into his coat pocket, and speaking in a level voice, "that probably this will have been drawn in December, when I last saw Mr. Wheaton in New York. But of course I had no idea of it then, and I could not understand some things Mr. Wheaton said about the Academy budget. He objected to the salaries of the teachers of Domestic Science, and of Agriculture and Manual Training because those subjects are not part of preparation for college. He told me he thought that if the Academy would concentrate on those who have money enough to attend college, we would have what he called a much better class of students, meaning by that, I understood, students from families with more money. This, I suppose, explains his wish to have the name changed, not only you'll notice to have his own name part of it, but to have the Academy called a preparatory school. He spoke on that same day, as he had several times before of his wish to exclude girls, giving it as his opinion that we could never induce gentlemen's sons to come here as students as long as they were obliged to associate with girls in classes." He brought this out in the same fact-stating neutral voice he was using for the rest of his explanation.

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enough to a Bear to be told anything," declared Mrs. Peter. Once more Peter chuckled. "I didn't have to get near him, said he. "Those Bees were making him squeal like anything. You should have heard them hum! My, they were mad! They were the maddest Bees I ever saw. I was glad they were not after me. One did sting me on the ear, but I got away from them before any more could sting me. My, how they hurt. I guess that cub won't bother them again very soon."

"If you stayed at home in the dear Old' Briar-patch where you ought to, no Bees would ever bother you," said Mrs. Peter. "But, think of all I've learned about the Bee family, retorted Peter.

**Contract Bridge**

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could either ruff or discard, as he chose — in the first event, South would over-ruff, draw East's last trump and cash the diamond king; in the second event, South would discard the diamond king on dummy's club and coup East on the succeeding lead.

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**BURGESS BEDTIME**

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Peter asked, "To a hollow tree over in the Green Forest," replied Peter. "They moved over there early in the summer, and that is where they're going to spend the winter. That is, they are going to if they are let alone, and I hope they will be." "I guess nobody will bother them," said Mrs. Peter. "Buster Bear might," said Peter. "One of his cubs found the tree and tried to get the honey, but they drove him away." "How do you know?" demanded Mrs. Peter crossly. "It was Peter's turn to chuckle. "He told me so himself. "Stick to the truth, Peter Rabbit. I don't believe you ever got near

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