

national life can only be attained by removing from our midst degrading influences such as the bar-room is coming to be recognized.

If the bar room is taken away should there not be something substituted? It has been said that the bar-room is the poor man's club, and there is a great deal to be said for this. It serves as a meeting place and a rendezvous of social intercourse for men, especially for young men, who are away from home and live in the boarding-houses of our towns. And there is no doubt that there is an element of sociability in the treating system. The idea of establishing places of public entertainment apart from liquor is a good one, and the provincial government may well be backed in the movement it has inaugurated to better hotel accommodation in local option districts and to establish places where men may gather in the spirit of sociability, apart from the degrading influence of intoxicants.



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