

conditions for sober, clean living have been made easier. Every one is counting on a brighter and better day.

Let no one, however, conclude that the battle is won for temperance, and that victory is complete. A strong vigilant public opinion must stand behind the legislation that has been sanctioned to the end that it may be enforced. The Sunday School must continue to teach that the one safe course is for the state Prohibition, and for the individual, Total Abstinence.

There are other things in the indulgence of which people are often intemperate.

What about tobacco? Who claims that the pipe, the cigar, cigarette and quid are necessities?

The habit is needless, expensive, injurious and offensive. No clean, wholesome boy will want to smoke or chew. He who will bring his best physical, mental, moral and spiritual endowments to the service of his God and home and country, will keep free from the tobacco habit. Teachers, by example and precept, will make it clear that the tobacco habit is as dangerous to health, efficiency and good manners as it is needless, enslaving and expensive.

What about certain drug habits that must be strongly alluring, else how do so many men and women fall into them, and become enslaved by them? Beware! Touch not.

What about sport? How humiliating and hopeless to hear a young man say almost boastfully: "The only part of the daily paper I read is the sporting page." How perplexing at a time when king and country

need men, to read that a train of nine coaches filled mainly with young men should pull out of one city at one o'clock on a midsummer day to follow the races in another city. How are they qualifying for the Christian course?

The writer, once saw twenty large street cars filled to capacity with the patrons of a race course. They did not look like a monied crowd, but they paid fifty cents apiece to see the sport and expose themselves to the temptation of betting. In the crowd were many young boys, and even a number of girls,—how are they qualifying for home makers and nation builders?

What about the indulgence of appetite? Do the teachers and leaders of children and youth note the enormous development of the candy, ice cream, chewing gum, etc., trades? Can the money spent be spared? Could it be better used? Nice things and harmless things must often be done without for the sake of higher things. Canada's need is for a generation trained to plain living and high thinking.

What of theatres, moving picture shows, and the spectacular generally? Is the time, and money well invested? Is not the tendency of all such indulgence to vitiate taste and make the common but necessary duties less attractive and the will to say, "No," less resolute? The generation of young Canadians which will be worthy of its heritage and equal to its responsibilities must be temperate in all things that it may bring to its task God given powers, not only unimpaired, but fully developed and trained. Let us prize the privilege of helping it.

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A Boys' Club

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Being upon the Advisory Committee of the Province of Manitoba for the work among "teen" age boys and also upon the Advisory Board Committee of the City of Winnipeg, I am somewhat interested in this work. Accordingly, I have made a sincere effort to make this work successful in my own church and try it out among the boys.

I did not commence by charting the boys, but stated in the way of organizing our boys for this work by organizing a club. For several years I have been interested in lodge work, and, seeing how it interested the men, I caught the idea that, if our church were organized in this way it would tend to efficiency.

Our club is called the Coth Club. The name is derived from the first letters of the phrase, "Children of the Highest" which spells

C-O-T-H. The names of our officers are as follows: The minister is called The Worthy Seer; besides, there is the Honorable Chief, the Vice-chief, the Chaplain, the Past Chief, Guardian, Marshal, Secretary, and Treasurer.

We have our own ritual, and each officer in the opening exercises and closing exercises does exactly what is written down in the ritual. This I think is a great training. For example, the Chaplain learns his prayer by heart, and it is very inspiring to hear the boy offer his prayer. It is good training for himself and every boy who takes part in the club work. They learn not to be afraid of hearing their own voices, and it seems to me that this practice helps bridge over the time between the mission band and the Christian Endeavor Society.

We have also a form of initiation, and every