

The poor man's church is the Church of God. Can we therefore forbid the poor and the outcast from entering our doors and call ourselves longer, the chosen people?

We should undoubtedly have an oversight over our children while they are young, and encourage them to attend meeting and to become acquainted with our principles, but when they have grown up to manhood and womanhood, they should then decide for themselves whether they will remain with us or not.

There is a field for us to work in yet, but we must awake from our lethargy. If Birthright Membership causes us to fall it should be discarded for something better. We can accomplish much more for the truth if filled with divine grace and power than if we rely on our wealth and a long genealogical record.

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THE GOSPEL OF PROHIBITION.

Come, friends of temperance, let us reason well together,

To see how we can banish this dark demon
rum,

And strive, with brotherly love for God in one
another,

To win the answer to the prayer "Thy
Kingdom Come."

What, have we none to stem the tide of
liquor's power?

Men talk, and preach, and pray, and
women's hearts are wrung,

And yet, before the fetich of a name we cower,
And fear to execute the prayer upon our
tongue.

How is this liquor power intrenched, that it is
stronger

Than all the efforts that the good and
true have made?

It stands behind the Ballot Box, but how much
longer

Will we, by compromise with crime, this
truth evade!

O let us have the courage of our right convictions,

And cease to sanction by our vote this
giant wrong.

Maintain the right, and advocate all *clean*
restrictions,

But first withdraw all help that keeps
Rum's foot-hold strong.

Then onward to the goal that leads to total
prohibition,

To be upheld by righteous votes as well
as prayers,

That means a Party bound to do on earth God's
mission,

Of lightening others' burdens, and easing
others' cares.

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*MORAL COURAGE.

We are social beings, made to assist and encourage each other, as well as for mutual pleasure. If we each stand alone and apart from each other we are as "isolated icebergs," and seek only our own happiness in a selfish course of mind, how cheerless and forlorn our lives would be.

Little would we know of the joys of this life, or the life to come. I have met with a great many in my lifetime, who have for the lack of education, diffidence or even poverty, been kept from the fields they desire to occupy. Bravery like all other virtues is developed by the hand of culture. The greatest bravery in the world is Moral Bravery, which meets disappointments, and all varied ills of life, with a well trained self-reliance, and enables the possessor to pursue his own course in a manner that is laid out before him, and excludes all "fear of public rebuke or public praise." Some are given away to cowardice, when asked to indulge in that which they know to be wrong, such as gambling, drinking, dancing, and various

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