

2. The person who, now and then, with no fixed habit, will take an occasional glass or two.

3. The person of fixed habit, which may be a glass a day, two or three a day, or forenoon, afternoon and evening, but never getting drunk.

4. The same as (3) but occasionally going one better and becoming intoxicated at various intervals.

5. The acute alcoholic, who goes upon drinking bouts of two or three days, a week, or so—say every six months or a year; an abstainer in the intervals; the dipsomaniac, with attacks of delirium tremens.

6. The chronic alcoholic; at it nearly every day; drunk often; not often sober; or if so, only for short periods of time.

A consideration of these six classes which cover any and every community or municipality will show that, as regards the drinking and use of alcoholic beverages, they may readily and practically be grouped into two divisions, the first three, and the last three.

The first three classes never become nuisances to society and so never come under the cognizance of the law, that is as regards alcohol. They may be immoral, may become criminals, may be jailed, imprisoned, cat-o'-nine-tailed, even hanged, but never for their association in any way with the alcoholic beverages.

The last three classes are the people who cause all the trouble in connection with the alcoholic problem. That is to say, if drunkenness could be altogether eliminated from society, there would be no alcoholic problem; and there would only remain the question of how much, and how often a person could use alcoholic beverages and escape doing harm to any of the organs and tissues of the body. Let each person put the question to himself or herself: To which class do I belong?

Manifestly there is little to be said with regard to the individuals in Class One. Had they their way, all alcoholic beverages would be poured into the sea. There would be no manufacture of them, and hence no importation or exportation anywhere; no distilleries; no breweries; no saloons; no liquor shops. That would be an end of it. But alcohol *per se* can never be utterly destroyed. It is a product of nature; in the tissues and organs of every human being, whether he has ever been a consumer of alcohol or not. And no one would want to destroy alcohol altogether; for no one would wish to revert to the days before chloroform and ether. Moreover, if there were no alcoholic beverages, and