

"Criticism might well be directed to many text books that seek to circulate aversion to the use of intoxicating liquors. The unwise extremity to which legislators have gone in the requirement for such teaching has stimulated a class of books which dwell on the results of the use of alcohol in such an exaggerated way that they are grotesque exaggerations and therefore they become sceptical in respect to the whole matter."

This pronouncement is in fact only a reflection of the pronouncement ten years ago, of the famous committee of fifty which included in its body some of the ablest ministers, chemists, doctors and physiologists of the age. The committee was organized to study the question of alcohol in all its phases and after years of investigation this is their pronouncement.

"Under the name of Scientific Temperance Instruction, there has been grafted upon the public school system, of nearly all our states, an educational scheme relating to alcohol, which is neither scientific nor temperate nor instructive."

Science is another name for accepted truth. It is evident therefore that these so-called Educational Temperance books are not scientific nor accepted as facts by scientists. These books contain such sentences as "We can find nothing about it (alcohol) that gives us any idea that it is a food. . . . Alcohol is not in any sense a food" and so forth through the entire series.

Sir Michael Foster laid this entire matter before the International Physiological Congress, and more than 60 of the American Public School Text Books.

Their statement in fact is as follows: "The results of careful experiments show that alcohol, so taken in diluted form and in small doses, is oxidized within the body and so supplies energy, like common articles of food, and that it is physiologically incorrect to designate it as a poison, that is, a substance that can only do harm, and never good to the body."

One of the authors of these text books was interrogated by the committee of fifty and this is