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SCRIPTURAL ELDERS NO. 9

For the benefit of those who have just "tuned in" on this series, I will mention that we are considering the qualifications of the eldership, as pointed out in 1 Timothy, third chapter, together with related passages. The heading will indicate that there have been eight preceding articles, equal to, or exceeding, this one in length. We are now to discuss the first qualification of verse three of the chapter before us. It states that an elder must be "not given to wine."

We understand the word "given" to be the equivalent of "addicted" as we use it today. Weymouth's Translation says on the passage, "Not a hard drinker." The Twentieth Century New Testament says, "Not addicted to drink." God's Word holds out a constant caution against the use of intoxicants. An elder is not to indulge in anything which would render it impossible for him to teach the whole Bible, or would render the Bible ineffective when he did teach it.

The idea that one can indulge in spiritous liquors provided he does not become inebriated is not taught in the Bible. The true definition of temperance is, "The moderate use of all things that are helpful and the absolute abstinence from all things that are harmful." This includes wine, whiskey, beer, tobacco or any other habit forming drug or narcotic. Alcohol is a habit forming drug just like nicotine is a narcotic.

An elder who uses strong drink cannot teach all of God's Word and do it honestly. What would he do with Proverbs 20:1, which declares, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise?" Or with Isaiah 5:11, 12 which says, "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning that

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New Church At Maryville

With the year a little more than half gone, the third new congregation has been started in Missouri for 1943. The location of the last one is Maryville, county seat of Nodaway County, and located about 45 miles north of Saint Joseph. Bro. John Rush of that city wrote Bro. Harold Hays, of Saint Joseph to come and band together a group of disciples in such a manner as to gain recognition for them in the faithful brotherhood. On July 25, two carloads of disciples from St. Joseph went to Maryville, and at conclusion of a morning talk on "Service" seven members stepped forward to constitute the charter enrollees of the new church. They were then instructed by Bro. Hays, in the manner of preparing for the future by faithful continuance and development of the talent which they possessed. A basket dinner was served at College Park at noon and at 3:30 all gathered once more at the place of meeting, where various brethren spoke encouragingly and prayerfully of the future of the work.

The new congregation will secure a church record book and attempt to keep intact the membership as well as to keep track of all their various accomplishments, so that with this systematic procedure the disciples will grow in all lines. It was further agreed that regular reports of progress would be made in the columns of this paper and the Macedonian Call, such reportorial work to be done by Sister Rush.

In addition to the folk from Saint Joseph, Brother Swisher and Brother Smith and families were present from Clarinda, Iowa; and two Smith families from Blockton, Iowa. We take this opportunity of sending our greetings to the new congregation in northern Missouri, the personnel of which is well-known by reason of previous association to the editor of this paper. We are glad to have another church among us, and it has always been one of my desires to see

From The South Pacific

Our correspondent for 26th and Spruce Sts. Church in Kansas City, furnishes us with the letter below from one of the boys:

June 4, 1943
New Guinea,

Dear brethren:

Once again I stop my regular work to write you a few lines. It gives me pleasure to write to Christians and I only wish I could hear from more than I do. Thank a million for sending me the Macedonian Call and the Missouri Mission Messenger! You will never know how much I appreciate those two papers.

When reading them it is like having friends to talk with at the time. The idea of being thought of, is a great comfort, and too, when I receive spiritual encouragement and help I do not feel alone in the Big Fight. Yesterday I received the March edition of each paper which makes the fourth set.

Thanks again!!

May I ask a few questions? Good, I thought you would say "Yes." What is the attendance? Could you give me Bro. Bill Hensley's address? And will you please send me Harold Shasteen's address also? Conditions in this part of the world are improving slowly. My health is in very good condition. In closing I wish you all God's blessings.

Cpl. Julian R. Acree

(The United States calling Corporal Acree—Come in Cpl. Acree! Hello boy! If you knew how many suggestions we get in this office to mail things to you, you'd feel like every member of the church in Missouri wanted to shower you with reading material and set up a camp library just for your benefit. Unfortunately the mail service will only take so much. When you see this over there though, be sure we're thinking of you over there. That's all! CARL).

at least one church in every county seat in Missouri.

"TO EVERY MAN THAT ASKETH"

That's the title of the new book which will be printed later in the fall. We were rather amazed at the orders received upon the original announcement, but then just think what you get. Sermons by W. E. Ballenger, L. C. Roberts, A. R. Moore, Roy Harris, Bob Brumback, Winford Lee and W. Carl Ketcherside; all especially written to hand to outsiders and new members of the church. Sermons on our creed, the New Testament; as well as on instrumental music, unity, the contribution, the Lord's Supper, prayer—and then as an added attraction short sermons by Brother Moore, written in his well-known and much appreciated style. "Show You" sermons from the "Show Me State." And included will be pictures of each of the preachers, with interesting data about the life and preaching career of each. Here's your chance to get a good picture of Brother Moore, Ballenger and all of the rest.

We wish to announce that a free copy of this book will be sent to every man in uniform who requests it. Or a request from a friend and relative accompanied with correct name of the soldier and his address will take him one of the books as soon as the ink gets dry. The mailing of these books to soldiers will be carried out with the help of those interested in our boys. Sister Dix, of Rockville, Mo., has already contributed a substantial amount to start that fund. Other contributions will be welcomed. We'll take your orders now!

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CARL'S CORNER

I'm at my desk again this morning after being up all night on my return to Saint Louis from an inspection tour of mission work possibilities in Iowa and northern Illinois. I rode about every kind of conveyance in the two and a half days I was on the road, except a jarrish. The Mid-Continent Air Lines plane to Des Moines, the Rock Island Streamline Rocket to Rock Island, the Black Hawk bus to Galesburg, the Burlington bus to Peoria, and the electric rail line to Saint Louis. Gas, electricity and wings were all made to contribute their part of this strenuous thousand mile tour, to further the Cause of the Master and His Kingdom. It is ready to be definitely announced that Bro. Harold Shaasteen will assume the responsibility of a year of mission endeavor in Des Moines, and I am making a report to the churches in Illinois of the needs of Galesburg for some concentrated effort. L. E. Ketcherside says that at the business meeting at Peoria on August 4, the church members will be given an ultimatum of work—or else. Let's hope they work. I put in some pleasant hours discussing that field. L. E. says they have inherited the blighting curse of a "monthly circuit riding system" and it is a hard one to throw off. When will our brethren awaken to real honest-to-goodness, dyed-in-the-wool, scriptural evangelism?

W. Carl Ketcherside

THE MOVIES

"Not only are the themes of the movies bad, but the conclusions that the pictures draw are bad. The American films are not only about wickedness, they favor wickedness. They not only show nudeness, but they show it as desirable, show it as if it were decent! They not only show crime but they teach that crime pays! They have not only shown criminals, but show them as brave men and women; as romantic, adventure-loving, admirable people, who, after all, are not so bad. And in the movies they get away with their crime! The movies are a school of sin and the teachings and precepts of the movies on the whole are bad.

This is the conclusion of the twelve groups of scientists, educators, psychologists, and sociologists who made a detailed four years' study of moving pictures in America to learn what happened when people go to picture shows, what they see, what they remember, what the results are.

What more could you expect under the circumstances? The actors and actresses of the screen are not godly men and women. They are as a whole (with some exceptions, we trust) immoral, unfaithful to marriage vows, a drinking, gambling, dissolute lot. They are as one of their reporters and partisans says, in a world by themselves where Hollywood, "never has known the meaning of prohibition" where Hollywood "never has regarded it a sin for a girl to have an affair" (Dan Thomas, movie reporter-columnist). Then (this kind of people not fit to be the associates and examples and teachers of Christian people, are put into the pictures supplied by producers whose only object is wealth and whose only motive is greed.... The result is inevitable." — From "What Is Wrong With The Movies?" by J. R. Rice.

Missouri Mission Fund

Herewith is a report of the Missouri Mission Fund for the first six months of this year:

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| BALANCE on hand | |
| (Jan. 1, 1943) | \$122.10 |
| 26th and Spruce | |
| Kansas City | 10.00 |
| Stauffer Sisters | 5.00 |
| Saint Louis Churches | 60.00 |
| Flat River Church | 60.00 |
| Total Receipts | \$257.10 |
| EXPENDITURES (for six months) | |
| Church at | |

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| Oakland, Calif. | \$120.00 |
| Kenneth Morgan, | |
| On Exeter, Mo. work ... | 25.00 |
| Balance on hand | \$112.10 |
| (July 1, 1943) | |

It will be observed that with the exception of ten dollars sent by 26th and Spruce during this six months, plus a personal contribution by the Stauffer Sisters that the mission fund was built up by the congregations in Flat River and Saint Louis. Since these churches are contributing regularly, elders of both were consulted about the expenditure of funds to Oakland, California and all were pleased to aid in their building purchase program. In all we mailed them checks for \$240 in the last year to aid in their work. It is probable that the congregations mentioned above, may cease their payments into the regular mission fund and "freeze" it as of November 1, and divert their payments to the support of the Northwestern Mission Work, in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. This is one of the most worthy calls ever made, and we believe will be of far reaching consequence in the brotherhood. It is certainly true that we must reach out beyond our own borders, if our "faith is spoken of throughout the whole world."

—Robert Morrow

DOROTHY DAVIS DIES

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. W. Carl Ketcherside on August 9, for Sister Dorothy Johnson Davis, at the Dee Riley Funeral Parlor in Kirksville. The deceased and her husband, Noel Davis, were both faithful members of the congregation at Kirksville, having placed membership at the first meeting conducted in the new church building. She had suffered intense pain for sometime, and was taken to the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn. On the way home she passed away in the ambulance in the presence of her mother and husband. Interment was in Maple Hill Cemetery at Kirksville, and the little band of disciples were left to mourn the departure of the first one of their number to pass from this earth since the church was started in their city.

Read This And Act!

A lot of times you have asked in the past, "Why doesn't the church attempt to do more in the way of mission work?" Here's your chance to answer your own question favorably. In a few days you will receive from this office a mi-

neographed appeal, asking your aid in one of the most worthy projects ever attempted. In the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, we have about 8 little groups meeting. For a year they have been pleading, "Come over and help us." They have asked if the churches in the midwest would send them a preacher to work a year and support that man, until they could get on their feet. We are now ready to answer that call. Kenneth Morgan will land in Spokane, Washington, on November 1, to take up 12 months of hard evangelistic labor in that area. We must see that the support is forthcoming. It has been suggested by brethren in the northwest that support ought to be on the basis of \$125 dollars per month, which means that those of us who agree to back this have to be regular in our support. Spokane will contribute ten dollars per month, Saint Louis and Flat River will contribute that much each. That means that we will have to have a number of other churches right away to promise to stand behind this worthy endeavor. If you are not doing mission work regularly, or if you can do more, join with us in carrying the gospel to the American frontier for a year. Do not turn down this call! Do not selfishly do all of your work at home! Include other places, that "from you may sound out the gospel to all the world." If your congregation can invest twenty-five, ten, five dollars, or just a dollar per month, notify me at once. The money will be sent directly to the field of action to Brother Arnold Hintz, Spokane, Wash., who will make full and detailed reports. As soon as the promised amount is received, books will be closed and late comers will have to use their money elsewhere. Can you afford to reject the entreaty of these sincere brethren?

CHURCH NEWS

SALEM—Our reports for July show 53 sick calls made, 17 cards sent to those who are ill, 22 letters written to soldiers, contribution average per week, \$17.29, with average attendance of 42 on Sunday mornings, 27 on Sunday nights, and 14 on Wednesday nights.

War Bonds should mean something more to you than just "a good sound investment." Figure it out yourself.

AMONG the CHURCHES

CHILLICOTHE—Bro. James Truitt spoke for us on Sunday evening, July 25. Interest continues good in the Children's Bible Drill conducted by Bro. Ernest Harvey each Sunday night. They have studied the life of Moses and history of the Children of Israel. The Ladies Class met July 29 at the home of Sister Alice Shoeh. Our attendance has been very good.

—**DALE & FAYE ANDERSON**
KANSAS CITY (59th and Kenwood)—Winford Lee was our speaker twice on July 25. Bro. Brumback, who is returning with his family from Connecticut will be our speaker on August 1, and Bro. Paisley will talk for us on August 8. Sister Emmett Wells is able to meet with us again after her illness. Our new ceiling in the main auditorium is a big start on the interior redecoration.

—**FERN MIZE**

NEOSHO—The singing school conducted by Brother Roy Harris, with classes morning and night, made fairly good progress. All took a good interest, and showed a willingness to learn, so that the church was profited. Since this was the first class of the kind ever conducted here, progress was naturally a little slow, but great improvement was made.

GOODWATER—Brother Roy Harris of Brixey, Missouri is engaged in meetings here which began on July 31.

SAINT JOSEPH—Attendance has been excellent, with several soldiers from the A. F. T. C. base coming. Collections are very good and we are indeed glad to be able to help other churches financially in return for help received in the past. Our average attendance for the Vacation Bible Study was 35, in spite of hot weather and illness. Our program has been helped by addition of new male members. Brother Irving Jones and Frank and Eldon Pew are a real help. We have pushed the development of local talent in the past and can now see how it really helps. Our meeting with Roy Harris will start August 15, and continue for three weeks, with the first two devoted to preaching, and the third to song work development. Basket dinners on both the 22nd and 29th, have been planned and neighboring congregations are especially invited. Brother Harold Hays preached at all day meetings in Topeka, Kansas

and Gallatin, Mo., recently and is scheduled to be in a meeting at Maryville on July 25, where a congregation is being organized. If you plan a vacation in or near St. Joseph, worship with us. There is always welcome at 29th and Highly Streets.

—**CLEO GIBSON**

ROCKVILLE—Bro. Vinch Atteberry of Nevada made an interesting talk here at church, on June 27. He attended Bro. Zerr's Reading at Nevada in 1942 and apparently was a good student, judging from the interesting talks and lessons he presents. Bro. Dix's oldest brother passed away, June 10, as a result of a heart attack. He was 80 years old last December.

—**MRS. A. R. DIX**

UNIONVILLE—Bro. Wm. Hensley will conduct our meeting this year from November 1 to 21. Prior to this, he will hold meetings at East Concord, starting September 6, lasting three weeks, and then another at Holliday.

LEMONS—The autumn meeting at Lemons, this year will be held by Bro. Winford Lee, of Ethel, Missouri, starting October 16.

SALEM—In June the members made calls on 26 sick persons and sent 8 cards to soldiers to stimulate their morale. Our average contribution proved to be \$13.96, and the attendance figures were for Sunday morning, 32; Sunday night 15, Wednesday night 14. The church is now owner of the house of worship, having made a recent purchase from the Presbyterian Church.

—**DELORIS GLEGHORN**

GALLATIN—No summer slump in attendance or interest, and development work continues each Lord's Day. Bro. Harold Hays spoke for us July 18, and one man was received into the fellowship. Bro. Truitt will be our speaker on August 15. We hope to have the church recognized more and more as a power for good in this community. Let us work while it is yet day.

—**D. PATTERSON**

SAINT JOSEPH—The church here had one added on July 25, while a number of us were at Maryville helping to start the work there. So the home fires keep burning even with three families from our little group laboring to aid the advancement of truth elsewhere. We are now making plans for the meeting with Bro. Roy Harris on August 15, and antic-

ipate a good session.

—**HAROLD HAYS**

ELLINGTON—Our new church building is just about completed and we will be permitted to meet in it soon now.

SAINT LOUIS (7131 Manchester)—The exterior of our building has received a redecoration on the trim around windows and doors. Clarence Cochran's class had a good watermelon feed at Forest Park Picnic Grounds on a recent Tuesday night. We extend congratulations to Bro. and Sister Delwyn Thompson, on the birth of a seven pound baby girl, on June 19. The name is Beverly Alane. The happy father and mother are members with us but he is stationed with the armed forces at Topeka, at present. It was a great pleasure to have Bob Johnson with us on his recent furlough and to hear his good sermon on one of the Psalms.

REDFORD—We still worship at home for the roads are so bad we can hardly get out. We lay by in store regularly just as if we were privileged to meet with the rest of the brethren. The church building at Ellington is almost completed.

—**MRS. RAY GASTINEAU**

NIXA—The church here is sending \$100 to help on the Independence church building. Too, a new congregation has been started at a church building near Shamrock School, close to Nixa. This is the result of labors of Bro. Leonard Stoneman and Bro. Leslie Moore and their families. They have been meeting a month with an average attendance of 29. They expect to hold a three weeks meeting in the fall. Nixa is helping them by furnishing song books and testaments. Bro. John Harris was called away from this life on July 2. Funeral services were conducted at the church. Sister Haguewood and Vonda Mae are in California due to serious illness of their daughter and sister, Sylvia Thomas.

—**HARRY & JERRY MOONEY**

OZARK—Visitors on July 11, were Mrs. Carl McDaniel of Springfield; and Jimmie Vandeventer of Kansas City. Rowena Harris returned from Kansas City to be at worship on August 1. We are sincerely sorry to lose Sister Thelma Bussard from our community. She has purchased a home in Nixa. Sister Shelton's mother is quite ill yet. Sister Howard is expecting her daughters to return from California soon. We were pleased to have June Etta Mooney with us again on Lord's

Day, upon her return from Alabama, where her husband, Lt. Glenn Mooney is stationed.

—**J. H. GLEGHORN**

WEBSTER GROVES—Friday night development classes are attracting a lot of interest. Various parts are assigned to certain brethren and then 50 questions on a chapter in Acts are asked the whole audience. Since these must be answered without books open, a lot of Bible Study is taking place at home. Ray Hunt had about all the responsibility at a recent service. Since the other song leaders could not come, he had to lead songs, teach the class and was scheduled for the morning talk. Clarence Cochran gave an edifying talk on July 11, and he and wife together with Mabel Bandy, spent the day with the writer and family. Brethren Robert Morrow, Guy and Clint Wofford were among the speakers at Webster the past month.

—**VERN ATWELL**

BONNE TERRE—The development program has started and is going as scheduled. Brethren think they can carry on the work here and have agreed to my suggestion that I be released to assist in meetings or short Bible Studies elsewhere, this fall and winter. Any of you who wish to arrange for future work with me can reach me as below.

L. C. Roberts
 142 Hill Street,
 Bonne Terre, Mo.

KIRKSVILLE—Congregation getting along nicely. About 30 present at morning service, August 8. Bro. Burnham led the song service and delivered the edification talk. Bro. Blackorby waited on the Lord's Table, assisted by Bro. Bert Jones. The Old Testament review on Sunday night is conducted by Bro. Blackorby. Bro. Arthur Gingrich led the New Testament study on the 8th, and on August 15, Bro. Wm. Smith will direct it, while Brother Hawes will deliver the morning edification. We have paid our debt on the building down to \$200, and have another hundred dollars to apply. We expect to pay the remainder off in the next 90 days if the Lord wills. All are looking forward with eagerness to the meeting to be held by Bro. W. E. Ballenger starting October 10. We rejoice at the interest our brethren and sisters are showing and pray that we may continue faithful to the end of life. Our hearts were saddened by the loss of one of our members, Sister Dorothy Davis. We extend our sympathy to Bro. Noel and the rest of the family.

GALLATIN GETS CHURCH BUILDING

After meeting in a rented hall for years the Gallatin Church will now have a building of their own. They have been owners of a desirable lot in a good location, and have been accumulating a building fund, with no chance of using it for the duration of the war. Then a brick building adjoining their lot was offered for sale, so the church decided that with some remodeling and repair work it could be made to suit their needs exactly. Accordingly the building was purchased and the little, but growing group, sent out appeal for aid in helping them take care of the remainder. They now have the building paid off with some balance for the remodeling, and with contributions still coming in from individuals and churches, undoubtedly this faithful little bunch of disciples will soon have the added prestige in the community of owning their own place of worship. They have been greatly assisted in the work by Brethren Harold Hays and James Truitt.

The congregation has a regular development of talent program, and enjoys the respect of the entire north Missouri county seat town, where it is situated. Those churches and individuals who may still be interested in helping them bear their financial burdens, may mail your contribution direct to Daisie Patterson, Gallatin, Mo. We are informed that we will have a complete list of all donations as well as donors for publication in a future issue, and extra copies will be made available to the congregations desiring the same. We extend our congratulations to the congregation at Gallatin, and commend them for the spirit of sacrifice which they have shown. Some of the local brethren and sisters gave unstintingly when the goal of a church building was in sight, and we are sure they will be repaid for their efforts in seeing the church become a force for good in the community.

The Reason

He was dreaming through the drilling,

He was half a step behind:
He was marching like a soldier
Who had something on his mind.

And the colonel, who was watching
As his boys were on review,
Couldn't understand the trouble,

But the sergeant-major knew.
Once he broke the line by missing

The command to make a wheel;
And they thundered curses on him
Till his brain began to reel.
And the captain called him
"lazy,"

His lieutenant scored him, too;
And they wondered why he faltered
But the sergeant-major knew.
When at last the drill was over
And the line had been dismissed.
They put the blundering soldier
On the "extra duty" list.
But the sergeant-major saved him
When the colonel heard him
say

"He hasn't had a letter
From his folks in many days."
Would you help him in the battle?
Would you keep his mind in
trim?

Then just send some cheerful
message

Every day or so, to him,
Every soldier understands this,
When distributing the mail.
That the boy who is forgotten,
Is the boy that's sure to fall.

—Sgt. Cyrus H. Wadsworth

Bible Reading Changes

The elders of the Saint Louis congregations have decided to adopt a change in the annual Bible Reading, conducted by W. Carl Satcherside. Previously the Reading has been conducted for twelve consecutive weeks in the winter, but beginning with 1944, there will be six weeks of study in the winter, and another six weeks later on in the year, during school vacation periods. The winter session, which starts January 3, 1944 will feature a study of the New Testament with special emphasis this coming season on the books of Romans and Hebrews. The summer session which will start on July 10, 1944 will consist of a refresher course in Old Testament history. This course will be adapted to those of High School age, and it is estimated that many of that category will attend from all over the United States. Great interest has already been shown in this proposed study by many and already a large body of High School students is looking forward to the opportunity afforded them to study under a capable teacher, who has demonstrated ability to develop talents of those who study under his direction. Those who will be in the ninth grade and upward next year are invited to consider this proposed Reading, and start at once getting ready. As in the winter Bible Studies, there will be no tuition or charges, except for board

and room while in Saint Louis. The summer sessions are not limited to High School students, but will be available to teachers and others who have vacation periods during the weeks covered.

Further information will be furnished to prospective students or their fathers and mothers, by addressing Robert Morrow, 7117 Manchester Avenue, Saint Louis, Mo. All who plan to come to the winter session of the study and take the Old Testament course are urged to write at once and declare your intentions. Let's all STUDY and then let's ALL WORK!

Scriptural Elders

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they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them?" His example would give the lie to his words, and his actions would slay all of his good intentions.

Once in awhile however, some pseudo-bishop advances the idea that one can indulge in a social way, and so long as he does not go to the extreme no harm accrues. I know of a salesman in another state, who lays claim to the sacred office, and who argues that no harm is done for a man to "belly up to the bar, put his foot on the brass rail, and down a goblet of foaming brew." When he reads this he will know exactly who I mean. And he will also know that I haven't changed my position on the matter since I withstood him to the face "for he was to be blamed." No wonder churches get full of devilish worldliness, and members will tell you that they can go to the theater and sit with either one of the three elders of the church. Hell must burst itself with laughter, and the devil shake with unholy glee when such men take over to run, or rule, the Lord's people.

Dr. Charles Mayo said, "You can get along with a wooden leg, but you can't get along with a wooden head. In order that your brain may be kept clear, you must keep your body fit and well. That cannot be done if one drinks liquor." Shakespeare said, "O God! That men should put an enemy in their mouths to steal away their brains. That we should with joy, pleasure, revel and applause transform ourselves into beasts." Theodore Roosevelt said, "There isn't a thought in a hog's head of beer, and there isn't an idea in a whole brewery." In view of these competent testimon-

ies, elders should abstain from intoxicants, because use, or such means retarded mental processes, and if ever anyone needs a clear head it is an elder of the church.

Furthermore, it is the duty of our spiritual overseers to be "examples to the flock." Especially are the young looking to them to lead the way to Christian living. Dr. L. D. Mason affirms, "Most drunkards commence with beer. A beer drunk is the worst kind of drunk." The New York Times says, "The old saloon had its faults, but at its worst there never was any chance that you would have to fight your way to the bar, through a bunch of schoolgirls". Isn't it a shame and a pity before God, that even an occasional member of the church will attempt a defence of a degrading, damnable, heaven-defying, hell-filling institution like the liquor traffic. Preachers, elders, members all need to take their kid-gloves off, and wage a hard, bare-knuckled fight against this youth despoiling demon, which has crept into our very High Schools to take its toll.

No elder can keep the church clean if he uses intoxicating beverages. We are distinctly told to withdraw fellowship from those who are drunkards. (Read I Cor. 5:10, 11). How can an elder gather around a bridge table with a wayward brother on Tuesday night, sip the cocktail that's passed to him, and then get up on Lord's Day and publicly exclude that erring one? I know that a few of you who live devoted, sheltered Christian lives, will doubt that such things happen. I'm here to tell you that in our own state, there are those who claim to be elders of so-called Churches of Christ, who dare to indulge in just such practices. No wonder faithful congregations have a hard time convincing the world that the "Church of Christ" is scriptural in practice as well as doctrine. I hope this column tears the lid off of some of the ungodly, profane practices that are tolerated in those who are a disgrace and a scandal to the very name they wear. Plain talk is needed and that is just exactly what we propose to give! If the whip of thongs proves too hard for some minds, perhaps they will sneak out of the temple of God and leave it purer by their going. In closing, remember that "alcohol gives you a red nose, a black eye, a white liver, a dark brown breath and a blue outlook on life."