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Rev. Addyman Smith's Address at the Bellevue Celebration

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Here dwells a thrifty, liberty loving people, here every man is sovereign, with the tremendous prerogative of free speech and a free vote. Our wealth exceeds that of any other land, for we are the only nation that could shut out every other nation and still live and prosper. America is another name for opportunity, and if we may judge from the number of strangers who are flocking to our shores, it would seem that this fact is recognized throughout the world. Not only do the U. S. represent the greatest country of the world at the present time, but the very nature of things with such resources to back them, they must continue to develop as long as nations live. Surely God hath not dealt so with any other nation. We seem to be His favored people and our land to be the theatre for the marvelous displays of His affectionate regard. He directed and sustained the grand old fathers of the republic in their toils and sufferings. So today let every heart give thanks to God for the past out of which He has evoked the present grandsons of our nation. And let us remember what we owe to those who went before us, for a part of that debt is obvious, and that is to imitate the virtues and return to the simple mind, the pure intention, the unselfish devotion to the public welfare which marked the foundation of the republic. If we be true, loyal citizens, we shall live pure, honest, sober lives, for the love of country as well as for the love of Christ. If we love our country with a true, real love, we shall show it by contributing in ourselves to the sum collective righteousness, what it may be in our power aided by God's grace to give. They are not true men who have no thanks to bring to the Lord, or the nation's birthday. They are not true men who simply shout and cry and make noisy demonstrations, while their reason or reflection, or an earnest thought, to duty, to God, and the nation. The men who built this great temple of civil and religious liberty were thoughtful, patriotic, self-sacrificing men. By such men only can it be kept in repair and made to stand. But, my friends, grand and glorious as is our nation, it has enemies, who are seeking its overthrow. Enemies, who in their diabolical efforts, will surely succeed unless we arise in the strength and majesty of our manhood and put them down. The strongest and most destructive of these is the organized liquor traffic, which harasses our slender walls, wastes our substance, fills our houses, captures our young men, and drags them down to dishonor, causes our wives and daughters sorrow and resists all our efforts of defense. It is a traffic which bears upon its face the blood of men, and the curse of God. The devil in solution makes demons incarnate. And millions of our drunkards in our land today; men with disfigured faces, defiled clothing, wrecked hopes, lost manhood, the product and proof of the business. If these million drunkards have five near relatives each, we have then five million people with blasted hopes and sorrowing hearts, because of the sinning which we have tolerated. The overthrow, therefore, of this system of rum rule and rum ruin, is an enterprise in which every Christian man and woman and honest citizen must be interested, and toward which every one must work, and since zeal and devotion are required in proportion to the magnitude of any undertaking, it calls for the united effort to make plain today that the part left for you and me in breaking the grip of intemperance from ourselves, our neighbors and our nation, is no mere pastime. It is time for plain speaking and hard working against the traffic in strong drink. Whenever I think of the have it always and the misery it creates, I am always reminded of some words which I believe were written by Wilberforce, when he sought to emancipate the slaves, "Shall tongues be mute," etc. It is an old story, we have heard it so often, that our ears are almost paralyzed under it, and yet with all its errors we repeat it again. The liquor traffic is the curse and shame of our country, the heaviest clog upon our real national progress and the deepest disgrace of the 20th century. The fortress of the liquor traffic is the saloon, and institution dark with the fumes of hell, living by the blood it has drawn from the slaughtered victims, an enemy to those it insists on calling friends. Someone has called it the mother bird that hatches out its daily brood of villains, the father of anarchy, the mother of riot and the friend of everything that menaces the home and the church. Through its doors there is passing a vast multitude already under the fatal spell of appetite and there they are drinking day and night, and over the bar, down human throats, runs a mighty stream of alcohol poison, and out from its dorr shrldu, passes the multitude, reeling, bloated, staggering, on to what is worse than death. Indeed no tongue can either tell or describe it, for no words can furnish meaning that can equal the intolerable cursing that comes out of the saloon. Notice for a moment what the saloon is doing. It is an awful waste of money. You hear people talking about the revenue that comes from the saloon. This is the way it comes. The saloon costs \$15 every year for each person in the United States for taking care of all of the people it sends to the poor houses, jails, reform schools and asylums. The saloon returns to the government in revenue to help carry on these institutions \$1.69 per man in the country, leaving a total loss caused for each man of \$13.31. Yes, it is a waste of money! I know many who have half their hard earnings to pay the whiskey seller every time they receive their

wages. And this class of men will and time pay their drink bill in preference to the grocer's, the butcher's or the dry goods bill. Is it not a waste of money? Many a bare floor would be handsomely carpeted, many a child better clad, but for the money spent in drink. Then the saloon is a murderer, no less so because its weapon is slow poison, than if it used a knife or bullet. From the many thousands of drunkards in our land there are dropping from the ranks about 275 persons every day, going down to fill drunkards' graves. Oh, what aching of heart, such solemn facts bring to us when over against them. We hear the Divine verdict against the drunkard maker. Just look at the demands of the saloon. Its existence means the death of men and men are only grown up boys, and thousands of boys must be recruited every year to fill up the ranks broken by those who are falling into drunkards' graves. If you ask where these boys are, we can only answer, that they are standing all about watching the fathers and grown up brothers going in and out of the saloon. By any deep laid treachery, the rum seller must get these boys and when in them an appetite for strong drink. This he must do or else his business will die. And every open saloon stands a trap to catch your darling boy and mine. And one of these days you may wish your boy had never been born. But the saloon does not naturally exist. It is a curse and we know it. We treat it as an outlaw. We are so absolutely foolish that we hire a man to commit crime, actually giving him in payment our homes to curse, our hearts to break. It is about the most cowardly and disgusting, so sickening to the soul named. That there is crime in it is openly confessed. When the city of San Francisco was desolated by earthquake and misery was at its height. It has grown until allowing 29 feet to a saloon, they form an unbroken line 600 miles long, and in all that line there is not one redeeming feature, not one ray of hope. It has grown until an army 6,000 strong is marching along that line to where hope is a stranger and where mercy never comes. And all this has been accomplished under the sheltering fold of the American flag. I know of nothing in all this broad land so out of place, so disgusting, so sickening to the soul of the man or woman who really loves

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Science has never gone beyond the above simple statement of scripture. But it has illuminated that statement and given it a meaning ever broadening with the increasing breadth of knowledge. When the blood is "bad" or impure it is not only the body which suffers through disease. The brain is also clouded, the mind and judgement are affected, and many an evil deed or impure thought has been directly traced to the impurity of the blood. Foul, impure blood can be made pure by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It cures and purifies the blood thereby curing, pimples, blotches, eruptions and other cutaneous affections, as eczema, tetter, or salt-rheum, hives and other manifestations of impure blood.

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