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## Intemperance

Again we come to the subject of intemperance. So grievous, so devastating, so pernicious are the effects of unrestrained liquor drinking that no apology is really necessary. We cannot keep silent in the face of the daily crime record and the motor vehicle death rate. The subject needs a seventy times seven discussion and a housetop publication of its eternal evils.

Not so many weeks ago, a widely known group of band entertainers appeared in concert recital at the local Armory building, and our people from Dan to Beersheba assembled without benefit of delay. Here with almost primitive glee they cut many a dizzy step, and according as the fancy music rhythmically intrigued their eager ears and lightened their erstwhile weary feet, their swaying bodies interpreted their enchantment. Delight gave way to a thirst that not all the springs of Elysia could satisfy. Frightened into an outward submission to respectability, by the presence of policemen, the thirsty dancers postponed their habitual nip at the usual intervals. Policemen prevented the going out and coming back. Each departee had to pay anew the admission price whenever he found it necessary to go out. He could not re-enter on the first ticket. This extra expense preventing to a large extent the despicable drink and dance, dance and drink activities, forced the majority into sensible participation in the wholesome recreation and entertainment offered by the extraordinary band performance.

What are you willing to do about this traffic in liquor? What can club women do to enlighten our people as to its dangers and its evils? We must include in our program of subjects for study the evil effects of alcoholic liquors on the body and on the nervous system. We must insist on such teaching in the schools, we must refrain from the use of strong drink ourselves, and discourage its use generally. The fact that our country spends three times as much on strong drink as it spends on education shows where America places her emphasis. Let us help to change this emphasis.



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## DEBT WE OWE

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we are a part. Our insecurity has created grotesque shadows in our minds and we "see through a glass darkly."

Then what panacea is there for such ills as afflict us? We have destroyed our faith in the Supreme Power of the Universe and become imbued with a belief in the Atom Bomb. As soon as we were ready to sit back in complacency, we discovered that we had no monopoly on the Atom Bomb, hence our hopes were blasted. We are stunned and steeped in disappointment, but this need not be so. Let us return to the philosophy of the Christ who loved people and who found time to eat with publicans and sinners, and who was not too busy to help even the most outcast of His day. It was He who had faith in mankind, believing that the principles and philosophy He taught would make a better world. Today He is our hope, our solace and our guide in righting the wrong, in solving our economic, moral and spiritual problems.

Kingdoms and thrones have left their ruins. Isms and disbeliefs have enslaved multitudes of people who could have done a great work by helping to brighten the corner in which they lived, but they were too busy for social living.

Life can be a beautiful experience if we only take time out to be cheerful and friendly and tolerant and hopeful. We owe it to our youngsters to make a happy, wholesome environment for them to live in. Yes, ours is a debt of gratitude that we must pay to our generation and to those who follow after for having lived in the 20th century with its scientific advances, its far reaching interests in world peace and world fellowship, and its unending search for a way of life that approaches the way of the Prince of Peace.

## CONVENTION NEWS

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\$1.25 is paid by each person attending the Convention.

Charge for room and breakfast is \$1.50 per day. Moore County Clubs provide dinners. Write to the Chairman of Housing, Mrs. Marie Goins, Box 97, Southern Pines, North Carolina, concerning lodging. This should be done as early as possible so that the clubs may have some idea of the number to expect. Write no later than May 5.

Convention Program: Mrs. Ella P. Stewart, President of National Association of Colored Women, will be our speaker for the public meeting on Friday night.

A panel discussion on "Problems of the Family" is being planned for Saturday afternoon.

Club reports, status of our State Institutions and a Business Session will point up the work of our organization.

It is not too soon for you to begin planning to attend our annual meeting in Southern Pines. Did you miss the meeting in Kinston last year? Don't miss this year! Moore County is expecting you. We need your presence and your help in planning for future service.

The Executive Board will hold a breakfast meeting on May 20.

We look forward to seeing you in Southern Pines.

## Morrison Club Hostess To Executive Board

The Morrison Club, affiliated with the Moore County Federation, requests the honor of the presence of the Executive Board to breakfast at 8 a. m. on May 20.

Transportation will be furnished by staff members to and from Morrison if necessary.

D. B. Shaw, President.  
P. A. Balsley, Secretary.