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Writer Says Crimes by the Wets Cause Great Trouble.

To the Editor of The Courant:

Mr. O. S. Geer's letter in The Courant on Saturday seems to me wholly uncalled for, and when he asserts that prohibitionists outlaw God and wrest His word to a wrong sense, he is making a ridiculous statement. When he says that the prohibitionists are excessive, I ask, why not, in a good cause? There is no doubt in my mind that if Christ should come to earth today the excessive prohibitionist would receive a royal welcome.

The excessive prohibitionist is one because he wishes to keep efficient and to rid the country of its greatest curse. A half-hearted prohibitionist cannot expect to labor for the cause and secure results. Any person of sound judgment and Christian character well knows that the drinking of intoxicating liquor is an unnecessary, selfish destructive habit.

The Methodist Conference has publicly expressed itself as in favor of prohibition, and the Methodists are practical, not merely nominal, in their religion. We prohibitionists must work for construction and leave Mr. Geer to his destruction. I have frequently asked this question: "If millions of people living today exist without the use of intoxicating liquor in any form, are strong, healthy and robust, why cannot the human race in its entirety do likewise?"

A contributor to the Forum has recently partially and wisely written, "We should be honest enough to forget desire and listen to the voice of reason." The very fact that we are not honest enough to forget desire and not wise enough to listen to reason causes all sorts of crime to follow. Selfish crime committed by the wets causes any amount of trouble to the law-abiding drys.

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Rocky Hill, April 10, 1928