

## Temperance

Temperance means to refrain from drinking alcohol. The goal of the Temperance Movement was to reduce the number of people drinking alcohol or even make it illegal. In 1830, alcohol drinking in the United State was the highest it had ever been. Temperance reformers believed that alcohol was responsible for most of the bad things in society. They blamed alcohol for destroying families, child abuse, crime, poverty and poor job performance.

**Temperance Document 1:** The verse below is from the song *The Drink We Choose*, one of several ballads sung by the Cold Water Army, a children's Temperance group in Connecticut during the late 1840s.

*The drink, that's in the drunkard's bowl is not the drink for me;  
It kills his body and his soul; how sad a sight is he!  
But there's a drink that God has given, distilling in the showers of heaven,  
In measures large and free; oh, that's the drink for me.*

**Temperance Document 4: *The Drunkards Progress: From the First Drink to the Grave* (c.1800s)**

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Education Document 3: *Excerpt from an 1809 speech by New York Governor DeWitt Clinton explaining the importance of education.*

A number of [kind] persons had seen, with concern, the increasing vices [problems] of the city, arising, in a great degree, from the neglected education of the poor. Great cities are, at all times, the nurseries and hot-beds of crimes. ... And the dreadful examples of vice which are presented to youth, ..., connected with a spirit of extravagance and luxury, ... cannot fail of [increasing] the mass of moral depravity. ... There can be no doubt that hundreds are in ... this city, prowling about our streets for prey, the victims of intemperance [drunkenness], the slaves of idleness, and ready to fall into any vice, rather than to cultivate industry and good order. How can it be expected that persons so careless of themselves will pay any attention to their children? ... Instances have occurred of little children, arraigned at the bar of our criminal courts, who have been derelict and abandoned, without a hand to protect, or a voice to guide them, through life. When interrogated ... , they have replied that they were without home and without friends. In this state ... they existed, a burden and a disgrace to the community.

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