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Mr. Cully answers—

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The liquor hearings held Monday afternoon must have been very good. I regret very much that I was unable to attend if it was half as good as Judge Healey described it to me Thursday evening at 11 p. m.

Mr. Healey staged a one man show for me, taking all the characters. He was at his best as Mr. Culley, defaming the fair name of Brinsfield.

Judge Healey, as Mr. Culley objected to Brinsfield because he allowed children to play the slot machine. Bottles were found in church yard anyhow, if a liquor store was across the street there would probably be more empty bottles. Mr. Brinsfield was not always in his store. The crowd that would hang around the store would impede the passage of the people to and from church.

After every assertion there was applause from his backers.

Judge Healey is a first class actor.

Mr. Cody Loud has been in the habit of attending most all court proceedings in the county and especially all liquor license hearings. It is reported he did not attend the one Monday. It is further reported that his absence was for the following reason. Mr. Perkins threatened to put him on the stand and ask him, 'If he thought Rock Hall needed another liquor store as they had two already.' It is reported that Mr. Loud would have testified that two liquor stores could not handle the siuation in Rock Hall. So, he stayed away.

May 20, 1935

An article appearing in the Transcript May, 1935, under caption, the Curbstone Diplomat, Wm. S. Collins, was by no means passed unnoticed, as we all know the public press can do much to influence the public, although the facts in the case are seldom ever correct. It is to be regretted the public press does not take a stand for those things, which are elevating and helpful to a community, such as churches and schools, which make our community and homes worth while, instead of taking a slam at most everything that stands for right and righteousness. Mr. Wm. S. Collins if you had a piece of property for sale would you state there were plenty of rum shops or would you state Schools and Churches close by. In case you were taken ill, the first thing you would do, would be send for a Doctor, and then if your minister did not call to see you, you and your family would no doubt find fault of him, which you would be justified in doing, but if the Saloon man did not call you would not say one word about him. If there were to be a marriage or a baptismal service performed in your family would you send for a minister or a Bar tender? If you were looking at the cold form and paying the last tribute to a loved one, who would you look to for comfort, the minister of course, not a man selling intoxicating drinks, then why make such statements about the W. C. T. U. and the little delegation from R. H. who were trying to protect our church by objecting to a whiskey shop 40 feet from our church property. Most everything in the article was exaggerated taking me as the target. It was no trouble to get the facts in the case if you had wanted them, there were plenty of ladies and gentlemen that heard what went on and would have given it to you as it happened. The one man actor you mention in your article, to say the least no doubt, his eyes did not focus right. Personally I do not believe he would care if every M. E. Church in the state were closed. The article would have you believe I was the only witness there was in the case and the delegation was my backers and when ever I made a statement my backers applauded me. The fact of the matter is, I was one of the signers against it like the others of the delegation. I did not get the petetion up. I am not apologizing for anything I did, I was 100 per cent. with my minister for protecting our church. I am only giving facts in the case. I happened to be the first witness put on the stand. There was no applauding during my testimony and only once during the hearing was there any applause and that was when one of the last witnesses was testifying. I was also accussed of defaming the fair name of Brinsfield, what I said on the witness stand was not disproven. If a whiskey shop were to be opened next door to your church, would you stand idlely by and not protest it. There have been quite a few people move from R. H. to Chestertown, and I can look back with pride and say I do not know of one that ever opened a rum shop there. On the other hand, I do know some that made you fine citizens, at least you folks must be thought so, you made one of them your mayor, not one term but several terms. He helps support one of your churches, and you will find him worshipping there on the Sabbath day and I am sure you will never see him in a gambling place. Mr. Cordory Loud was supposed to of said that 2 liquor stores could not handle the siuation in R. H. I have known Mr. Loud since I was a small boy, and only know him to be a Christian gentleman, loyal to his Church and convictions, unless he had in mind there would be lots of Chestertown people coming to R. H. Rock Hall people do not drink all the intoxicating drinks that are consumed here. In conclusion will say, use the columns of your paper to boost good things, do not knock it will not get you anywhere. (Come over in massidonia and help us.)

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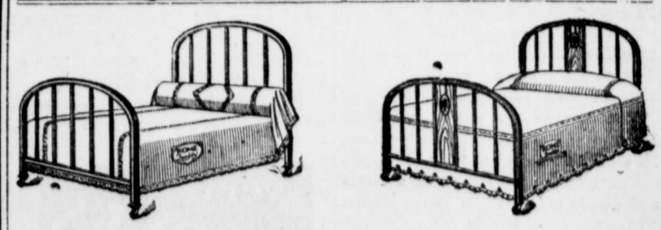
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