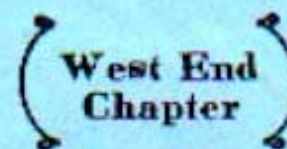


ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS



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THE HILLS BEYOND:

We alcoholics have to realize, first and foremost, that for us the pathway to safety follows a very definite course. What for our founders seemed merely a trail, has since proved a veritable avenue of escape for the legions who are following. Those who hewed this pathway had faith in what laid ahead. They believed in what they were doing. There is much in this world, much of great importance, which must be accepted on faith. This Greater Power, for instance, is here for every alcoholic--if he will but believe it--if he will but keep an open mind. This he will discover in his own time and in his own way. It is only when we rebel--when we will accept only what we can positively prove by our own objective experience--that we are closing against ourselves the only gateway to freedom. Once we have really taken to the road, we shall learn much along the way--further light will be given to aid us--more truth will be revealed. But no matter how much we shall discover, there will always be questions beyond answers for we alcoholics. It will be almost as the poet once put it, 'Hills rising beyond hills'. But the fact that we may not know all would be a miserable excuse for any alcoholic not accepting those things that we know. Yes, to accept them gratefully--for none of us can afford to be choosy. We do know enough, however, from those who have walked before us, that we are on the right road and that when the way becomes a little dark--or the distance some what dim--or where knowledge seems to fail us, we must proceed in faith. We alcoholics have learned enough of that Greater Power in the present to have an abiding faith in it for the future--those hills beyond.

SOCIAL THIS WEEK:

This Thursday, July 13th, is set aside for the regular monthly social. It promises to be of the usual high order of entertainment and speakers. It differs only in this respect that there will be those taking part in the entertainment who will represent the first efforts of the West End Glee Club.