
Intoxication

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We have frequently heard it said, by engineers and firemen, that they never get drunk on duty, leaving it to be inferred that they are free to indulge to an unlimited extent when not on their engine. This is a false idea, and the Brotherhood emphatically denies that any locomotive engineman has the right to allow himself to become intoxicated under any circumstances, or at any time. If he does so, he forfeits his membership in our Order. If at one time or place he gives to his passion such an unbridled sway, what guarantee has he that he will not do so at another?

It is said with truth: "Play with the fool at home, and he will play with you abroad." We cannot too severely condemn the criminality of drunkenness in men of our calling, and we urge on every lodge in our organization to punish it as it deserves.

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