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### PROHIBITION

#### BROAD SIDE FROM BOTH ARMIES.

Barker Makes an Appeal to the Women-Veritas Reads Out the Law, and "Anti" Gives Some Stockholder Licks-The Observer the Mouth-piece of All.

To the Editor of THE OBSERVER.

For the first time in my life I call upon you to allow me to simply express a few thoughts on the DAMNATION OF THE WORLD-THE HELL, PRODUCER OF EARTH.

First, I will ask, who pays the judge's fee who pays the lawyer who pays the clerk who pays the sheriff who sustains the court in general? The man who drinks whiskey.

Who feeds the doctor who runs the penitentiary? Who runs the asylums? The man who drinks whiskey. Who brings weeping eyes and aching hearts to the nation? The man who drinks whiskey. Who destroys the peace of neighborhoods and of families, and starts the young man on a downward road, and finally lands him in hell? The man who sells whiskey.

Remove whiskey and strong drink from North Carolina, and one judge and two lawyers can do the business for the State.

Remove strong drink from North Carolina and ten doctors can cure all the ills in the State; and all the money spent as aforesaid would in ten years build a school house and run it in every neighborhood, feed and clothe all the poor, buy all the railroads, and run them free in the State of North Carolina.

All will admit the above to be facts, but there seems to be a want of remedy. Men have tried everything in the way of legislation and temperance societies; all have failed, and all will fail. There is but one hope, but one way of escape; only one way that drunkards can be cured and bar rooms shut up—and it is this:

Let the women of the nation take the matter in hand; let them form into societies; let them sign pledges that they will not keep company on no occasion nor under any circumstance with a man who drinks.

Let the women teach their daughters from childhood like they should teach them the catechism, to shun a young man who drinks whiskey, and in five years there would be great reform in the country than all the temperance lectures could produce in a thousand years. As for those who are already so, and can or will not cease drinking, let the societies raise by subscription a sufficient amount of money to buy enough whiskey to finish up all who are determined to go down to a drunkard's grave. Let it be placed somewhere and let it be free.

Let a woman attend the bar. Let this inscription be written overhead: "Drink this free and save your money to buy your children bread."

Women of America, this is a big undertaking; but man having failed, you must take hold of a failing nation, and by your hands, and with your words, you will cause falling man to make no more desperate efforts, and by your helping hand, can save him at last.

This surely is woman's mission on earth; let them fulfill it. All creation on earth, with all the laws that God has laid down, would do as much good in reforming drunkenness in a thousand years as the American women could do in five.

Young ladies of Mecklenburg, if you want temperance you can have it. It is in your power, and yours alone.

Young ladies of Mecklenburg, if you want power, and yours alone, it is in your power, and yours alone. Let it be remembered that all I have said is simply my views, hurriedly written. Nevertheless, I think they are facts. Remember the influence woman had over Sampson.

No more at this time. R. H. W. BARKER.

To the Editor of THE OBSERVER.

As it appears from your correspondence, Anti Prohibition, that there are persons in the community who either do not understand the principles and issues involved, in the vote for or against prohibition, or that they do not understand the principles and issues involved, in the vote for or against prohibition.

Secondly, in June, or misrepresent them. It is deemed proper that a short and concise statement of these be made. The principles are clearly defined and set forth in the resolutions published in your paper on the day of the last, from which it will appear that the only issue involved is, whether the commission shall have the power to grant licenses or not. As proposed, it is a question of police regulation, and no party politics are involved in it, for a man may be a Democrat or a Republican and vote for it. It has nothing to do with a third party movement, for the resolutions disclaim this, and set forth its object. But "Anti" says "it will take away the liberty of the citizen." What does "Anti" mean by liberty? Does he mean the power, when unjustly by law, which an individual has to steal, to rob, or to commit murder? The government was intended not only to sustain the law, but to punish the offender, but also for sustaining all acts that might be hurtful to the citizen. The legislation of North Carolina, acting under this power, has passed the local option law, giving each community the right to say whether the sale of spirituous liquors is an evil in that community. Now, under this law the issue will have to be met by "Anti" and all who stand with him. They cannot dodge the issue, and divert the mind of this intelligent community from it, by talking about "taking away liberty" whiskey tax, and destroying the graded school.

"Anti" may be a good representative of his side of this question, but very reckless, and from his

statement as to the amount of taxes paid to the city for licenses he sees double. He says that they (liquor dealers) pay into the treasury of the city \$11,000, levied by the aldermen of the city as license tax for the privilege of selling in the city, which amount is directed by law to go to the support of the graded schools now carried on in this place. Now, this statement is untrue from its very nature. It is misleading. Your city treasurer states that the liquor license tax is about \$6,000, and that not one cent of this goes to the support of the graded schools, not one cent of the license tax he should go to them. The city tax paid to support the graded school is levied upon one tenth of one per cent. raised upon the assessed value of the property, and 30 cents on the poll.

The revenue derived from the liquor license goes into the fund to pay the police and other city expenditures for the year. The people measure by the granting of license. Now, Mr. Editor, if "Anti" had desired to learn the truth of the matter about which he has undertaken to enlighten the public, the books of the city treasurer are always open, and he could have obtained it there, and, as he did not, he stands convicted of the charge of this inexcusable and unbecomingly dishonest and untrue statement. Either horn of the dilemma will satisfy a discriminating public that he had best turn his energies into some other channel. The question of the liquor license is his self is this: How can I best discharge my duty for the good of my fellow-man, for the good of society and for the service of my God? The issue is upon him, and he must take his choice. If he will answer it at the bar of his conscience, and not at some other bar, we have no fear of the result.

### THE RIGHTS OF FREEMEN VERSUS PROHIBITION.

THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER of the 9th instant is before me.

There is an affirmative and negative side to all issues of public policy. It is not to the great "magna charter" of the State, but to the "Bill of Rights," prefixed to the Constitution of this glorious republic of the States, united in one supreme government, all tending to maintain and preserve the rights of the citizen.

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ment one of your correspondents uses is not a parallel case, wherein he says "suppose a man should erect a large commodious house, contiguous to the writer's and fill it with nitroglycerine, would it not be declared a nuisance and steps be taken for its immediate removal?" Such a case, this, is, and ought to be contrary to the law because it endangers the life of myself and family. But in the case of the liquor dealer, the liquor is not for the individual citizen goes into their place of business and calls for what he wants and it is given to him; so the fault lies with the man who drinks the spirits and not the man who sells it. Suppose a man would go into a hardware store and buy a gun or pistol and then go out and kills himself by shooting the top of his head off. Is it the fault of the hardware dealer? He is the fool, and not the man who sold the weapon. This is what I consider a nuisance and steps be taken for its immediate removal. Now you ought to prohibit the hardware dealer from selling those weapons of destruction; because with them, thousands and thousands of the citizens of the country have been put out of existence.

So if you prohibit one of the trades, you might prohibit the other. But my opinion is, that both are useful to the community, and that by the exercise of discretion, with great care, both for their own good and the welfare of all their neighbors.

I am not advocating drunkenness, but I am scoring a point for temperance. As St. Paul says, "be temperate in all things—for the drunkard, the murderer, fornicator and adulterer cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." As regards the levying of taxes for the support of States, counties, cities, etc. It has been one of those problems of civil government that has taxed the brain of our greatest statesmen. The object they had in view was to lighten the burden of taxation on the necessities of life and place the weightiest on the luxuries. Spirituous liquors are considered one of the latter things, and comes in for its full share. Drive it out of the country—other articles then will have to bear the burden. Another supposition is that if you prohibit the sale of spirits, you will take its place. How would you like the opium smoking dens of the Chinese? Both are now in this country, and established in New York city, the place from which every good and evil is disseminated; it being the great metropolis of our continent. Well, this being the case, look out for the Chinese evil. You no doubt have read the horrors stated in the newspapers of the day when young, beautiful and accomplished ladies, which walked in the best society were enticed into these dens, when they became fascinated by indulging in a few whiffs from the opium pipe. They were (using their own language) "carried into eiyism by the charms of the Chinese."

The habit once formed, reduced them below that of brutes, and destroyed their after life of usefulness by rendering themselves unable to resist the attacks of the lustful man. How would you like this state of things here in your beautiful South? This would be the result if ardent spirits, wine and malt liquors were abolished. Choose between the evils. No sane person would like to have the Chinese opium junkies established here. History always repeats itself. What has been done in former days and places will be done again. It becomes contagious, and whole societies partake of the infection, both male and female.

The writer does not desire to get into controversy on this question of "Liquor or no Liquor." His object is solely to protect the rights, privileges and immunities of every citizen. He will aid all good citizens in promoting temperance and upholding all law or laws that may be passed to secure that result in our community.

If there are any citizens so weak as to become excited by drink, the following lines of Burns are appropriate to him:

"Bark'd up here like a tap of hell, 'Flung down the bottle at his feet, Forr ally wrong, he's damn'd himself To save the Lord the trouble."

Heo olim meminisse juvabit. ANTI.

### General Conference of M. E.

RICHMOND, Va., May 13.—In the Methodist Episcopal General Conference today the Manual of Discipline, by Bishop McTyeere, again came up under the motion of Dr. Dr. Edwards, of Virginia introduced a resolution proposing a change in the order of divine service on the Sabbath day, as an animated debate followed. Doctors McFerrin, Kelly, Young and others spoke earnestly against the resolution, which was finally rejected.

### Damage by the Recent Storm.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Dispatches from Vichy Springs, Mineral Point, Boone, Terre, Sedalia, Green Ridge, in Missouri, and Nortonville, Leavenworth and Osgood City in Kansas report that great damage was done to property by the violent wind, rain and hail storm yesterday, but no loss of life is reported.

### Start for the Train or Boat

In good season, and don't forget to take with you Hotchett's Stomach Bitters, which will relieve all the ailments of the stomach, and the effects of water contaminated with zinc from the use of crockery and brass; relieve indigestion, and protect you from the influence of vitiated or unwholesome food.

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