

# PROHIBITION A SUCCESS

BUT THERE ARE TOO MANY VIOLATIONS IN THE LAW.

To the Editor—Please allow me space in your paper to say a few things to the subscribers of your paper, who believe in good government. I want to speak in regard to the law that prohibits the manufacture and selling of intoxicating liquor.

As superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, I have been from the mountains to the sea several times this year; indeed since I have been in this work. I have visited and spoken in every county in the State, except six. I am also in constant correspondence with our leaders and am prepared to say our prohibition law is working nicely; in fact, is a great success.

Having said this much as regards the successful working of the law, let me give you the other side. There is no doubt of the fact that in many communities, the law is greatly violated, and that in some of these communities the officers do not have the proper respect for their oath, nor the citizens appreciate the duties of citizenship. I do not want to necessarily discourage any in their bright views of the situation in the State, but still we can gain nothing by disregarding or by overlooking the violations of our law. The thing to do, is to accept the conditions and strive to improve them.

Allow me to quote from letters on my desk that will verify my position. I read from a letter, written by a college president: Matter in our town are such that detection may not be so easy, since the principal offender is of long standing, wise from many encounters; moreover, he is brother-in-law to our mayor. From a letter, written by the mayor, August 21st we quote: 'It seems that we have at least two blind tigers in our little town.' From a merchant in Eastern Carolina, letter of September 6th.: There is quite a lot of blind tigers going on here. Our sheriff and mayor pay no attention to it. If we get them, it would be no use to take them before our mayor, for there is a strong belief that he is in the business. Please let me hear from you in regard to this matter. Letters from postmasters and merchants in central North Carolina. We are sadly lacking in this county, our sheriff being a man that winks at illicit distilling, and the magistrates are drinking men; get drunk. A letter from a deputy sheriff reads: 'It is reported to me that there is a blockade distillery in operation in this section; now, how do I proceed in this matter? Please let me hear from you fully.' A Southern Express agent writes: 'Blind tigers are flourishing and are becoming more bold. I believe from two hundred to eight hundred pounds of whiskey to men at a time, who are running these places, and every body knows it. No attempt has been made, to my knowledge to stop it. I feel sure that there are two stills running within, say two miles of me.' A Methodist preacher from eastern Carolina writes: 'We need a detective here. One man got five barrels of beer this morning.' A well to do farmer in the east writes: 'Two barrels of whiskey came to our town last week, seven are in the depot; saw nine drunken men after five o'clock Monday on the street; was away the balance of the day. The policemen are in full sympathy with the business. No effort is made by them or the mayor to enforce the law. All the magistrates of the town are men of strong drink. Now, if you know of any way this can be checked will be glad if you could furnish information. I can not believe that the Great State of North Carolina will allow this evil to go unchecked.'

I give these extracts to inform our people of our present conditions and to show them the necessity of work. All must understand that the law is inanimate, and that therefore it cannot destroy one moonshine still or send one blind tiger to the roads. The work of enforcement devolves upon good officers and true citizens, and neither of these can accomplish the work without the aid of the other. The law is not a failure because of such violations, rather the exception proves the rule. Let us remember that reformations do not come in a day or a year. The reformation that have done most for humanity have taken centuries. Surely then, in this work of overthrowing the liquor traffic to save our commerce, our politics and social life from the dominion of

King Alcohol, we can afford to spend years.

We urge all communities to be vigilant and wherever the law is violated let there be work and agitation and prayer. And if in any such communities, the blame be on the part of the officers, let there be an earnest effort to displace such officers with men, who have the courage of their conviction and respect for their oath. Assuring you that our organization is ready to aid in any way it can, I am,

Your very truly,  
R. L. DAVIS,  
Supt. N. C. Anti-Saloon League.  
—In News and Observer.

# FOREST IS IMPORTANT IN LIFE OF NATION

More thorough knowledge of actual forest conditions has brought a wide realization of the importance of the forest in the life of the nation, says Treadwell Cleveland Jr., in speaking of the progress of forestry for the last year in the Year Book of the Department of Agriculture.

Enough is now known to make imperative a complete change in the methods of forest use, and the ways in which this change may best be brought about are discussed with equal interest by the specialist and the man in the street.

National welfare, as well as individual comfort, is seen to be dependent upon forest conservation. To this better knowledge and surer insight is due the progress which forestry has made in the past year.

Unprecedented forest fires served a similar purpose, so that the lesson which they taught, in spite of its terrific cost, will probably pay for itself. With a unanimity never before paralleled the people of the country are demanding that a stop be put to forest waste and destruction.

The more striking lines of advancement in forestry in 1908 were the following:

1 Through appropriate educational channels, public interest in forest problems was secured more directly and effectively than ever before. Especially valuable was the work begun in the schools, from the primary grades to the colleges. The press aided materially in making clear the need and purpose of forest conservation.

2 The management of the National Forest was more scientific, and at the same time more satisfactory from a business point of view and more useful to the public, than ever before.

3 The States displayed a keener interest and a livelier activity in forest matters, and State legislatures either passed or considered bills in which advanced provisions were made for forest protection from fire and unjust taxation and for regulating forest property in the interest of the public welfare.

4 A partial census taken among private forest owners furnished proof that the practice of private forestry is extending more rapidly than was supposed, particularly among those who in their businesses are themselves users of forest products.

## IN MEMORIA

In loving remembrance of Miss Addie Sivills, who departed this life, September 14th, 1909.

The death angel visited the happy home of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Sivills last Tuesday week, and took away their loving daughter, Addie, who has been suffering for quite awhile.

She was such a patient sufferer, but can now gladly say she has gone where no suffering comes.

Miss Sivills was only 25 years of age, just in the bloom of life. She was well known in Elizabeth City.

## They Didn't Have to Change.

During the years in which our pure food laws have been put into effect there has been a great hurrying and scurrying on the part of the food manufacturers to change their methods to make them conform to the law.

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AT ALL DRUG STORES

where she was held in the highest esteem.

Miss Sivills was a good christian father, mother, sister and brother to mourn their loss.

'Weep not dear ones for she has gone to God'

Oh, it is an awful thing for us to give up our dear ones, but God's will must be done. Let us look at this in the right way and think she is free from all sins of this dark and gloomy world, and is now resting sweetly with God in that beautiful Home above.

Miss Sivills was a great christian girl, and a faithful worker in her church. She was a most lovable woman and her untimely death is universally lamented.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the heart broken family.

Trusting they will look to God who does all things for the best.

A FRIEND.

# RALLY DAY AT ROANOKE S. S.

Manteo, N. C., Sept. 20—Yesterday was Rally Day at the Roanoke Baptist Sunday School, of which Rev. D. A. Tedder is pastor. A special program, consisting of songs, recitations, etc., was carried out. The most interesting feature of the occasion was the contest between the Philathea and Baraca classes as to which could answer the most review questions on the lessons studied during the past quarter. The classes took positions as in a spelling bee. Ex-sheriff A. Etheridge, superintendent of the school, asked the questions, while the pastor acted as referee to decide as to the correctness of the answers. Fifty-six questions were asked. When a pupil missed a question, he had to withdraw from the contest. The Philathea were victorious and were awarded the prize.

## FURNISHING A HOME

Furniture should be usable and beautiful and economical. A small writing desk does not serve its purpose for a person of any business. A chair so poorly constructed that it soon drops apart is not usable. A

table too heavy to move is a burden; a sofa pillow that is not washable does not serve its purpose; furniture and furnishings may be beautiful in the quality of wood, in form, in color, in design and quality of texture used. Decration does not necessarily mean something added. Most of the furniture, with much added to it in the way of machine-carved wood—be decoration, is not beautiful—something has been stuck on, giving a cheap and ugly effect.

Economical furnishings are those which are durable and easily kept clean. The first cost is only one point to consider. A chair with smooth rounds or a sideboard with plain, smooth surfaces may cost a little more than furniture with the rough decorated surfaces, but soon some of the stuck on decoration falls off and the latter requires three times as much care to keep clean as the former.

Things not easily cleaned and kept clean may prove positive; dangerous from accumulation of dust, which is partially composed of bacteria disease producing ones among others. Any dirt catcher is out of place in the house. Health may be affected by a chair not built to fit the body, by a couch with a pillow so high the neck is made stiff from using it. When buying these articles try to see if they are comfortable. See if the drawers of the dresser work easily and if the locks work.

## SEVEN SENTENCE SERMONS.

When the end of your work is out of sight, look aloof, de Lesseps.

Blessed is he who has found his work; let him ask no other blessedness; he has life purpose.—Thomas Carlyle.

Great truths are portions of the soul of man  
Great souls are portions of eternity. —Lowell.

In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.—Bunyan.

And what doth the Lord requires of thee, but to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?—Micah.

Straight is the line of duty;

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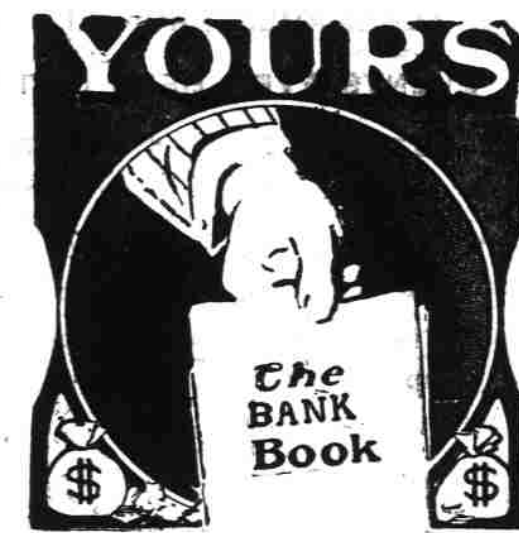
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Christianity is a religion that will not keep; the only thing to do with it is to use it, spend it, give it away. —Henry Van Dyke.

A Hurry Up Call.  
Quick! Mr. Druggist—Quick!— A Drug Co.

box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve—There's a quarter—For the love of Moses, hurry! Baby's burned himself, terribly—Johnnie cut his foot with the axe—Mamie's scalded—Pa can't walk from piles—Billie has boils—and my corns ache. She got it and cured all the family. Its the greatest healer on earth. Sold by Standard