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## HOW LONG?

How long shall the turpid river  
Of crime and misery flow  
From the courts of the gay gin-palace  
That flash with the crystal chalice,  
And the fated dens below  
Where tattered man-rags throng?  
How long shall they pour down woe?  
How long, oh, Lord! how long?  
How long shall our blameless children  
Be doomed to a life of shame,  
That wealth upbuilt on our ruin  
May grow with their dark undoing  
In the blighting of heart and name?  
This reign of remorseless wrong.  
How long shall its sceptre flame?  
How long, oh, Lord! how long?  
How long shall the wife go moaning  
In the depths of dumb despair,  
That the gold that her torturer proffers  
May come to the nation's coffers  
With the rust of murder there?  
Oh the weak are crushed by the strong,  
Till the heavens shall hear their  
prayer  
How long, oh, Lord! how long?  
How long can we dare the justice  
Of God, who pities the poor,  
And still have hope in His mercies,  
While the widow's tongueless curses  
Call down on the evil-doer  
The doom of his heartless wrong?  
How long is a crime secure,  
How long, oh Lord! how long?  
—G S Burleigh in Nat. Tem. Advocate

## ADDRESS

OF THE PROHIBITION CONVENTION,  
CONVENED IN RALEIGH, APRIL 27,  
1881, TO THE PEOPLE OF  
NORTH CAROLINA.

We, the representatives of the people of North Carolina, in convention duly assembled, realizing the solemn trust imposed on us, the grave and momentous issues at stake, and that the dearest and most sacred interests of the people of this commonwealth are profoundly involved in the prohibition movement; relying upon the righteousness and beneficence of our cause, and upon the blessings and guidance of Almighty God, and appealing to the Omniscient Eye and to a candid and impartial public for the purity and patriotism of our motives, do issue this our solemn declaration to the people of our beloved State:

1. While we feel it our duty, in justice to ourselves, to candor and to truth, to state explicitly and emphatically that the prohibition convention is not responsible for the form of the

prohibition bill, in all of its details, as was passed by the Legislature, yet we do gratefully accept it, endorse it and most earnestly and cordially commend it to the people for their hearty ratification by their suffrages. Indeed, we feel that its passages affords us a most happy occasion to congratulate our fellow-citizens on a great moral achievement; and we believe that its ratification by the people will prove an even greater and more glorious moral victory, and will place the Christian and moral element of our people in a position to give complexion to the public affairs of this State. We believe that the acceptance of this bill by the people will give a most certain guarantee of ultimate and complete success to the great moral revolution which has been inaugurated. We do, therefore, most earnestly urge and advise all good citizens, all who entertain a particle of filial love for their venerable commonwealth, whose breasts are animated with a spark of patriotism, who are inspired with any sentiment of honorable State pride, who are infused with any degree of public spirit and who feel the faintest throbbing in their hearts of good will towards their fellow men, to ignore all inferior considerations, to rise superior to all unworthy and unnatural prejudices, to

override all distinctions of sects, parties, color and race, and by one grand, combined and magnanimous effort throw off forever the oppression and the tyranny of the most debasing and grievous vice under which mankind has ever groaned and suffered.

2. We also regard it as an occasion of profound congratulation, that now for the first time perhaps in the history of our commonwealth, since the days of the heroes of '76, the people of all parties, religions and colors can meet on one common platform to advance a great public measure without any conflict of interests whatever, without creating any party friction, awakening any religious prejudice, and without begetting any race antagonism. And we wish to be distinctly understood as avowing and asserting here in the plainest, most emphatic and unequivocal way, that this is not a party movement. We have nothing to do with politics, nor do we wish to disturb in the least degree the party affiliations of the people. Nor are we seeking to promote any class legislation, or to create any monopoly. We have only one aim; we are animated by only one motive, namely, the advancement of the material and moral prosperity of all the people of this broad commonwealth, the promotion of their health, wealth, liberty and happiness, without any distinctions whatever. Hence we have no concealments to make. We have no temptations to use trickery, bribery or corruption. We have no occasion to resort to insinuations, fabrications or indirection. We go before the people purely and solely on the merits of our cause. We confidently claim that prohibition is for the good of the

whole people; that it is an arrest in a large measure that tremendous gain upon the material and financial resources of our people; that it is a fearful and appalling drain upon their greater moral interests. And we assert that statistics and facts abundantly and most conclusively demonstrate the truth of our position. And in this distinct and firm way we do here and now challenge every or all who are opposed to this movement to prove by figures and facts the contrary. We demand proof for the sweeping and reckless assertions that have been made in an irresponsible way. We hold ourselves ready before the world to defend our cause by the most solid arguments, by stern facts, and we throw down the gauntlet to any or all comers. We do not fear investigation, we invite the closest scrutiny and most searching analysis. And we do, in the name of manly dignity and common honesty, enter our solemn protest against the ungenerous insinuations, the unmanly insinuations and the assassin thrusts emanating from some who claim to reflect in some measure public sentiment and to control and guide public thought. We protest against the course of those who, under the pretext and cover of an unenviable and unworthy neutrality, seek groundless prejudices in the popular mind, and to manufacture erroneous impressions inimical to truth and good morals.

3. It is the deliberate and unanimous judgment of this convention, composed as it is of able and worthy representatives from all sections of the State, and from all professions and pursuits, and as the result of the matured experience and wisdom of the most scholarly, scientific and profound thinkers of the age, that the only remedy for the colossal evils of the liquor traffic, and for the unspeakable horrors of intemperance, is absolute and unqualified prohibition.

4. After a calm and most careful survey of the situation, this convention is persuaded that it has ample reasons and most substantial grounds for assuring the people of this State that ultimate and most gratifying success will crown a prudent, dignified campaign, prosecuted with enthusiasm, energy and vigor—a campaign in which every man puts forth his most strenuous efforts, in which no stone is left unturned, in which no toil is counted too severe, and no sacrifice too great—a campaign in which every minister of the gospel, every church, every temperance organization, and every individual man is an earnest, laborious, persistent, patient, prudent and indefatigable worker.

This, we deliberately repeat, will bring success, and success in this noble cause will bring prosperity and happiness to all our people and perpetual glory and honor to our venerable and beloved commonwealth.

Commending ourselves to the guidance of Almighty God, invoking His blessing and entertaining the fervent and importunate prayers of all His ministers and people, we confidently launch ourselves upon this grand campaign, and for the liberation of our beloved land from the fetters and mis-

eries of this intolerable tyranny, we pledge our means, our truth and our sacred honor.

## The Prohibition Bill.

The following is the Prohibitory Act as it passed both Houses of the Legislature, with all the amendments inserted at the proper places. It is an exact copy of the bill as enrolled and ratified.

## The General Assembly of North Carolina do Enact:

SECTION 1. That any persons who shall manufacture, buy or sell, either directly or indirectly, any spirituous or malt liquors, except wines and cider, or by any shift, subterfuge or device, spirituous liquors, or any liquors of which spirituous liquor is a material or constituent part, in any quantity, in this State, otherwise than by this act provided shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof in any court of record having jurisdiction of same shall be fined not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars, and be imprisoned in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 2. That spirituous liquors or liquors of which spirituous liquors are a material and constituent part, may be kept and sold as by this act provided and in no other way or manner, only for medical, chemical and mechanical purposes, and for these purposes, only by a druggist, apothecary or physician, who shall have obtained a license in pursuance of the provisions of this act, allowing him to sell the same for such purposes; and any druggist or physician who shall have obtained such license shall not keep at any time a greater quantity of such spirits on hand than thirty gallons; and shall not sell to any person a greater quantity, at one time,

of the several counties in the State may upon application made to them, only in the way in this section provided, by a druggist, apothecary or physician, grant a license to last for one year and no longer, to sell such spirituous liquors as are mentioned in this act only for medical, chemical and mechanical purposes, and in the way and manner in this act directed, and no other; but before granting any such license they shall ascertain and find by the oath and examination of two or more sober and respectable citizens of their county that such applicant is a sober, reliable and trustworthy person; and they shall record the names of the citizens so by them examined and the facts so found by them upon the minutes of their proceedings in connection with the orders and proceedings granting such license; and any druggist, apothecary or physician desiring to obtain such license, shall apply for the same by petition setting forth that he is a druggist, apothecary or physician in the county where such application is made—the place where he sells drugs and medicines or regularly practices medicine—that he desires to keep and sell such liquors only for medicinal, chemical and mechanical purposes; that he will not knowingly keep or sell such liquors otherwise, not in greater quantities than as by this act allowed, and that he will well, truly and faithfully keep and observe the provisions of this act so far as the same are applicable to him; such petition shall subscribe and swear to his petition, and the same shall be filed and preserved among the papers and records of the County Commissioners before whom it shall be presented. But no druggist, apothecary or physician shall be licensed to sell any of the spirituous or malt liquors herein mentioned, until he has executed and given to the Board of Commissioners of the county wherein the liquors are proposed to be sold, a bond with good and sufficient security, to be duly justified in a sum of not less than five hundred dollars and not more than five thousand dollars, conditioned that he will faithfully comply with and perform all the requirements and conditions of this act. The said bond shall be recorded and filed as in cases of official bonds and whenever the said commissioners shall have reason to believe that the party so licensed has violated any of said conditions or prom-

ises they may put the same in suit and prosecute to judgment and in addition thereto they may for good cause revoke said license first giving to the holder thereof at least two days notice of the time when a motion to revoke will be made.

Sec. 4. A druggist, apothecary or physician having a license to keep and sell such spirituous liquors as by this act provided, shall not sell the same to any one person, at one time, a greater quantity than one gallon, nor in any quantity, unless the person applying to purchase the same shall present and deliver the certificate of a sober and respectable practicing physician, not a licensed dealer under this act, given upon his honor, to the effect that such spirituous liquors so required are in fact required for medical purposes, or a like certificate of a sober, respectable chemist or artist, that such spirituous liquors so required are in fact required for mechanical purposes, and if any physician, chemist, artist, or mechanic shall make any such certificate falsely stating or suggesting the purpose for which such spirituous liquors specified by him are required every such physician, chemist, artist, or mechanic making such false certificate, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in any court of record having jurisdiction thereof, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, and may in the discretion of the court, be imprisoned.

Sec. 5. Every druggist, apothecary or physician who shall have a license to sell such spirituous liquors as provided for in this act, and shall violate the provisions of the same in any respect, directly or indirectly, or by any shift or subterfuge, shall for every such violation be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in any court of record having jurisdiction of same shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars, and be imprisoned, in the discretion of the court, and in the discretion of the court, and in the discretion of the court, forfeit his said license to be forfeited by the court, and if any clerk or employee of such druggist, apothecary or physician shall in any way violate the provisions of this act under pretense of selling such spirituous liquors for his employer or otherwise, he shall for every such offense be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in any court of record having jurisdiction shall be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, and be imprisoned at the discretion of the court.

Sec. 6. That this act shall have no force nor effect until the first of October, A. D. 1881; and on and after that day it shall have full force and effect.

Sec. 7. That an election shall be held by the qualified electors in this State on the first Thursday in August next to take the sense of the electors in this State upon the question of prohibition, these desiring prohibition shall vote a printed or written ticket with the words: "For Prohibition," on it, and those opposing prohibition shall vote a printed or written ticket with the words: "Against Prohibition" on it. The election herein provided for in this section shall be held under the same rules and regulations and the returns to be made as are now provided by law for the election of Judges of the Supreme court, and the board of county commissioners of the several counties of the State, shall in the manner therein prescribed appoint registrars and judges of said election: provided, That if at the said election a majority of the votes so cast be "Against Prohibition," then and in that case no person shall be prosecuted or punished for any violation of this act. And it is further provided; That upon the counting of the ballots as aforesaid the Governor of the State shall issue his proclamation declaring the result thereof.

Perfect prohibition is not the work of a day or a year. We have before us a long fight. Even if we succeed in August, the contest will go on. Faith and patience should be our watchwords.