

SHUN THE RUMSELLERS

Many have to drink, been slaves, And have come to drunkards graves; Sign and keep the pledge that saves, And You never will.

Rum sellers will lead you on, Till your money they have won; Then they'll bid you quick be gone, Will you trust them still?

Do not be deceived, my friend, By the friendship they pretend, They will rob you in the end; Others found it so.

They care not how hard your lot, Whether you have homes or not; When your money they have got, You will have to go.

Sign the pledge and take your stand With the Prohibition band; Keep from the rum seller's hand, Your own property.

Take the pledge here on the spot, And you will not be a sot. "Touch not, taste not, handle not," Let your motto be.

NATHAN R. TURNER. HARMONY, Jan. 13, 1887. W. C. T. U. DEPARTMENT.

LETTELS VERSUS BEER. There is no brain or soul in beer sipping. If a young man could induce a friendly dog to share his glass...

Only to the one being into whose nostrils He himself breathed the breath of life, did God give the power to write a letter of any kind.

So the young man as he sips his glass for good fellowship's sake, does what his dog might do if it had been trained, and when he writes the home letter he links himself in mysteries for reaching power with the angels of God.

We grow used to the unusual. If this were not true, every letter would rightly seem a miracle, though a thousand times repeated.

Think for a moment how strange it is that a sealed envelope can carry the title to the broad lands, stately houses, but also hatred, tenderness, the issues of life and death.

It is true, that while this drink is only five cents a glass, that one glass furnishes the materials for many letters.

So it is possible for the very moderate drinker to drink up in one week, twenty-four letters to his home circle. Add to this another week's indulgence in the same ratio, and ponder the result.

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STATE PROHIBITION PLATFORM.

Greensboro, Dec. 10, 1886.

Whereas: The traffic in alcoholic liquors has grown and is growing out of all ratio to the increase of population in this country; and,

Whereas, said traffic unjustly burdens every legitimate industry, imposes grievous taxation upon honest labor, curses social life, begets crime, breeds pauperism, antagonizes the church, corrupts politics, nullifies law, is a menace to good government and a peril to State; and,

Whereas, The policy of licensing said traffic has proved a policy of perpetuation instead of suppression, with the perpetuity of all its alarming conditions and results; and,

Whereas, We believe license not only non-restrictive in fact, but immoral in principle, debasing in practice, criminal in effect, and an unworthy national law; and that such prohibition, to be effective, must be based in the organic foundation of nation and state, and be secured through and be guaranteed by a politics party;

Resolved, That as all secondary matters are treated by political parties from the standpoint of expediency; as with the two old parties of our former affiliation this question of the liquor traffic is and must remain secondary; and as we can no longer support either of these old parties, in North Carolina and the nation, with out endorsing saloon influences encouraging the power of the saloon in politics and aiding to perpetuate that power; we do hereby declare the imperative necessity for a new party, with prohibition of the traffic its prime object; we urge and will labor to secure its prompt and thorough organization everywhere, and for it, we invite the votes of all who cast ballots, and the sympathy of all others.

Resolved, That with the liquor traffic costing over two thousand million dollars annually for liquors bought and drunk, for crime and pauperism growing out of their consumption, for judiciary and constabulary and penal and charitable institutions, made necessary by such crime and pauperism, for unproductive labor resulting from it, for unproductive labor involved in it and the enormous waste inevitable under it with political corruption its legitimate child, public abusees its natural brood, profitable production discounted because of it, helpful consumption limited, the equitable distribution of wealth and the equitable adjustment of public burdens made impossible, and every material and moral interest enforced by its organized selfishness; the issue of its prohibition, already fixed in politics by the repeated action of the liquor dealers themselves, more closely involves the welfare of all the people and is of far greater concern to state and nation, than any other or all other issues now politically recognized and that as such it deserves and for it we may justly claim the acceptance of every candid citizen.

Resolved, That we deem unwise and unpatriotic the course of any man or party, or any locality or State, which denies the vital relationship of Prohibition to our nation at large, and which proclaims its local issue only, to be settled by each locality or state in its own way; that as the national government alone can prohibit importation and inter-state transportation, has full jurisdiction over each territory and the District of Columbia and claims a share in the profits of every liquor-seller in the Union, we reiterate our demand for national sovereignty over the liquor traffic to suppress it, instead of to legalize, to protect and to perpetuate it.

Resolved, That we recognize in such demand the new national issue needed in our politics, to overcome sectional bitterness, to unite Northern and Southern patriotic sentiment and to promote those conditions of political amenity essential to national peace and perpetuity.

Resolved, That, with confidence in the justice of our cause, with faith in God and prayer for divine guidance, we will go forward, from this day, embodying Prohibition in our ballot-box, as everywhere, in favor of sobriety and economy in government of exalting citizenship, and the noble upbuilding of the State.

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