

Law Enforcement in South Carolina.

By Rev. E. M. Lightfoot, Superintendent of Anti-Saloon League for South Carolina.

For almost three months the writer has been busy as Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League. They have been strenuous days, yet, it is not my purpose to give anything like a report of work done, but I would call the attention of all Courier readers to two very great difficulties in the way of Law Enforcement, and Mr. Editor, we spell Law Enforcement with capital letters.

The first difficulty is: Insufficient number of officers. Of course, we have plenty of policemen in our towns and cities. There are sheriffs and deputies, also rural officers. There are enough of these to make South Carolina a heaven on earth. Many of these officers are doing their duties.

There are three things that keep our state and national prohibition laws from being enforced, Politics, Graft and Pull. I wish that I could emblazon these words in letters of fire across the heavens. Many of these officers do not realize that they are servants of God to minister terror to the evil doers of thus bestow a blessing upon the good. Stewardship of office is as essential as stewardship of money. The non-enforcing officer is an embezzler of opportunity. He has something to do for others that he not only will not do, but often turns his privilege to personal gain. Our people must awake to the fact that an officer who will not enforce law is a menace to the community. His indifferent attitude is an invitation to the lawless to move into the town, city or county where he holds office.

South Carolina has too few officers who are fearless in law enforcing. We have only six constables under the direction of the Governor. There are now only sixteen Federal Prohibition Raiding Officers in the State. There are forty-six counties, just about one of these State or National officers for every two counties.

The second need: Is that of quickening dormant public opinion. Many of the county officers are either indifferent in regard to Law Enforcement or are in sympathy with violators of our State and Federal Prohibition Laws. We cannot afford to have law breakers as either law enforcing officers or law makers. We must not supinely say: "Let the state do it," or "Let Uncle Sam do it." These are expressions that are daily made. We must not Federalise too much. Already many think the Federal Government is asserting too much authority in the state. The remedy is, in my judgment, to be found in a live, wide awake pulpit.

The Bootleggers and other lawless crowd are afraid of the women and the ministers of South Carolina. They say that they can easily fix the civil officers but dread public opinion as expressed through our God fearing preachers and women. Brethren and sisters, let us awake for the day of our deliverance is at hand: Demand of every candidate for office that he declare himself on the Enforcement of Law. Let this be the dominant vote in our state.

Making Prohibition Permanent

So many letters come in asking, "What can I do to help?" or saying, "I want to have some part in aiding the enforcement of law. Tell me how I can help."

Perhaps the most effective way, which is open to all of us and right at hand, is to talk "prohibition benefits." Read the Union Signal which from week to week publishes the opinions of nationally known authorities and quotes facts and figures proving that prohibition is a success even though not completely enforced in some places.

Get your local editors to publish some of these reports and give occasional editorials showing that conditions have definitely changed for the better.

But above all remember that prohibition is still an issue. Don't think for a moment that the "wets" are through fighting. It is right up to everyone of us to keep awake to conditions as they are and "keep on keeping on."

Work for enforcement where you are and keep up the good fight for the observance of all law.

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Chambers of Commerce Laud Prohibition Benefits.

Prohibition is a civic asset according to many of the Chambers of Commerce in leading cities of the United States which have sent strong statements approving the Eighteenth Amendment to The Union Signal, the official publication of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

James S. Cady, secretary of the Minneapolis Association says: "Prohibition has proved an economic asset in our community. It has promoted thrift and has been beneficial generally to the interests of our city."

Vance C. Criss, secretary of the Springfield, Mo., association; "Prohibition has been helpful to the community for the reason that the oncoming generation has not had the access to liquor that was had by young men and boys of four or five years ago. In other words there would seem to be less opportunity by far for the members of the next generation to become addicted to the liquor habit."

Nelson Marshman, associate secretary, Springfield, Mass., association says: "I believe that prohibition has proved to be an economic asset to this community and that it has promoted thrift among our people. A statement from the various savings banks shows that more people have savings accounts and that the balances are larger."

"The charitable organizations of the city tell me that taking into consideration the recent business depression, there are fewer people receiving aid than during the time before prohibition. The former saloons in most cases are being used for other lines of business."

"Prohibition has been, I believe, very beneficial to the general interests of our city."

Patriotic Teaching in the Sunday School.

True Patriotism—What is it? The Love of Country, the land of our birth. True Patriotism expresses itself in:

Loyal support of the Government and hearty obedience to its laws.

Loyal endeavor to make our country a land where virtue flourishes and vice is discouraged.

Loyal development of high ideals of Citizenship.

Patriotic Program for Sunday Schools to include Patriotic Prayers and Songs, Flag Salute, given at intervals, celebration of patriotic anniversaries.

Flag Drill for Special Programs.

(For twelve girls each carrying two flags, one in each hand. One may be the Christian Flag.)

Right flag out at arm's length and back four times. Left flag the same.

Both flags extended at side arm's length and back four times. Alternate flags twice.

The right flag extended at side; then as it is brought back to position, the left is extended and vice versa eight times.

Right flag extended in front of body arm's length and back four times. Alternate flags twice.

The right flag out in front arm's length; then as it is brought back to place, the left is extended and vice versa, eight times.

Right flag out at side once. Left flag the same.

Repeat two last named motions.

Both flags out at side once. Both flags out in front once. Repeat.

—From "The Best Drill Book."

Copies of this message to workers, 45 cents per 100, postpaid. Mrs. Stella B. Irvine, Riverside, Cali.

Because of Prohibition.

"Brewers are now doing less than one fourth the business they did before prohibition," said Thomas Kelley, president of the Kelly Brewing company, at a meeting of members of the recently disbanded Chicago Brewers' Protective Association, held in Chicago, as quoted by the Chicago Evening Post. "Prohibition is responsible, of course, for this sad state of affairs," he continued. "Business is very bad, and at present there does not seem to be much chance of its improving."

Giving Them the Truth.

Crucial days are before us. It is the judgment of many that we have never before in the history of the war for prohibition faced a more critical time. From now until the ballots are cast in November "our folks" must be vigilant, "active and brave." We must win and we must win by so great majorities as to convince those who seek to destroy the Eighteenth Amendment and the Enforcement Code that their efforts are useless. American voters have decided against the traffic in intoxicating liquors in any form and their decision must stand.

Why I Am a Total Abstainer.

Hon. William Jennings Bryan, Ex-Secretary of State.

First, because God never made a normal brain that needed to be stimulated to action by alcohol.

Second, because among the countless millions of men God never created one who was strong enough to begin the use of intoxicating liquor with certainty that he would not become its victim.

Third, because there is no time in a human life from birth to death when it is safe to begin the use of alcohol.

If these three propositions are true—that no normal brain needs alcohol, that no man is strong enough to be sure that he will not become its victim, and that there is no time when it is safe to begin to drink—there can be no excuse for the use of alcohol.

Three Reasons for Christians to Abstain.

Let me give you three arguments, which I believe to be unanswerable from the Christian standpoint:

The first is that a Christian having given himself to God and to Christ in service, has no moral right to take into his body that which will impair the value of the service he has to render, and he has no moral right to contract a habit which may not only destroy his capacity for service, but his disposition to serve.

The second is that the Christian has no money that he can spare for intoxicating liquor. There are so many noble causes that appeal to a Christian heart that I know not how a Christian can justify before his own conscience the wasting of any money on intoxicating liquor. Those in charge of home missionary work will show us that there are sections in the country where there are neither churches nor Sunday schools for lack of funds. They will show us—those engaged in foreign missionary work—areas of the earth's surface with millions of inhabitants to whom the light of the Gospel has not yet been carried for lack of funds.

How can a Christian get down on his knees in the morning and pray to his Heavenly Father, "Thy kingdom come," and then rise up and spend for alcohol the money that he could spare to hasten the coming of God's kingdom on earth!

And how can a Christian put his influence on the side of a habit that brings tens of thousands to the grave every year? All religion is propagated by example, and the Master himself says that we should so live that others, seeing our good work, may be constrained to "glorify the Father." The great Apostle said, if eating meat would make his brother to offend, he would eat no meat. It was not because he did not like meat; it was because he loved his brother better than he loved meat. And what Christian man can stand before his fellow Christians and admit that his fondness for intoxicating liquor is greater than his love of his brothers, whom he might save by setting them a good example?

"Dry" Ships are Succeeding.

Judging from the experience of shipping men on the Pacific Coast, there is little cause for apprehension that the enforcement of prohibition on the high seas will mean that all trade will go to foreign ships.

The opinion of William G. Sellender, general passenger agent of the Matson Navigation Company, whose fleet of ships on the Pacific Ocean has been dry since prohibition, is shared by other shipping men. He spoke in part as follows:

"We have never had a greater volume of business in our history than has been handled aboard our ships since prohibition became effective." Mr. Sellender was discussing the fact that the dry 'Matsonia', a really dry boat of the fleet above mentioned, went out with every cabin filled and staterooms in the smoking room, while 'The Nile', which has been advertised as being 'wetter than the river Nile', was about half filled for a similar voyage.

"So rarely do passengers engaging space on the Matson ships raise the question of liquor that I can believe that it does not enter their thoughts when they are booking," remarked Sellender, whose years of experience in the local passenger business has caused him to be alert for all indications that register what is pleasing to passengers. "On the other hand," he added, "we have heard passengers express satisfaction that the ships are dry, and among them have been drinking men who, on occasion, have gone to Honolulu on one of the 'wet' trans-Pacific boats and have returned on one of the Matson vessels."

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8,000 HIKING CLUBS IN GREATER NEW YORK

They Swing Along Highways and Through Woods in Groups of Varying Size.

New York.—One must walk nowadays to be in the swim. Statistics gleaned from the out-door departments of the newspapers, from the Boy Scout and Campfire Girls' organizations, from the Y. M. C. A. branches and kindred bodies, from scores of amateur athletic clubs and from the leading dealers in sporting goods, indicate that



"Best Walkers Make Best Citizens," Says Mayor of New York.

today there are no less than 8,000 hiking clubs in Greater New York, with a total membership of more than a quarter of a million men and women, who are keeping themselves in the pink of condition and experiencing the real joy of living by getting regularly out into the open country with no other means of locomotion than their God-given legs.

The city of New York has taken official notice of the movement. On three occasions recently Mayor Hylan has congratulated the boys and girls of the public schools upon their enthusiasm in taking up the new sport of hiking. In his dedication of the great new public playground in the Bronx the other day Mayor Hylan extolled the athletic tendencies of the boys and girls and impressed upon them that there was no better or more profitable way in which they could pass their vacations and utilize their holidays than by the excursions into field and forest of their walking clubs. He gave the same message to the Amateur Athletic Union of Brooklyn a few days later, and when a club of East Side boys and girls

visited him at city hall preparatory to a hike to the tomb of Roosevelt at Oyster Bay he assured them that the best walkers among them would make the best citizens.

Walk and Be Well

No less enthusiastic a champion of the walking game is Dr. Royal S. Copeland, city health commissioner. "The benefit to health and the safeguard to morals to be found in long walks," said Dr. Copeland in an interview, "are too apparent to speak of them. If one takes long walks alone it is well, for he walks the road of health, but if he takes long walks in company it is better for he adds the tonic of companionship to his exercise. Walking is the one form of exercise in which there is the minimum risk of overdoing it. In short, I consider walking the most beneficial of all exercises and it is never out of season."

"Never in my life-time," said Edward R. Wilbur, manager of a nationally known sporting goods store, "have I known such a demand as now for outdoor garments and shoes and stockings and appliances for the tourist's luncheon box. The rapid spread and tremendous popularity of the walking club idea has no parallel in our experience."

"The hiker can make his requisite just what he feels like spending. Really, there are only two or three articles indispensable to hiking—thick walking shoes that allow lots of room, thick woolen socks and clothing that will give freedom of limb. He should have a canvas or leather musette bag, such as the soldiers used in France."

The Cow in the Knapsack

"To get the real benefit and joy out of hiking luncheon should be carried and prepared and eaten in the open. Bread and cheese, a few slices of bacon, some coffee, a can of condensed milk, and a cake of chocolate furnish high-powered fuel for the hiker and are readily and happily assimilated even by those who in their pre-hiking days were afflicted with digestive apparatus so feeble as to balk at crackers and milk. Fortunately for the hiker, he can replenish his simple larder at any cross-roads store and provide himself with the most nutritious and appetizing food in a form that can be conveniently carried."

"No single development in the problem of food transportation for the hunter, fisherman, hiker and all lovers of the out-of-doors can compare with the gift bestowed by the man who first found the way to make condensed milk, thereby putting a dairy in every man's knapsack. Before long there will be a national association of hikers, and Gall Borden will be its patron saint. Such an association could do much to encourage the spread of the most beneficial and universal of all outdoor pastimes, map out interesting routes, secure the establishment of shelters, rest-stations, and camp sites at suitable locations, and insure the rights of pedestrians on country roads."

President Harding Says the 18th Amendment Must be Sustained.

With no uncertain note did President Harding sound the call to steadfast loyalty to the Constitution as amended by the will of the people, when on July the Fourth he addressed a great throng of "friends and neighbors" in his home town of Marion, Ohio. In connection with emphasis upon strict law enforcement, he spoke of the Eighteenth Amendment:

"Majorities, restrained to the protection of minorities, ever must rule," he declared. "The Constitution and the laws sponsored by the majority must be enforced. It does not matter who opposes. If an opposing minority has a just objection, the rising tide of public opinion will change the

law. There is no abiding liberty under any other plan.

"I mean to sound no note of pessimism. This republic is secure. Menaces do arise, but public opinion will efface them. Meanwhile Government must repress them. The Eighteenth Amendment denies to a minority a fancied sense of personal liberty, but the amendment is the will of America and must be sustained by the government and public opinion, else contempt for the law will undermine our very foundation."

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