

**APPEAL TO PROHIBITIONISTS.**

Messrs. Joel E. Brunson and Others  
Issue a Stinging Address

Resolved, That Joel E. Brunson, J. S. Moffatt, E. D. Smith, J. A. Hoyt, F. H. Hyatt, W. C. Thomson and Jeremiah Smith be and hereby are appointed to prepare an address to the people of South Carolina, setting forth the work and issues before us, and to plan for and perfect an organization of the prohibitionists for the coming campaign.

In accordance with the above, we submit the following address:

The prohibitionists of the State are encouraged to make another appeal to the voters for a supreme effort along the line for the abolition of the manufacture and sale of liquor in South Carolina. For many years the men and women of our State have toiled earnestly to effect legal prohibition of the liquor traffic, and gratifying progress was being made not only in banding the licensed saloon from all territory without incorporated towns and cities, but there was much being accomplished in the way of reducing the number of saloons here and there, and also in securing control of the smaller municipalities through the ballot box or restrictive legislation. This progress in temperance reform induced an application to the regularly constituted authorities of the democratic party in control of the election machinery of the State for a separate box in which to vote for or against prohibition, and this privilege was granted in the primary election of 1892, resulting in an overwhelming majority for the legal prohibition of the liquor traffic, and along with this result there was obtained a clear majority of the members in the lower house, who passed a strict prohibitory measure in accordance with the verdict of the people. This measure was defeated, however, and in its stead was substituted the dispensary law for the regulation and control of the traffic, an importation that was recognized as contrary to the wishes of the people, and in direct conflict with their ascertained verdict. Thus the dispensary began its career as a supplanter, and it has made seven years of uncanny record, marked by bloody and disgraceful steps from the beginning.

The present condition of the liquor business can hardly be said to be satisfactory to a single intelligent person in the State. When the dispensary law was first adopted thousands of our honest people hoped for and expected much from it. They were told that the restrictive features of the law would be enforced by sober State officials, who, not having any financial interest at stake, would labor to reduce the consumption of liquor and make the dispensary system a stepping stone to prohibition. The dispensary had been in operation but a short time before the greed of gold began to manifest itself among high officials, and pressure was brought to bear upon dispensers to increase sales. The annual salary paid a common county dispenser would buy thirty bales of cotton, and he was given to understand that his dispensary must be profitable to the State or it would be closed and himself dismissed from the service. The sales increased at once and have increased month by month ever since; so that to-day the State is selling nearly as much liquor as ever did the old barrooms in their palmy days.

and how could it be otherwise? The appetite for drink is the same, and every hindrance to the sale of liquor has been swept away. The door of the dispensary stands wide open to serve every one that will buy. No knowledge of the purchaser necessary, no inquiry as to the purpose for which the liquor is wanted, and no signature to any request; simply pay your money and take your liquor, as much as you can carry, if you like. So indifferent and demoralized have become our State and county officials that although some violations of law are known to all of them, they have neither the manliness nor moral courage to try to bring the offenders to justice.

Tourist hotel privileges and beer shops have been and are still conducted under the very nose of the governor of the State without a shadow of law, and no effort made to prevent it. Dispenser after dispenser has stolen or lost the money of the State and not one has ever been punished or even prosecuted, except in one or two instances. Commissions and rebates and bribes and thefts and murders have been the natural products of this system of State liquor selling, and, after years of such work, its managers still plead with us to "give it a fair trial."

Those who manage it say the dispensary paid last year \$130,000 to the education of the children of the State, but they did not tell the startling fact that the dispensary had drawn from the people of the State at least 20 times as much and spent it in fat salaries and other expenses, purchases, etc., of the liquor system. It may be said that in addition to the \$130,000, the counties and towns received a small sum each, and to this we reply: The expenses incurred by the counties and towns in the trial, punishment and support of criminals, who have been made such by the liquor sold them by the State, will far more than balance the money received from the dispensary. We state it modestly when we say the present system of liquor selling is robbing the people of the State \$20 for every dollar paid to the State treasurer for educational purposes. The State board of control is sending out of our State each year at least \$1,000,000, and in exchange for it bringing into the State and distributing to our people five times the amount in poverty, wretchedness, disease and death.

We appeal to every newspaper in the State that has a sense of honesty and fairness to lose sight of the few dollars that may come to it through those who love liquor; to forego the imaginary measure of holding up the hands of

those who cry "personal liberty," when that personal liberty is violation of the rights of others, and to join with us in the effort to remove the accursed liquor traffic from our State.

We appeal to the good women of the State, and when have the women of South Carolina ever failed in a good cause? You cannot vote it is true, but you can give expression to your opposition to the liquor traffic by wearing the badge and by a thousand acts of your life, and it may be your hand that shall drive the "tent nail" through the head of the monster that is now actually eating your off-spring.

We appeal to the Christian ministers of the State, shall those who preach the gospel enter the field and speak against liquor selling? See the Master with a scourge driving out the money changers from the temple, overthrowing the tables and pouring out their money; and hear Him cry, "Woe unto scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites; ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" and you will see that He did not seem to have a sort of namby pamby citizenship, nor to have been afraid of offending against the proprieties of life. Remember that this liquor selling and liquor drinking is the one great battery of hell, manned chiefly by the devil himself, and is shelling the church of Christ, slaying your brothers all around you, and you stand as watchmen on the walls of Zion and must cry out with warning to those around you. Arise as soldiers of the cross and silence forever this destructive agency of the devil.

Light the fires of prohibition on every hilltop in the State; let the rays go gliding down the valleys and floating on the bosom of every stream until the healing beams shall penetrate every nook and corner, every crack and crevice in the homes and hearts of our people. "Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us."

Joel E. Brunson, Chairman.  
J. S. Moffatt, E. D. Smith,  
James A. Hoyt, F. H. Hyatt,  
W. C. Thomson, Jeremiah Smith.

**Messrs. Kennedy and Campbell Reply to Dr. Wallace**

Kingstree, S. C., March 5, 1900.

Dr. Wallace—Sir: We are sorry to see in your last article that we did not answer your inquiry to suit your fancy. Now we will take up the matter and try to make it plain. You said in your first article that it might interest the taxpayers to know why they have to sustain a loss of nearly \$50. Now, Dr. Wallace, let's see how this statement of yours will tally with your bids filed in this office. If you had been successful, your bid for 1899, \$160, and your bid for 1900, \$25, would have made a total of \$185. Now, doctor, you see it would have cost the taxpayers of the county \$185 in two years if you had been awarded the contract. Now, let us see what it actually did cost the taxpayers for the above mentioned time. In 1899, it was let to Dr. J. C. Fulmore for \$100; in 1900 to Dr. W. V. Brockinton for \$73.75, total \$173.75. These figures show that instead of the taxpayers of the county losing nearly \$50, as you stated, we have saved for them \$11.25. The records in this office will show the above statement to be correct. Now, Dr. W. L. Wallace, we ask you to show to the taxpayers where we have caused them to sustain any loss at all. We suppose that where you succeed in your plans the taxpayers save, but where you are no, successful the taxpayers have to suffer a heavy loss. Oh! my.

You said you did the work in 1898 for \$25. Then, if you could do the work in '98 for \$25, why did you want \$32 for doing one-fifth of the same in '99? Why was it worth so much more to do the practice in '99 than it was in '98 and 1900? Now, as to your statement that we ran the whole matter over the advice of Hon. Thomas M. Gilland, this we brand as untrue. We had no advice from Mr. Gilland whatever when this matter was up before the board. Please look into this matter, doctor, and have it corrected. See Mr. J. J. B. Montgomery, our clerk, and he will give you the facts of the case.

After asking if Dr. Brockinton had stuck to the combine, you inquire what "unstuck" him? We suppose that the mutilage of your combine was too weak to restick him. Then you ask the question, "Did you buy him off? Shame! Shame! doctor, for you to ask such a question about a high-toned professional man: one who is a member of your medical profession, which you claim that we have so outraged, you being a mem-

ber of that honorable profession. We did not buy off Dr. Brockinton, but we think we sold out one of the gas bags of the medical profession of Kingstree. You say from the showing made we were pledged to Dr. Brockinton to give him the practice at \$73, even if you had offered to do it for nothing. It is an old and true saying that the cheapest is not the best. I, Kennedy, never had anything to say to Dr. Brockinton in my life on this subject until after the contract had been let to him. I, Campbell, did ask Dr. Brockinton to put in a bid. Now, Dr. Wallace, did you not try to get the members of the medical profession to go into the same agreement again this year, but make a complete failure? Dr. W. V. Brockinton's certificate, which follows, will show that you did:

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"W. V. Brockinton."

Now, if Dr. Brockinton had gone into this combination with you, you would have fought us to the last for \$160; but as he would not enter your combine you, through malice, offered to take it at \$25. Now, doctor, to prove that it was malice, you refused to take the practice in 1899 for \$50, and, as Dr. Brockinton's certificate shows, you were fighting in 1900 for \$160. Now, doctor, if it was not malice, what was it? Now, doctor, as we are aware of the fact that you like to rush into public print for notoriety, we would just say that it is very disagreeable to us, and we don't propose to pay any more attention to your blowing, but will respectfully refer the taxpayers to the records of our office. Who have been trying to scare the taxpayers, you or we?

Respectfully,  
W. W. KENNEDY,  
W. H. CAMPBELL,  
County Commissioners.

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