

MR. CROMER TO MR. TILLMAN.

A RINGING APPEAL AGAINST BASE FRACTIONALISM.

Ex-President of Newberry College  
Summons the Father of the South  
Carolina Whiskey Selling Law to  
Leave Out of the Dispensary  
Discussion Factional Politics.  
The Moral Issue Alone  
Involved.

The Hon. George B. Cromer, former president of Newberry College, has addressed the following open letter to Senator B. R. Tillman:

The Hon. B. R. Tillman.—Dear Sir: I protest against the introduction of the tom-tom and the spirit of faction into the movement by which the merits of the dispensary are to be tested. The tom-tom is the instrument of one juggler and factionalism is the resort of the politician. The people of this State have the right to expect something higher and better from you. Your recent letter to Mr. Higgins was a calm, sane and judicial statement of your attitude on the dispensary question, but for this very reason it was distasteful in certain quarters, and you were accused of straddling. You gave that letter out as an expression of your views, and, my name having been kindly suggested by you, I was asked to answer it in the New Voice. I declined to do so for the simple reason that in this county we wish to test the dispensary question on its merits, and, therefore, desire to exclude every possible phase of "Tillmanism."

In the Higgins letter you recognized the widespread and well-founded belief that the dispensary is corrupt in its administration, and that the present agitation is an expression of popular dissatisfaction. But in your Edgefield speech you shifted your ground, and took the position that the movement is political in significance and is a covert attack upon you.

In the Higgins letter you said that the remedy for the corruption rests with the legislature; that in the last legislature the friends and enemies of the dispensary got together and did nothing but appoint a committee; that ever since you were governor you have given advice and made suggestions, but that your opinion has had no weight with the legislature; and that if the next legislature does not apply the remedy, you will help to kill the dispensary.

By Implication.  
In your Edgefield speech you said that if the next legislature does not adopt certain suggestions that you intend to make, you will help to elect a legislature that will. And you said, by implication at least, that you will go to the Reformers for that legislature.

I appeal from Philip drunk to Philip sober—from the temper of the Edgefield speech to the tone of the Higgins letter. In Newberry there is no disposition to make an attack upon you under cover of a movement against the dispensary. It is not a political movement. It was begun in an off year in order that it might be a test of a great moral question, unclouded by personal and political considerations. It is not a movement of the politicians, but a movement of the people. You have doubtless noticed that the counties that were strongly "Conservative" are not in the movement.

I do not question your right to take part in the discussion. Independently of the fact that you are the author of the system in this State, it would be strange if you were to remain silent. By virtue of your high office and of your great influence it is your duty to speak—but to speak sanely and temperately as you did in the Higgins letter. You owe a great deal to the youth of this State; you owe them the best that you have to give. When the dispensary was first put on trial there may have been good reason for an appeal to a faction, but that reason no longer exists. The system has been on trial more than twelve years. It will soon be voted on by thousands of men who were only eight or nine years old when it was adopted. When you speak now, we are entitled to have you speak from the point of view of statesmanship and not of partisan politics.

No Danger to Tillman.  
Besides, you have too much sagacity to fear that this movement against the dispensary can endanger your political future. You occupy a large place in the history of South Carolina for the last fifteen years, and for a number of years no rival has challenged your primacy among the political leaders of the State. Ben Tillman, the Senator representing South Carolina, can well afford to discard the methods of Ben Tillman the partisan political leader. I do not mean to be offensive. You know of my appreciation of the distinguished services that you have rendered this State in a number of directions. But I earnestly protest that you have no right to befof this question by lowering it to the plane of partisan politics. That the administration of the dis-

pensary system is corrupt any fool can see as he runs. But I go farther than that, even at the risk of having you charge me with cant and hypocrisy. No matter how high your purpose may have been in adopting the system, in its origin it seems to have been a cunningly-devised scheme to chloroform the public conscience. No Jesuitical attempt to debauch morals by using the end to justify the means could have been more successful if the system had been honestly administered. The corrupt administration will save us from the system itself.

Governor Hoch, of Kansas, tells us: "We are rearing a new civilization here. I believe there are more than a quarter of a million young people who have never seen a saloon. Prohibition is the only logical attitude of law toward the liquor traffic, and the whole country will some day recognize the fact. What sort of civilization are we rearing in South Carolina. Our Supreme Court in its famous decision upholding the Constitutionality of the dispensary law, laid down the following as a fundamental proposition and said that if this proposition is not true the law is unconstitutional: "That liquor, in its nature, is dangerous to the morals, good order, health and safety of the people, and is not to be placed on the same footing with the ordinary commodities of life, such as corn, wheat, cotton, tobacco, potatoes, etc." Kansas says to her children: "The liquor traffic is dangerous and ought to be prohibited." South Carolina says to her thousands of school children: "The liquor traffic is dangerous to the morals, good order, health and safety of the people, and therefore we will sell liquor and get all the money we can for the schools."

You may call it cant if you will, but in effect here is an insidious attempt to wed public education to the liquor traffic. It is an unholy alliance and God will put them asunder. We cannot afford to lower the ideals of our schools. We must not poison the fountain that nourishes the heart and brain of our people.

Was Becoming Disreputable.

The business of the saloon-keeper was becoming disreputable in this State, and saloon, keepers were beginning to find it difficult to justify the business in the eyes of their children. The dispensary system attempts to make the traffic respectable and reputable. How can the children in our schools answer the sophistry of the argument that whatever contributes to the support of the school is good and wise? I lay it down as little short of an axiom that any restrictive scheme that takes control of a traffic that is dangerous to the morals of the people, and controls it in such a way as to make it reputable, is a vicious and dangerous scheme.

Let me suggest an historical parallel. A great leader was commanded to go down against the Amalakites, standing for immorality, and destroy them and theirs utterly. When he was called to account by the old prophet and asked what meant the lowering of cattle and the bleating of sheep, his lame excuse was that the people had kept the best of the sheep and oxen to sacrifice to the Lord. The prophet's answer was as swift and withering as lightning: "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice." Sacrifice is good, but there are better things than mere sacrifice. The Government of a great State was commanded by the moral sense of the people, expressed at the ballot box, to go down and destroy the liquor traffic. And when called to account it makes the pitiful plea that while it has not destroyed the traffic it has managed it so as to get money for the taxpayers. Money for the schools is good, but there are better things than money for the schools. The blight of God's curse falls upon the people that resort to methods that dull the public conscience and lower the tone of public morals.

It Cannot Help You.

Senator Tillman, the dispensary system cannot help you, and you can help it only temporarily. It is wrong in principle and corrupt in practice, and its doom has been written. By throwing your powerful influence against the present agitation you may save the dispensary for a while, but it is tottering and must fall. It is fortunate for you that your reputation rests upon achievements that will endure. You recall, do you not, the desire of Jefferson that his epitaph should remind posterity that he was author of the Declaration of Independence, and the bill of religious liberty, and the father of the University of Virginia. And so his name is handed down, riveted to civil liberty, and religious liberty and higher education, three things that can never depart from the earth or from the love of men. And you, what would you be remembered by? There is Winthrop and there is Clemson; well may your heart swell with honorable pride. And there is—I will not name the third thing. What true friend would link your name with the dispensary? What bitter enemy could desire a worse fate for you than to have you

raised to that bad eminence? A wise solution of the liquor problem is one thing; the dispensary is another.

I have very little political ambition, and no taste for public controversy. You need not remind me that it is none of my business to take care of your reputation. I know that. But in a quiet way I have for many years been doing my best, little as it may have been, to develop strong, clean, brave manhood in this State, and it saddens me to feel that you are about to let pride of opinion and the fervor of debate stand in the way of a fair and open test of a great moral question. The people do not need advice, they need free opportunity to vote. Respectfully,

George B. Cromer.  
Newberry, August 11, 1905.

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RECOGNITION OF JEWS.

Russian Ministers Decide to Permit Certain Classes to Be Candidates for National Assembly.

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The Hartsville friends of Col. J. J. Dargan want the State to send him to the world's peace congress in Lucerne, Switzerland.

A Warning to Mothers.

Too much care cannot be taken with small children during the hot weather of the summer months to guard against bowel troubles. As a rule it is only necessary to give a child a dose of castor oil to correct any disorder of the bowels. Do not use any substitute, but give the old-fashioned castor oil, and see that it is fresh, as rancid oil nauseates and has a tendency to gripe. If this does not check the bowels give Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and then a dose of castor oil, and the disease may be checked in its incipency and all danger avoided. The castor oil and this remedy should be procured at once and kept ready for instant use as soon as the first indication of any bowel trouble appears. This is the most successful treatment known and may be relied upon with implicit confidence even in cases of cholera infantum. For sale by all druggists.

Encourage Corn Production.

The Observer man noticed at Utopia the other day that Mr. Walter I. Herbert had 60 large fields near his residence planted in corn and cotton—two rows of corn alternating with two rows of cotton. He says he got the idea from some letters written to the News and Courier by Alfred P. Aldrich. Mr. Herbert tried this in one or two fields last year, and was so convinced that it is a good thing that he repeated it this year on a larger scale. He says he has about two hundred bushels of corn from last year's crop that he would not have had but for this plan. One of its best recommendations is that it encourages the raising of more corn.

The rows are planted four feet apart in both corn and cotton. The plan is of no special benefit except on rich land, where the cotton and corn have a good deal of weed and stalk. The corn, not being shaded by other corn on either side of it, has a better chance to grow, and gets a good start while the cotton is small. Then the cotton has a better chance to get the sunshine, especially after the fodder is stripped from the corn and consequently it opens better. On rich land the trouble is to get the cotton to open. This plan remedies that to a large extent. It certainly adds to the quantity of both corn and cotton on rich land.

Mr. Henry's declaration that the columns of any paper in the state, with the editor's implied endorsement of the matter printed therein in the interest of the dispensary, could have been bought just as those of the Spartanburg Journal were, is an unworthy reflection upon the press of the state. We were really surprised that the space of the Journal was available on such terms, and therefore will not assert that any other paper in South Carolina would spurn such an offer, but we are sure that many of them would. Many of them will not accept an advertisement of the liquor traffic at any price, even in their advertising columns, where the advertiser assumes responsibility and the editor disclaims it.—Chester Lantern.

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