

AGAINST SALOONS

Frederickton Lady Abroad takes a hand in the Temperance Campaign

ASHBURTON, PLACE, Loocton, Feb. 6th.

To the Editor of the Herald:
Dear Sir,—Kindly insert the enclosed or extracts from it in your paper. So many things are appearing from those in favor of open saloons that it will be as well to see something of a different nature. Here in the United States people are awakening more and more to see the evil of the liquor traffic, and saloons are being voted down and closed all over the country, especially in the south and parts of the West. People of Frederickton will not find the morals of their city improved by making legal the sale of liquor, and opening vile saloons in their streets. It looks like a long step backward in these days.

Yours truly,
HELENA A. WARK.

The following article from the Literary Digest of March 30, 1907, containing lengthy quotations from a recent issue of Bonfort's Wine and Spirit Circular, speaks for itself:
A FRANK WARNING TO THE SALOON.

A remarkable editorial in Bonfort's Wine and Spirit Circular (New York) warns the saloon that it must reform or go, for the people are becoming disgusted with its evils. The recent Prohibition victory in Knoxville is thought by some papers to be due to a revulsion of feeling against the saloon rule of city politics rather than to the conversion of the voters to total abstinence; and it is the conviction of this weighty organ of the liquor trade that if the saloon business throughout the country does not mend its ways, it will be prohibited in all places save the business or tenderloin precincts of our larger cities. So serious is the situation, indeed, that last June the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association issued an appeal for the purification of the saloon, and a few weeks ago the Kentucky Distillers' Association appointed a commission of five to consider the advisability of calling a national convention to frame a license law that can be presented to the State legislatures in place of the "racial and impracticable legislation" now being urged, and often successfully, by the Anti-Saloon league. We quote these striking paragraphs from The Wine and Spirit Circular:

"With more than one-half the geographical limits of this great country under laws prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages; with Tennessee passing through her legislature a bill that almost amounts to State prohibition; with the West Virginia legislature passing a measure to submit the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of wines and spirits to a vote of the people; with Texas providing that express companies transporting wines and spirits shall take out a \$5,000 license; with the Illinois legislature considering a county unit local option measure and Indiana a \$1,000 license for the few saloons that the Remonstrance law will leave the state; with Kentucky almost a dry state and facing probably a legislative session that will submit a prohibitory amendment; and

with an organization opposing us and worn to our destruction that seems to lack nothing in the way of money or brains, enthusiasm, or persistent, untiring work—what may we ask, is the wine and spirit trade doing to arrest the current of events or to alter in any way the radical conclusions which are being forced upon the people in every state, county and precinct?

"If there is one thing that seems settled beyond question it is that the retail liquor trade of this country must either mend its ways materially or be prohibited in all places save the business or tenderloin precincts of our larger cities.

"If the Anti-Saloon League can maintain its present organization, it looks as if it will certainly destroy the legalized saloon in all of the Southern States, excepting perhaps in Missouri; and it is certainly making strong headway in Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and other Western and Northern States."

Far from sneering at the Anti-Saloon League, The Wine and Spirit Circular pays it its respects thus:

"The Anti-Saloon League is not a mob of long-haired fanatics, as some of the writers and speakers connected with our business have declared, but it is a strongly centralized organization, officered by men of unusual ability, financed by capitalists with very long purses, subscribed to by thousands of men, women and children, who are solicited by their various churches, advised by well-paid attorneys of great ability, and it is working with definite ideas to guide it in every State, in every county, in every city, and every precinct.

"If the Anti-Saloon League is defeated at any point it immediately prepares for another attack along new lines, and when it succeeds, it at once begins work for a more telling victory.

"Precinct local option with the Anti-Saloon league is but the forerunner of county local option; and this again is merely intended as a stepping-stone to State prohibition. There is no question that this organization has well-prepared plans for controlling the legislative branch of the government of Washington, and of passing a national prohibitory law at some time in the future; but before it undertakes so gigantic an enterprise, it is working to cripple the trade in every possible way, and while we sleep—it is succeeding in the most substantial manner."

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Miss Margaret Carson, who has been visiting friends and relatives at Cross Creek, has returned home.

Mrs. M. Reid, who has been in ill health for some time, is convalescing.

Messrs. Duncan and John Munn are at home again from the lumber woods.

Mrs. J. A. Fowler and Miss Ethel Fowler spent Sunday with Mrs. M. Black.

Mrs. M. Davidson has been suffering from a slight attack of la grippe.

Mrs. J. J. Fowler, formerly Miss Black, of this place, spent a few days recently with friends in Fredericton.

Miss Gertrude Brown was calling on friends on Monday.

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