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# FINAL APPEAL!

## The Price He Paid.

A wind-swept human derelict shambled feebly one evening into a city saloon and asked the usual crowd of barroom loungers for a free drink. The request was indifferently, almost good-humoredly, granted.

"Boys," he began, after a moment's silence, "I thank you for that drink. It has put a spasm of new life into this old, worn-out frame. Want a speech, do you? Well, you shall have one, but cut out the cheers. I look tonight, with these rum-bleared eyes of mine, at you young fellows here, and I seem to see, in one and other of you, a picture of my own lost manhood. This bloated, sin-seared frame of mine was once as young and handsome as any of yours. This shambling, halting frame once carried itself as proudly as any on God's broad earth. A man in the world of men, I had once a home, a lucrative position, many friends, and an honored name. I had a wife as beautiful as a painter's dream, and as good as she was beautiful. Yet I dropped the priceless pearl of her love and honor into the wine cup. I watched it dissolve, and then, as Cleopatra did for Antony, drank it down with the swimming draught. I had children as sweet as the lillies in the springtime, and I saw them wilt and die under the scorching blight of a drunkard's name.

"I had a home where Love had lit a flame upon its sacred altars, and to which she ministered with holy hands. I put out that sacred fire and brought darkness and desolation to reign in the place where sweetness and beauty once graced the scene. I had ambitions that soared as high as the stars of morning—even to God's own throne. Yet I broke their beautiful pinions, and finally strangled them that I might be tortured by their cries no more. All this have I had and been. Tonight I am a husband—without a wife; a father—without a child; a tramp—without a home; one in whom every good impulse, every Godward desire, has been stricken dead. Everything I ever had has gone from me forever, and here I stand—a man beyond the pale."



## Does It Pay?

By Charles Scanlan.

Does it pay to license a traffic which lessens the demand for the helpful things of life, which increases their cost and diminishes the ability to pay for them?

Does it pay to license a traffic which makes men less skillful, less steady, less reliable; which lessens endurance, lessens self-respect, and the respect of others, lessens confidence, lessens credit, lessens the demand for food, clothing, shelter, and tools with which to work?

Does it pay to license a traffic which breeds idiots, paupers, criminals, lunatics, and epileptics, and casts them upon society to be supported by decent, honest, industrious people?

Does it pay to license a traffic which increases taxes by creating a necessity for jails, penitentiaries, asylums, hospitals, almshouses, orphanages, reformatories, police and criminal courts?

Does it pay to listen to the sophistries and falsehoods of passion, prejudice, ignorance, appetite, and greed, and close your ears to the voice of conscience, reason, judgment, suffering, religion, and God?

Does it pay to do that which will blanch the cheeks with fear and make you dumb with terror when at last you stand in the presence of the Judge of the quick and the dead?

## Why Not?

Our government rests upon the Home, the Church, the School, the Ballot Box.

The liquor traffic destroys the Home, hinders the Church, robs the School, corrupts the Ballot.

Why not kill the liquor traffic?

## TAXES.

The Third Annual Report of the Auditors of Frederick County shows money spent by the Commissioners of Frederick County out of the 1915 Levy as follows:

Pensions	\$ 3,598.50
Inquisitions	365.00
Coffins and Graves	188.00
State Insane	6,906.00
Jurors	6,445.00
Witnesses	2,104.00
Sheriff	9,108.61
Constables	2,249.63
Police Magistrates	1,060.00
State's Attorney	4,080.00
Extra Attorney Fees	1,130.00
Montevue and Jail	28,000.00

Over \$65,000 out of a total expense of \$320,000.00 paid for the above items.

We believe that our tax rate is high; made so to care for the product of the saloons and other places where strong drink is sold.

Mr. Taxpayer, 20 cents out of every dollar of your taxes is used for the above items.

There is not one penny paid into the treasury of Frederick county from the license fees of the saloons and liquor dealers of Frederick city and county. Frederick city gets some revenue. Emmitsburg gets some and the State gets the balance. Now, Mr. Taxpayer, what do you get? The whiskey seller fiddles and you get the privilege of stepping to the music of 15 cents or more on every dollar of taxes out of that hard-earned money of yours to care for the product of the saloons. Mr. Taxpayer of Frederick County, if the saloon is closed how can the tax rate be raised to make up for loss of revenue from saloons when Frederick County does not receive one cent of revenue? Mr. Taxpayer, the safe side of this question is the Dry side. Vote to protect your interests, your homes, your wives, your children and make Frederick county a better place in which to live.

## Shall We Heed the Call of Our Ministers?

There is no body of men who know more intimately the lives of the people of this county, their sorrows and their joys, than do the Ministers of the Gospel. It is largely because we have seen, in the homes of our people, the poverty, the suffering and the crime wrought by liquor that WE HAVE COME TO HATE IT WITH A BURNING HATRED. The homes that have been broken; the women's hearts that have been crushed; the husbands and wives who have been separated; the lives which have been burdened by a bitter poverty and by a bitter shame; the boys who have been shorn of their manhood and the girls who have been robbed of their virtue; tee children who have been denied the birthright of a happy home and the children who are worse orphans than if their fathers were in their graves.—ALL THIS, THE LEGITIMATE FRUIT OF LIQUOR, HAS MADE US THE UNCOMPROMISING FOES OF THE INQUITOUS TRAFFIC. For the conservation of the manhood and womanhood of Frederick County; in behalf of tempted men and suffering women and children; for the sake of the homes of this community; in the name of Him Who began His ministry with the declaration that He had come "to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, to set at liberty them that are bruised," we appeal to the men of Frederick County to PROHIBIT THE TRAFFIC IN LIQUOR WITHIN THE BORDERS OF THIS COUNTY."

MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL IN FREDERICK COUNTY.

## Dry Districts In Danger!

Citizens living in "dry" districts in Frederick county, do you realize that if by any possible combination of circumstances the liquor traffic should carry the election on November 7th, and thus prevent the entire county from going "dry", every "dry" district in your county will thereafter be in jeopardy of having saloons sprig up in your midst?

It is true that the immediate result of the election if the "wets" should win would not effect "dry" territory, but what do you think the liquor fellows would do to you when the next Legislature convenes if they are victorious. They would consider, and rightly so, that they had a new lease of life and a mandate from the people, after 36 years of silence on the question, to go ahead with their ideas of "regulating the liquor traffic".

There are persons in every dry district eagerly awaiting an opportunity to open a saloon and if the wets win this time they will go to the Legislature, flushed with victory, and demand that our present dry laws be stricken from the statute books and in their stead the passage of a "Model Licence Law" giving them the right to establish saloons throughout this county.

*Prohibition is Inherently Right in Theory and Beneficial in Practice.*

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## Prisoners At The Jail

For Month of October.

Frederick City Prisoners,	30
Received Drunk,	29
State Prisoners,	38
Received Drunk,	18
Meals Served to the above during the Month,	1,048

Total For Eleven Months:

Frederick City Prisoners,	302
Received Drunk,	296
State Prisoners,	359
Received Drunk,	159
Total Received,	661
Total Drunk,	445
Total Meals served above,	10,656

Last year it cost the Taxpayers \$2,743.00 to pay for meals for prisoners.

It is the same story again this year.

## To Vote "Dry"

THE BALLOT.

"Do first things first."

Upon opening your ballot in the booth, turn first to the following proposition and place your cross mark "For Prohibition" as indicated below; then vote for your candidates. The proposition will be found in the third column on the ballot, the "Budget" amendment appearing first.

"Shall the sale, manufacture for sale and transportation for sale of alcoholic, spirituous, vinous, malt and intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes in Frederick County be prohibited from and after May 1, 1918."

FOR PROHIBITION	X
Against Prohibition	