

Temperance Column.

By the Ocala Temperance Reform Club.

Edited by J. A. Menden.

The Club meets every Sunday afternoon at four o'clock in Temperance Hall. The Public are invited.

OBJECTION TO A LICENSE LAW.

All persons admit that the traffic in strong drink is an evil. Hence rumsellers and their patrons say that it must be regulated by a license law. Were it not an evil, there would exist no necessity for regulating it. But it is wrong to license an evil. The Bible has two ways of dealing with evil, namely, by prevention and prohibition; it does not license it.

Licensing the sale of intoxicating drinks makes it respectable. Good citizens generally regard the traffic as a low, disreputable business. But a license law throws around it the sanction of the state, and thereby gives it the appearance of a legitimate and honorable business. Rumsellers understand this, and advocate a license law. The prohibitory law treats their traffic as a crime, and themselves as criminals; for this reason they oppose it with all their might. Prohibition denounces their infamous business; license approves it. It is not strange that they advocate the latter.

A license law chiefly accomplishes but two things. 1. It protects rumsellers in their destructive traffic. 2. It provides the drinking classes with the facilities of gratifying their appetites. Both of these things are immoral and sinful because they increase crime, pauperism and misery. It is unkindness and cruelty to the drunkard's wife and children to license a man to sell their husband and father that which beggars them and destroys their happiness. More than that—there is absolute wickedness in such an act. Government is bound to protect them from abuse and misery instead of exposing them to these evils.

The plea, also, to license only the higher class of grogshops is false. If only one class must be licensed, let that class be the lower one; for wrecks of humanity only patronize these. It is less injurious to destroy them than it is to destroy our strong young men in fashionable resorts. Drunkards are made in the latter places, they are only finished in the former.—Rev. Wm. M. Thayer.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Saloons are anarchists' headquarters.

The saloon is the recruiting station for the vote-buyer.

New York city has 8,000 man traps—licensed saloons.

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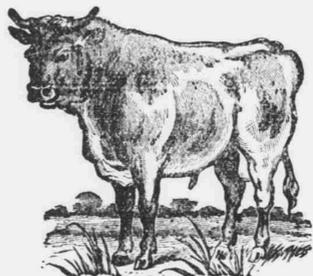
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