

Abolish the Temptation

There are two kinds of philanthropists; one alleviates and the other cures. There is one class of philanthropists that undertakes when a man commits an evil to help him out of it. There is another class that endeavors to abolish the temptation. The first is sentiment, the last is Christianity. It is a purpose and an opportunity, not a creed, that will unite Christianity. You have no right to luxuriate; if you are Christian men, you should sell your sword and garments, and go into your neighbor's house and start a public opinion, and rouse and educate the masses. One soul with an idea outweighs ninety-nine men moved only by interests.—Wendell Phillips.

Missouri Has Been Shown

Ex-Governor Folk of Missouri, in an address delivered in Chicago a few evenings ago, said:

"So far from injuring Missouri, the reign of law has helped, for during the last four years immigration to the state has increased 25 per cent more than in any other like period; lands have advanced in value 15 per cent; manufacturing and agricultural production have made unprecedented strides; every town, city and county in the state is increasing in population and wealth.

"A commonwealth can have no better reputation than to be known as a state wherein the people rule through their laws, and where corruption is not countenanced."

The speaker said that there were no "necessary evils" in government. He said that those who profited by abuses usually were the loudest in the denunciation of those who pointed out abuses.

Law Reigns in Jacksonville

In Jacksonville, since the first of January this year there have been forty-three liquor cases in which convictions or pleas of guilty have resulted, and other cases are still pending. Actual fines imposed in these cases aggregate \$4,120, besides costs, in each case a considerable sum.

The sentences to the county jail aggregate in these cases 465 days, of which 120 total days have been served. There doubtless will be additional imprisonments in the county jail to "lay out" fines and costs already imposed. Fines and costs in these cases, if not paid in cash, are exiated at the rate of \$1.50 per day in jail. We do not take into account the penalties imposed in justice courts.

May Blow Them Up

In Indiana, as in Ohio, Missouri and the South, where county option has been in effect, it appears as soon as "the people rule" that the saloons are not wanted in the rural counties, says the Nebraska State Journal. These Indiana elections will steel the brewers to more rigid pressure on the Nebraska legislature, no doubt. That it is to their own best interests is very doubtful.

County option is a safety valve. If the brewers sit too tight on that valve the ensuing explosion is like to land them bodily beyond the state line.

Mangasarian's Two Jobs

When the Rev. (?) M. M. Mangasarian of the Independent Religious Society goes out campaigning for the saloon again he can relate an experience which he had not had when he was doing his member-of-the-clergy stunt on the whisky side last spring. He can tell about that trip he took to Washington to get President Roosevelt to scratch out something he had written about Tom Paine being "a dirty little atheist," or words to that effect.

He can describe how he felt when he got the "busy signal," with the emphatic omission of the "please call again."

Mangasarian stands about the same chance of saving the saloon from destruction that he does of getting Tom Paine canonized.

Brother Taylor's "Opinion"

One of the whisky and beer papers, in reporting the recent New York State Convention of Brewers, says that "the Rev. Charles F. Taylor, a Congregational minister, spoke against local option and expressed the opinion that this movement had made no progress since its inception fifteen years ago."

That opinion was hardly worth expressing. It should have been sent by freight.

Help! Help!! Help!!!

The "Traveling Men's Liberty League," an organization originally composed of liquor salesmen who acted as distributing agents for the anti-prohibition literature prepared by their employers, finds itself unable to cope with the tidal wave of public sentiment against the trade and makes a frantic appeal for help. A new constitution was adopted at the annual meeting held in Des Moines, and "anyone opposed to prohibition may now become a member."

Norris with its three saloons is the toughest little village on the Burlington line, says the Fulton Democrat. It is a holy horror for decent travelers to pass through the village with its drunken foreigners crowding on and off the cars to the disgust and peril of women and children.