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EARNEST APPEAL

To the People of Birmingham and Vicinity by Henry Wood Booth Who Has an Office Here

At the outset I would explain, that I have leased the premises at No. 110 E. Maple avenue, next door to the Public Library in your beautiful village, which I intend to make the headquarters of a movement for solving the thus-far-unsolved drink problem and that by methods which are succinctly stated as follows. Being already known thruout the country as "The Michigan Plan" it having originated in this state It aims.

First. To secure the amendment of state laws, where necessary, so that brandy, rum, gin, whiskey, fortified wine, liqueurs, cordials, bitters, cocktails, absinthes, and potable nostrums of every sort, whose composition is based on distilled alcohol, shall be done away with, and only pure wine, beer and cider trafficked in, and that under a strict system of license or tax.

Second. To secure the appeal of that part of the McKinley Act of 1890, and all amendments thereto, which allow wine makers to distil brandy free of tax, or subject to any tax lower than that charged on any other purpose.

Third. To secure the delegation to Congress by the several states of the sole power to manufacture, import, and traffic in distilled spirits, Congress then enacting such laws as may be necessary to prevent distilled alcohol from being used for beverage purposes anywhere within the domains of this Republic.

In carrying out the purpose of this plan it is proposed to procee i thus.

1. To establish an occasional paper, primarily for free distribution, not a periodical. Already seven numbers have been issued and mailed. The editor states the principles on which its publication is based thus:

The Alliance-News is a temperance paper in the full and proper meaning of that term. It holds that, while distilled spirits are, indeed, poisonous and therefore unfit for man's use in any form, wine, cider and beer, like coffee, tea and cocoa, are true beverages, when used intelligently, as are, usually water, milk and other dietary drinks. Nevertheless, age long experience has established the fact that many are not able to use alcoholic beverages of any sort as they should be used, and that incalculable misery, suffering, disease and death have been entailed upon mankind as a consequence of such misuse. Moreover, experience and modern science impel us to the conclusion that alcoholic drink of any sort is not necessary for the health and happiness of any man, and that in our day and generation when an absolutely clear head is so imperatively necessary in every vocation and avocation of life, it is prudent and wise to abstain totally from alcoholic drinks of every sort. It favors therefore, personal total abstinence; but not teetotalism, which assumes to stigmatize, ostracise and practically penalize others who can and do use alcoholic beverages temperately. It opposes all forms of impossible prohibitionism, including local, statewide or national—except as a temporary expedient, and favors the abolition of all private distilleries and with them the traffic in spirituous liquors, but holds it to be both useless and unwise to attempt to do away with natural fermented beverages; the abuse of these should be dealt with on the old, well-tried and only successful plan of moral suasion.

2. To found here the Alliance Institue for the study of the alcoholic drink question in all its bearings; for the instruction and training of speakers who shall go forth to propogate the principles of the proposed Alliance, and for furnishing information, historical, scientific, mechanical, political etc., pertaining to all points on both sides of the drink reform movement, Ancient and Modern.

Here will be a library of all available books and other publications that have been written about drinks, a file of all temperance prohibition, spirit, wine and beer periodicals. A museum of drinks with models, charts, drawings and samples of apparatus, materials and the drinks themselves. A laboratory for testing and analyzing drinks and generally everything obtainable that may in any way be useful in furthering The New Reform Movement.

3. Lastly. The American Temperance Alliance, which at present is but a thing of the future, but will soon develope when the Alliance News is on a self supporting basis and spreading itself, literally, broadcast all over the land, and when the Alliance Institute is sending out lectures and organizers into every state in the union.

This is, briefly, gentle reader, the program laid down by your humble servant the subscriber here to and this is the plan which he invites and appeals to you to help him to carry out for the glory of God, for the public good and to the everlasting honor of the little village of Birmingham which is to have the credit of being its birthplace.

$19,980,000,000.

Only, Out of Way on the Titanic's Loss, Disklvered by our Old Long Time B'ham Friend.

Friend Mitchell:

I am enclosing one very big dollar, for the B'ham "Peculiar," for another year. However in the world did you arrange to get along without it? I think, perhaps, you will believe me, although it hardly seems possible; I am clean out of the grocery business, having left it five weeks ago today, and started in with the "EMF" branch of the Studebaker Corporation on the following Monday.

They employ 2,500 men and counting ten hours to the day, they turn out one $1,250 automobile every six minutes.

Say, Mitch! It's up to you or someone to make a correction! It does not matter so much to we, who are here now, and know better, but I had in what the people of "33 years from now," would think of it. I refer to the property loss in "The Tragedy of the Sea," when the Titanic went down with such disastrous results. You made it read 20 billions of dollars, instead of 20 millions. Just imagine Mattie Baldwin, T. C. Williams, Nate Fall, John Heth, J. Allen Bigelow and a few such, in 1945 reading "that," and wondering who wrote it.

Ian't that a whopper?

Whoever he was or wherever he is, its well for him he if not here. Mrs. Kinnesten has been very sick with inflammatory rheumatism, but recovered sufficiently to be able to commence her vacation two weeks ago, having gone to St. Thomas and Woodstock. Kenneth and I expect to be orphans for at least two weeks more.

Respectfully,
E. J. KINNESTEN.

Escapes an Awful Fate.

A thousand tongues could not express the gratitude of Mrs. J. E. Cox, of Joliet, Illinois, for her wonderful deliverance from an awful fate. "Typhoid-pneumonia had left me with a dreadful cough," she writes. "Sometimes I had such awful coughing spells I thought I would die. I could get no help from doctor's treatment or other medicines till I used Dr. King's New Discovery. But I owe my life to this wonderful remedy, for I scarcely cough at all now." Quick and safe, it's the most reliable of all throat and lung medicines. Every bottle guaranteed. 50c and $1. Trial bottle free at C. J. Shain's.

CARD OF THANKS.

The members of the Birmingham Memorial Association wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to Rev. C. A. Salyer, for the splendid memorial sermon, delivered at the Baptist church, Sunday evening; to the choir for their music; to the members for the use of the church; and also to those who did the handsome and appropriate decorating in memory of our Comrades who have answered the last roll call.

By order of Executive Committee,
H. F. DANIELS, Secretary.

The Alliance News will take care of itself and its advertising patrons will support it financially. And as long as life and health remain, the present editor will assume the entire responsibility of its publication.

On the other hand, the Alliance Institute must have from the start the cooperation and material support of the men of Birmingham and vicinity of every class. It will be a Birmingham institution and will make Birmingham known to the world as it has never been known before, by bringing people here to study and by sending out literature to all parts of the earth.

At the outset we very much need on the executive committee the advice of a lawyer, a medical doctor, an expert organizer, and a professional politican. We do not solicit the assistance of clergymen as such. We base all our teachings on the good old bible, believing that, "Whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not required of any man." But we do not regard the drink question as being a religious question at all, any more than is the pure food question. Neither do we propose to complicate matters by dividing our suffrages with the "Superior sex." The Temperance Reform was a grand success up to the time when the Good Templars gave women and girls equal suffrage in all its councils. Since then no progress whatever has been made. Ours is a renaissance of old time temperance.

Soon, we shall start classes at the institute which men and boys will be invited to attend free of charge. Meanwhile we shall be pleased to enroll names for the first class.

Correspondence is solicited from all who cannot make it convenient to see me personally.

HENRY WOOD BOOTH,
Birmingham, Mich.,
May 28, 1912.

What Texans Admire

Is hearty, vigorous life, according to Hugh Tallman, of San Antonio. "We find," he writes, "that Dr. King's New Life Pills surely put new life and energy into a person. Wife and I believe they are the best made." Excellent for stomach, liver or kidney troubles. 25c at C. J. Shain's.

BE PROGRESSIVE

A Curfew Law Is Not to Tell Anybody When to Put Anybody to Bed But For the Good of the Children

An article appearing in a recent issue of the Royal Oak Tribune speaks strongly against civic improvement in our village; speaks of it in such a way as to inflame the minds of the classes who should be influenced to think for the betterment of the village. Such an influence is always permicious in the extreme, rousing the minds of the inferior and ignorant classes and working to defeat that which goes for the highest and best.

"They say" the article says, "that we need waterworks, sewerage, a new school, pavements, etc." Now if you stop to question who the "they" are who advocates improvements in our village, it will be conceded that they are the people who stay in the village to be permanent citizens and taxpayers who are looking for the greatest good to the greatest number, who are willing to sacrifice a little in the way of luxury perhaps, that their posterity may be benefitted to a great degree; who are sufficiently awake to the conditions governing the good health of the village to forecast against future ills. Are these "they" who say we need all these things an educated or ignorant class? Are they conservative or radical?

I believe that we must say that in the long run they are wise and conservative; for while they knew these improvements will mean an increase in tax rate, they know that the resultant increase in population will eventually mean a lowering of the tax rate to a normal figure.

We might say for an argument that our village is the real estate man's farm spoken of in the article. Well, the people are here. They have lived through years of no kinds of improvements; and now that the progressive element are agitating improvements, it is to be expected that there will be an antagonistic class to be dealt with.

The article further remarks that "they" say "we need a curfew bell (to let our intelligent citizens know just when their children should be put to bed)." Now let it be known that a curfew law was certainly never intended for the use of intelligent people, for they do not have to be told what to do in the rearing of their children. Instinct and intelligence are sufficient without law. But a curfew law is needed, it seems, to tell ignorant people when to take their children from the streets where, after certain hours, they have seemed bound to remain to their own detriment and the annoyance of others.

And last of all, the one who wrote the article in question evidently needs to be informed as to the nature and and purpose of a curfew law. That it is intended to inform certain parents at what hour it is deemed best for the sake of the children and the public for children to be under the parental roof, or if on the street at least in the company of their parents. And a curfew law is not intended to inform anybody when to put anybody to bed.

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Birmingham U. P. Church Notes

Services at Birmingham. Preaching service at 11 o'clock. Sabbath school at 10 o'clock.

U. P. C. U. meeting at 6 p. m.

Service at Troy congregation at 1:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 2:30.

Wednesday evening meeting prayer at 7:15. All are cordially invited to attend these meetings and your presence will be appreciated.

WILSON REID, pastor.

Helps a Judge in Bad Fix.

Justice Eli Cherry, of Gillis Mills, Tennessee, was plainly worried. A bad sore on his leg had baffled several doctors and long resisted all remedies. "I thought it was a cancer," he wrote. "At last I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was completely cured." Cures burns, boils, ulcers, cuts, bruises and piles. 25c at C. J. Shain's.

BIRMINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Mr. Conley, of Ohio, will fill the pulpit both morning and evening.

B. Y. P. U. prayer meeting at 6 p. m. Topic, "Christian Virtues." Leader, Miss Sadie Hamm.

Sunday school at 11:15. Last Sunday was the banner day in the school, the total attendance being 140 and the missionary collection was $5.

BASE BALL NOTES

Our Boys Are Playing Wonderfully Good Ball and Have Some Good Games Scheduled

The Eastern high school team loss to the Birmingham high school outfit by a score of 14 to 4 in Mack park Friday afternoon of last week. The Indians started out in the lead, but could not maintain the advantage and in the last innings of the game Birmingham ran wild on the bases. Batteries—I. Martin and C. Martin; Kersten, Rumler, Gildemeister and Hess.

Birmingham high school base ball team has just netted a string of victories that is rather remarkable. On Friday, May 17, Oxford high was defeated to the score of 8 to 1. The feature of the game was the pitching of I. Martin who struck out nine of the opposing batsmen, striking out the only three men to face him in the sixth inning on 12 pitched balls. There was some clever fielding in the game. On Friday, May 24, the team met Eastern high of Detroit and defeated them by the crushing score of 14 to 4. I. Martin pitched in the same manner as the game of the week before.

On Saturday afternoon Birmingham's keenest enemy of last year, Rochester high, met the team on the first game of the season on the new athletic field and were snowed under to the score of 24 to 4. Ernest Burtraw pitched the game. On Saturday morning the team assisted by their coach, worked on the new field laying out the diamond and rolling the field. They pronounced the new field a thorough success and are anticipating a great many successful games on it.

Memorial day was a a memorable one in base ball. In the forenoon the team played the Alumnae and in the afternoon they met Oxford on the new field.

On Saturday, June 1, we meet Fenton high school on the home field and on June 5 will be the Pontiac game at Birmingham. In a five inning game recently Pontiac won. With the team in its present excellent form the tables are bound to be turned. The team is playing wonderfully good ball. The games are worth seeing. Get out and root for the home team.

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Notice to Depositors.

Notice is hereby given that the Directors of the First State Savings Bank, of Birmingham, have amended Rule No. 5 of its Rules and Regulations, to read as follows:

RULE 5. On the first days of July and January of each year this Bank will pay interest on Savings Deposits at the rate of four per cent per annum on all sums left constantly on deposit six full months or longer.

Same to go into effect June 1, 1912.

On and after June 1, 1912, all Certificates and Savings Books issued will draw interest at four per cent if left six months or longer.

FIRST STATE SAVINGS BANK.

Notice to Depositors.

Notice is hereby given that the Directors of the First National Bank Birmingham, Michigan, have amended Rule No. 7 of the Rules and Regulations, to read as follows:

RULE 7. On the second Tuesday of June and December of each year this Bank will pay interest on Savings Deposits at the rate of four per cent per annum on all sums left constantly on deposit for six full months or more.

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