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BREATHE SOFT AND LOW.

Breathe soft and low, O whispering wind,
Above the tangled grasses deep,
Where those who loved me long ago
Forgot the world and fell asleep.
No towering shaft, or sculptured urn,
Or mausoleum's empty pride,
Tells to the curious passer-by
Their virtues or the time they died.

I count the old familiar names,
O'ergrown with moss or lichen gray,
Where tangled briar and creeping vine
Across the crumbling tablets stray.
The summer sky is softly blue;
The birds still sing the sweet old strain;
But something from the summer time
Is gone that will not come again.

So many voices have been hushed,
So many songs have ceased for aye,
So many hands I used to touch
Are folded over hearths of clay,
The noisy world recedes from me;
I cease to hear its praise or blame;
The mossy marble echoes back
No hollow sound of empty fame.

I only know that calm and still
They sleep beyond life's woe and wall,
Beyond the fleet of sailing clouds,
Beyond the shadow of the vale;
I only feel that, tired and worn,
I halt upon the highway here,
And gaze with yearning eyes beyond,
To fields that shine supremely fair.

LIBERAL MISRULE IN SALT LAKE CITY.

In response to a call for a meeting of citizens to take some definite steps to have the laws enforced in relation to gambling dens, drinking saloons, and houses of ill fame, the First Methodist Church was packed Dec. 29th with people in sympathy with the reformatory movement. Judge Bowman was voted in as chairman. In a brief opening address he asserted that the city was foul with dens of wickedness, while footpads were so numerous that no citizen could walk the streets with safety. In the face of this situation the city authorities were doing nothing toward a purification of the moral atmosphere by an enforcement of the laws. They should be given to understand that they must take some action for the cure of the existing state of affairs.

Isaac Huse, Jr., was elected secretary.

FRANK B. STEPHENS

was called to the rostrum. He opened by stating that a prominent real estate dealer had objected to the meeting for the reason that the movement would drive money away from the town. So far from this being a fact, the speaker had interviewed leading saloon keepers and found without exception that if the law were rigidly and impartially enforced, all were in favor of Sunday closing and the prohibition of the sale of liquor to boys. Lawlessness among saloon keepers leads to more stringent legislation. Radical prohibitionists are opposed to law and order leagues, for the reason that a sentiment for total prohibition is aroused. With regard to gambling and prostitution, the question is more difficult. It was the business of the meeting to formulate some reasonable course of procedure for the mayor and city council. One man prominently identified with the calling of this meeting had informed the speaker that it was not expected to actually shut up all the gambling houses. If we admit that this is impossible, and it undoubtedly is, then we must not ask the city council to do the impossible, but urge them to strict regulation, particularly with regard to allowing minors to play, and in this connection the speaker advocated the arrest and fining of the minor as well as the gambling house keeper.

Likewise as to houses of prostitution. If we admit, which is true, that the vice cannot be eradicated, then we must push the city authorities to strict regulation. In this connection Mr. Stephens used some very plain language condemnatory of the persecution of fallen women by dragging them before police courts and imposing heavy fines, merely to enrich the treasury of the city, and which only sunk them to lower depths of degradation to earn the money. One reason why they were dragged before the courts and punished for infractions of the laws while gamblers and whisky sellers were allowed to pursue a lawless course with impunity was because they had no votes. Gamblers and rum sellers had votes, hence their immunity from prosecution.

The speaker closed by urging the people to take a strong stand for what was just and reasonable.

A COMMITTEE

of five was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the meeting regarding the object for which the gathering was called. By invitation of Mr. Malery, those who composed it withdrew to the pastor's study.

GEORGE F. WANLESS

stated that the city authorities had failed to fulfil the promises of the "Liberal" party—that it would give a better and purer government than the one which had preceded it. A few months ago, when he came from Denver, Sundays were so quiet and orderly that a stranger would not have supposed that there were any saloons in the city. Since then a great change had come. Saloons were multiplied all over the city. They were running on Sundays as on other days in defiance of law, and ladies and children could not walk the streets without their ears being shocked with obscene and profane language. The result of non enforcement of the laws was the flocking here of criminals from other quarters, seeking a field where they could commit crime with impunity. Hence this city is flooded with loose and dangerous characters. We demand an enforcement of the laws. It is a slander upon the respectable citizens that brothels and saloons are so numerous. Their existence is opposed to the moral sense of the people. It is folly to say that the city government is helpless to cure these evils or at least hold them in check. Apply the laws that have been passed by the legislature and the city ordinances. If this shall be done the reformation demanded will be accomplished. Let the Mayor and Marshal go ahead with the work of reformation. If not, a few petty officers will not stand in the way of the enforcement of the laws made for the preservation and protection of society.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, by invitation sang, quite effectively, "Somebody's Boy," and in response to an encore rendered "Sweep the Webs Away."

F. E. GREGG

said this meeting means something. It shows the existence of a healthy public sentiment. Has any one a compliment to pay the City Council?