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Dear Miss Tarbell:-

Your letter of 14th inst received yesterday and the copy of Collier's came this morning, and I read with much interest your reasons for supporting Gov. Smith.

I want to assure you, as I believe I said in my former letter, that my regard for you will not be affected by your political views. I did not know you were a democrat of such long standing, but feared you were actuated in your choice by the prohibition attitude of the two candi= dates, and could hearly conceive of your being sympathetic with the "wet" crowd. My father was an enthusiastic democrat in his younger years, when "Free trade and sailors rights" were the party's slogan. But when he faced the prohibition question in politics, after what he and so many of his had suffered from the use of strong drink, he gave his support loyally to the legal prohibition of the traffic. He used to tell his old democratic friends, that in his change he was a better democrat than ever, as "the greatest good for the greatest number," was the basic democratic principle, and now he was working and voting for that in its highest measure.

This morning I received my copy of "Moral Welfare" published by the department of moral welfare, of the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. and after reading it, take the liberty of enclosing it to you. Of course you may consider it all "old stuff" but you will see that they are giving some attention to education on the question of drink. I am sor= ry to say, in the first flush of gaining legal prohibition, the educational feature has been neglected. You will not find any old third party prohibition= ists, who were fooled by the idea that everyting could be accomppished that way. I wish I had a copy of a remarkable address delivered by Eugene Chafin, our presidential candidate, I believe in 1908, in which he showed that legal prohibition was about 5% efficient and enforcement 95%. The difference between the Prohibitionists and the Anti-Saloon people was, that we recoginzed the nec= essity of having a party behind the law and they thought the law would be ef= fective without the party. We also knew the kind of enemy we faced and how they ignored every law regulating their business, and with the habits so inwrought in the physical part of the body, that it would take a generation or so, to eradicate the appetite transmitted to those yet unborn. The wonderful surprise to me is that so much has been accomplished in so short a time, under such unfavorable surroundings. The child "prohibition" was disowned by both major parties until this year, and the powers that be, did much to hinder its progress. You claim the democrats stand for the people, but if they did, they would favor

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prohibition, as it came from the people, instead, as you state being forced from Washington. Over thirty states had adopted prohibition before the 18th Amendment was passed, and no Amendment has ever been ratified so quickly or by such a large proportion of states, or such large majorities in the legislatures, as was the 18th Amendment. As you know only two states failed to ratify this Amendment. This subject is near the heart of the common people, as you will see when the votes are counted in November. The issue is clear cut, with one candidate pledged to it, and the other pledged to "nullify it" if elected. In this I concede the consistency of Gov, Smith, for he has always been favorable to the saloon, and still wants to be able "to place his foot on the brass rail, and blow off the foam." If that dont mean the return of the saloon, I do not know what it does mean. He wants liquor made easy to get, and of high power in alcohol. If it was sold in churches, the results would be the same, as it is not the "place," but the "stuff," that does the mischief. You remember Bishop Potters experiment with his "church saloon". I do not think you will deny that Gov. Smith is a regular drinker, as he does not deny that. If he gets his liquor from some bootlegger, he is doing his part to nullify the law, and would not interfere with its sale if in the White House. It would be the same spectacle, as if when the Anti-Mormon law was passed, instead of sending a man like Judge Zane from our city to see to its enforcement, the government had selected Brigham Young for that job. I feel sure if Senator Walsh of Montana had been the candidate with his dry record, the dry people would have rallied to him, and no charge could have been made of religious intolerance, although he is a member of the same church as Gov. Smith.

Well I have gotten this out of my system, and know I have not produced any arguments that you have not already seen and are unmoved by. So runs the old saying" A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still," and if that is true with a mere man, we must recognize the rights of women to be more so.

I am glad you were pleased to receive the letter of Judge Logan and if i see anything along this line I will try to pass it along, for your consideration.

I see that you are to deliver lectures in Knox College this fall, and also be present at the celebration of the Lincoln-Douglas debate in Galesburg. That is not so far away so you may be able to run over here and see us, going or coming.

I know when you see the lenth of the letter, you will hope I will not get in the notion soon again.

With kindest regards, I remain

Yours very truly

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