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Miss Ida M Tarbell
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Dear Madam Your article on prohibition in Liberty.

Speaking as a life long total abstinence man of 70 I find less drinking and better conditions under prohibition in my field of view than was the case ten years ago.

And still I think prohibition as it is reported in papers and cases is a crime perhaps worse than drunkenness.

We are surely headed the wrong way in working and hoping for improvement and better people through the police.

If we could persuade the people to be temperate and bette by their own work and desire it might be worth while. There is surely no hope except in self improvement.

If prohibition and tariff were both repealed that would immediately and absolutely kill smuggling and rum running.

If License, Tax , Revenue, and all regulations were repealed that would kill the saloon, kill " Infocence", graft, favor , intrigue of liquor inerests in politics, favor of judges. It would likk the Liquor league and the Anti-Saloon league.

If any one who choose could make, sell, buy or drink liquer who would want to drink ?

How could they organize a business that could not be monopolised in any way or place ? Who could make a prefit ? There would be no efficiency or big business without profit.

Why should any minister preene himself on neglecting his duty and insisting on the police doing it later for him ?

Cut out All law helping the business, minimise the prefit and promote sobriety effectually by teaching temperance and punishing drunkenness.

Yours Trulu

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