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Dear Miss Tarbell,

Apparently a letter of yours, on Delineator's covering the subject of temperance, has gone unanswered. Mr. Moore has been holding it and considering your suggestion. But he has now come to the conclusion that the situation at present is so confusing that we had better not attempt to do anything with it editorially for a while at least. And it so happens that Dr. Phelps has elected to discuss the subject in one of his forthcoming regular contributions.

I am returning the clipping which you want to keep and hope very much that I shall see you soon.

With best holiday greetings,

Sincerely yours,

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REPEAL AND SELF-RESPECT.

By MRS. ATTWOOD R. MARTIN.

THAT Kentucky will be one of the thirty-six states to vote in favor of repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment is as certain in the opinion of the writer as anything that has not actually happened. In this fact, those who value the traditions of our commonwealth may take pride, for repeal represents a return to a principle of government that is more important than the question of legalized sale of beer, wines and hard liquor.

The Eighteenth Amendment took from Kentucky the right to regulate its own affairs with regard to the liquor question. Ratification of the Twenty-first Amendment will restore this right. In what spirit are we going to meet it?

Temperance prior to adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment was growing throughout the state. Its 120 counties all had passed some form of liquor control more or less complete, under our local option law. Thinking people, men and women, their numbers augmented by thousands of other thinking men and women, stand ready again to take up the question of how best in Kentucky to promote temperance.

Temperance is a moral issue. Temperance recognizes and is based on that in mankind which we call self-discipline and self-control, qualities that are grounded in character. Temperance believes that the right of choice is essential if character and self-respect are to be developed in the individual and so in a people.

How bring about this temperance? How so encourage it in ourselves that it become a national characteristic?

A simple enough thing if we are so minded. It is not a new idea, the belief that the power of conscious restraint is peculiarly human, and that it distinguishes man among the animal creation. It is as old as civilization. And whenever and wherever in history the insistence upon this something in man by which he saves to himself the highest in him, has seized upon a people, that people has re-acted in mind and spirit.

In the return to the states by elective choice of control of the liquor question, every state and every citizen, man and woman, within each state, stands single in responsible act. The victory, if won, is not a victory for liquor. It is a re-assertion of the American people's self-respect, based on a belief that Americans are capable of self-government.

Here is the challenge. Let Kentuckians, by an overwhelming vote for repeal, declare our faith in ourselves to meet it.

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