

Observations.

I have given the foregoing definitions and descriptions from a standard work on medicology, in order for you to draw your own conclusions.

This talk about alcohol being a poison, and so forth, is not in accordance with the latest and best scientific facts. Alcohol in forms is useful, nourishing, healing, and stimulating. It can be abused. So can tea, so can coffee, so can tobacco; that is my reason for giving definitions of these articles above.

An Anti-Tea, Anti-Coffee, Anti-Tabacco League would be as reasonable in effect as an Anti-Alcohol League.

CHAPTER II.

The Case For and Against Prohibition of Liquor.

It would be foolish for me or anyone else to argue that there was no good in Prohibition. The movement would not have gained the ground it has in the States if it had no good points. No movement yet, which has been endorsed by a number of people cannot be said to have some good points. Every so-called fad or fancy has some merit.

Prohibition, though a fad, has some good points. In the first place, it makes it harder for the booze artist to get liquor than under ordinary regulations. It helps the diseased and unbalanced mind to be sober. That is one good thing. Another good thing, it aids the community to keep its unbalanced members from abusing a privilege or a liberty. It shuts the door against the man who hasn't got strength enough to keep out or to shut the door himself. That is another benefit. When I mentioned these two items, I honestly believe I have covered the entire field, for every wrong arising from the sale of liquor, arises from the foregoing abuses.

Every argument brought forward by the Prohibitionists is an argument against the ABUSE of liquor. There is no argument against the proper use of liquor. The use of liquor is world old, and has been enjoyed by the world's best men and women.

What we should do today, is to try and reduce the abuse of this old-world custom, and not prohibit