

have partially or wholly failed. The political condition of the statesman has gone down. No citizen has a right to smother his convictions. What have we all been believing? Placed on Divine law there should be no licensing of evil. Look about and see if we have not failed in our methods. We must place the government on the right side by the ballot. We cannot say we are not responsible; we stay in the old parties, support bad men, and try to frame the platform to favor both God and the devil, in the end to defer the policy of right for sixty years. Some say make it bad by taxation. It is either right or wrong—no compromise. It belongs to us to protect from this evil as from any other, and it needs more than all others combined solid effort at the ballot box.

We were fortunate in having a Nova Scotian and an Armenian with us. The Nova Scotian, a Presbyterian minister, said he gave his hand and heart in the work, as strong-hearted Scotchmen do, and was glad to add his word of encouragement to help mould sentiment into that which should lead to works, and warned them if they wanted to be enrolled as workers in this great cause now was their time. We are making great strides onward, and soon there will be no work to do. Now was the critical time to make a grand effort to free this country, and such efforts hold the destiny of this people.

The Armenian, a student from Auburn Theological Seminary, said he had been pleased to see the ladies take the stand and plead their own cause. In his country the women veiled their faces, but we have no drunkenness. I never saw a drunken man till I crossed the Black Sea into Constantinople, with possibly one exception. As he and his brother were walking along they saw a man acting queerly, and they queried what was the matter? His brother remarked he may be drunk, I have heard of such things. There was one

place way, way out of the city where they could get that which maketh drunken, but he himself had never seen other than that just told till he crossed the Black Sea into Constantinople, and I thought: What can it mean? Our people are good, honest people, and I said: May be they are *not civilized*. My people drink wine—the best in the world; it does not make drunken. I had read H. B. Stowe's great work, and I thought where women could do such things there was liberty. When I landed in New York and saw the great, grand buildings—the wonderful display of goods—I said: America is a great country. But I walked on with my friend, and looked around me; saw women and men drunk, and I said: America, with all its greatness, needs *more* and *better* missionaries than my own country, and I will raise my voice against and do my best to hinder that which makes man a beast.

A short recitation entitled "The Reform," excellently rendered, and a few closing remarks by the secretary, urging on united effort, and the meeting closed, all feeling that this first one had not been a failure. That much good might grow out of such efforts was expressed by many present as they gathered around to take by the hand and give a word of good cheer.

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PURCHASE QUARTERLY MEETING.

Purchase Quarterly Meeting was held at Chappaqua on the second and third of 11th mo. Meeting for ministers and elders the day previous at 2 o'clock p.m.

On Fourth-day the attendance was quite large. Several testimonies were borne to our simple form of religion, listening to and obeying the voice of the inward monitor. In the business