

I feel a girl again. The Good Templars have given me back my old lover, to stand up in his redeemed manhood by my shoulder, to love me, sustain me, to go down to the grave and up into heaven with me, and I will ever thank and bless them."

This is but one of thousands of cases. Hardly a temperance organization in America but has in it saved men snatched from the downward road.

Thus history proves the practicability of the reform. The reform found the business world opposed to it, and by facts and arguments the business world has been convinced that total abstinence is right. The reform found tippling regarded as moral; by facts and arguments the moral world have been convinced that tippling is the a-b-c school of drunkenness. The reform found the state blind to the nature of this cut-throat traffic; by facts and arguments the eyes of the state have been opened, and it has everywhere chained, and in some states killed, the traffic. The reform found thousands of men on the road to ruin, and saved many of them.

Yes: it is a grand, a glorious success. No other movement can show so grand a record of victory against such fearful odds in so short a time, and as we go forward encouraged, let us remember the reform is greater than any man or organization of men. The men who stand on the platform are simply aids. Every worker has a task to do and all our labors are essential to accomplish the task before us. Let us stand shoulder to shoulder in the places that are ready and open for us, and press forward side by side on the battle-fields of this reform, firm and unwavering in the faith that God will give victory to the right, and truth and purity shall triumph over vice and error, but let not this faith make us blind. The enemy will die hard. Every defence that avarice, lust and crime can suggest will be exhausted. Every means to trick the workers will be used. Local option, high license, civil damage are all supertuges of the enemy to postpone correct and right action. Be not deceived. Prohibition in the National and State Constitutions made effective by a live, vital political party, pledged to carry out its provisions as a matter of principle, not as a matter of policy, is the only remedy for this most terrible of social and political evils, the liquor traffic. Stand by this position, though apostates and cowards cry compromise, and victory will come to bless our homes and our nation.