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## PROHIBITION AND THE REFERENDUM

Dear Friends of the Air:

While the following address, on the subject of Prohibition evidences strong convictions; nevertheless, it is given in the spirit of divine Love, the spirit of the Great Master, Christ Jesus, who rebuked evil to destroy it, and to replace it with the harmonies of God.

The Prohibition Law, which is wholly impersonal, as is all law, has become the emphatic issue in the final struggle in America, between Protestantism, or the primitive Christianity of Christ Jesus, and Roman Catholicism, or popery. Christ is at war with the dragon, popery and Jesuitism, and Christ has prevailed.

Then one of them, *which was a lawyer*, asked *him a question*, tempting him, and saying,

Master, which *is* the great commandment in the law?

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. (Matthew 22:35-40.)

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Whatever intoxicates a man, stultifies and causes him to degenerate physically and morally. Strong drink is unquestionably an evil, and evil cannot be used temperately; its slightest use is abuse hence the only temperance is total abstinence. Drunkenness is sensuality let loose, in whatever form it is made manifest.

(*Miscellaneous Writings* by Mary Baker Eddy, pp 288:32 – 289:6.)

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The result of evil thinking is to-day manifest to all, in the awful condition of the material world. "Love is the fulfilling of the law." (Romans 8:19). Therefore, let us, as Americans, and as followers of Christ, educate our people to that spiritual thought-force which animated Washington and Lincoln, and which made America prosperous, until our land was invaded by the mental animus,

which is antagonistic to life, peace, and prosperity.

As an American woman, I claim my inalienable right to defend the spiritual foundation upon which America is based.

(*Sermons and Other Writings on Christian Science* by Augusta E. Stetson C.S.D. pp. 735, 737).

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The Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States became part of the organic law of the United States of America, on January 16, 1920. This Amendment reads:

1. After one year from the ratification of this article the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof from the United States, and all territory subject to the Jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes is hereby prohibited.
2. The Congress and the several States shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.
3. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of the several States, as provided in the Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the Congress.

Early in 1920, the validity of the Eighteenth Amendment was upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States of America, in suits brought by the States of Rhode Island and New Jersey, and by certain liquor interests. The language of the Supreme Court, in one of its opinions rendered, is as follows: "It was the clear intent and purpose of the people of the United States to do away with the whole business of liquor."

A so-called referendum is to be put before the people of the State of New York, on Election Day, Tuesday, November 2, 1926, the ostensible purpose of which is to secure the expression of the people in regard to the Eighteenth Amendment, and its Enforcement Act; its real — and sinister — purpose is, to nullify the Eighteenth Amendment, and to do this by an act of secession, in exactly the same manner, and by the same means, which the rebellious States employed, using the slavery issue as their pretext. This is an inherent part of the Roman Catholic Jesuitical plot, to "Make America Roman Catholic."

The Roman Catholic hierarchy, under the direction of Cardinal Hayes, the ecclesiastical head of the papal political machine, through Alfred E. Smith, the pseudo governor of New York State, is responsible for the proposed unconstitutional and treasonable referendum on the question of the Eighteenth Amendment. Popery is the arch enemy of Christ, therefore of America, Christ's land; and it is axiomatic of this evil system, as well as of its members, that every one of its

deeds is evil. Christ Jesus plainly taught:

A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire.

Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

(Matthew 7:18,19,20)

The text of the referendum was written by Elihu Root, who has always been the ready tool of these Jesuits, in all the great questions which have stirred the American nation in recent years, — the League of Nations, the World Court, and the question of Prohibition. The Sturdy Christian Protestantism of the American people defeated the League of Nations proposal, and will also defeat the attempt to place America in the World Court; and, under the Banner of Christ, Prohibition will not only be upheld, but will become more rigid, until it reaches the goal set for it by the supreme Court of the United States of America; namely, to "do away with the whole business of liquor, and to expel it from America forever."

The wording of the referendum, which is wholly illegal, since it violates, in both letter and spirit, the Constitution of the United States, and is a flagrant attempt to execute the schismatic doctrine of States' Rights, — the wording of the referendum is a piece of subtle legal sophistry. It means nothing, says nothing, and can accomplish nothing. It is a bald attempt to deceive the people, and is nothing more than a trick, which, if successful, is hoped by its authors to lend itself to the nullification of the Eighteenth Amendment. The God-loving and Christ-loving people of the State of New York did not write this piece of evil literature, namely, the referendum on liquor. They do not need it, neither do they want it. Therefore, the whole procedure comes from those who want liquor, and who want it in defiance of the law of the land.

The people of any State of the American Federal Union have no right, under our Constitution, to register, through their ballot, their approval or disapproval of any Federal law, except through the Constitutional provision for the election of Congress. Any such action on the part of the people, is treason, secession, and a flagrant violation of the Constitution of the United States of America, and those responsible for inciting or aiding the people to do this thing, are traitors to America, therefore to God and His Christ, under whose immutable laws America is governed.

The purpose of the Eighteenth Amendment — which was written into the Constitution of the United States by the hand of God — is, emphatically, to expel every drop of liquor from the United States, and all its territory, forever. There is nothing ambiguous in the wording of this law, nor in the intent behind it. Its plain and avowed purpose and intent are, to destroy liquor utterly within the United States of America and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof. This purpose having been enunciated in the organic law of America, it will inevitably be carried into execution and effect, in absolute entirety of intent, since it is the fiat of God.

Liquor has always been one of the most diabolical weapons of the Roman

Catholic hierarchy in its anti-Christian effort to enthrall the whole world. Liquor and Roman Catholicism go hand in hand. They are the issue to-day, in America, in the great Battle of Armageddon, which has already begun, and will continue, until, as St. John clearly foretells, in his Book of Revelation, the dragon is cast into the bottomless pit, with his angels, to be "tormented day and night for ever and ever." The great religious Teacher of the Twentieth century, Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science has pronounced the doom of the liquor traffic in no uncertain terms. Mrs. Eddy says:

I thunder His law to the sinner, and sharply lighten on the cloud of the intoxicated senses. I cannot help loathing the phenomenon of drunkenness produced by animality. I rebuke it wherever I see it. The vision of the Revelator is before me. The wines of fornication, envy, and hatred are the distilled spirits of evil, and are the signs of these times; but I am not dismayed, and my peace returns unto me.

Error will hate more as it realizes more the presence of its tormentor. I shall fulfill my mission, fight the good fight, and keep the faith.

*(Miscellaneous Writings 277:29 – 278:7)*

A papist, who sits in the Governor's chair of the State of New York, and, contrary to the Constitution of the United States of America, gives his first allegiance to the pope of Rome, a foreign potentate, signed the bill providing for the liquor referendum, last spring. Numerous Protestant patriotic and religious bodies, committees, and individuals, warned Alfred S. Smith not to sign this bill. They pointed out that the referendum was treasonable, and that the signing of the bill providing for it, constituted a violation of the sacred oath of the office of Governor of the State of New York. These statements are true. These good people's pleas were lost upon the papalized mind of Alfred E. Smith, since the hierarchy of Rome, the enemy of America, had determined to attempt to break down the Prohibition Law of America. This attempt is doomed to failure, since the invincible Christ defends his own land, as he has always done.

Both last spring, and again in the summer, Senator Borah made speeches, in which, in vigorous and unmistakable terms, he denounced the proposed referendum for the State of New York, on the liquor question. Senator Borah characterized this proposed referendum, as an act of nullification, as treason, as a deliberate evasion of the Constitution, as a nullification and annihilation of the charter under which we live; and he added that the great Civil War was fought over that principle; namely, nullification and States' Rights.

The "mental animus" which has invaded our land, almost to the point of suffocation, comes from Rome. The spiritual thought-force of the Christian Protestant Americans, under the invincible leadership of Christ, is sufficient to offset, defeat and destroy the evil animus of anti-Christ, the dragon; and we, as Americans, under orders from our Captain, Christ, who leads us, are determined that our spiritual thought-force, which is the two-edged sword, of Spirit, God, will destroy the work of

the mental manipulators — the Jesuits --- who are seeking to "Make America Roman Catholic.\* Our Congress has decreed that America shall be rid of liquor; our Supreme Court has asserted that the will and intent of the people of the United states of America, are \*to do away with the whole business of liquor, and to expel it from America."

Liquor is not an inherent, nor integral, nor natural part of the American consciousness. Liquor is the source, or origin, of drunkenness; and drunkenness has no place in the mind and heart of the genuine American. Drunkenness inheres in a single drop of liquor; therefore, the people of the United States decreed, and the Supreme Court concurred, that liquor shall be expelled from America forever. A Roman Catholic hierarchy, and a Roman Catholic usurping the office of Governor of the State of New York, dissent from this sovereign decree of a sovereign, Christian, Protestant people, and use every means in their power to carry out their purpose of nullification. Thus, the Battle of Armageddon is being fought, between Christ and the dragon, with the absolute certainty of the victory of Christ and his hosts over the dragon and all his works.

In this connection, we call attention once more, to the fact, that Roman Catholics are not citizens of the American Federal Republic, and no Roman Catholic who claims to hold office in our State or National governments, holds such office by right or authority of the Constitution of the United States of America. Therefore, all authority which such pseudo incumbents of our governmental places of trust, who give their first allegiance to the pope of Rome, a foreign potentate — all authority claimed by these persons, is null and void, and all the rights of such offices, as claimed to be held by them, are without effect. The Constitution of the United States of America is a holy instrument, and under its provisions, it is equally as impossible for a subject of the Roman Catholic empire, as for a subject of the King of England, to be a citizen of the United States of America, without first "renouncing and abjuring" his allegiance to his former sovereign.

**AMERICANS!** Since these words are absolutely true and faithful, and since they are addressed to free men, and not to subjects or slaves, I call upon you to assert your God-given rights of liberty, under our sacred Constitution, and not only to refuse to recognize the assumed authority of all Roman Catholic so-called office-holders, within our State, or our Nation, but to remove all such usurpers from office, at once. Alfred E. Smith, the Roman Catholic usurper, who arrogates to himself, under the connivance of his priests, the high office of Governor of the State of New York, which belongs to Americans, and not to the pope of Rome; and James J. Walker, who, in like manner usurps the office of Mayor of the City of New York, come under this category. These persons are not even bona fide citizens of the State of New York nor of the United States of America; and as long as they retain their allegiance to the head of the Roman paper empire, their claim to American citizenship, and to high political office in our Nation, must and shall be denied and resisted.

On the eve of a so-called election — I say "so-called\*", since the leading candidate, Alfred E. Smith, representing the so-called Democratic group, is ineligible for office in any State of the American Federal Union, because he is a subject of a

foreign potentate, the pope of Rome — I once more call the attention of all genuine Americans, in the most emphatic language, to the fact, that Roman Catholics are not American citizens, and they do not possess the right to vote nor the right to hold office.

I also declare, that the so-called referendum on the Eighteenth Amendment, to be presented to the people tomorrow, to be voted upon by them, is the work of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. I denounce this referendum, as treason against the government of the United States of America and her Constitution, as an act of secession. I proclaim it as part of the diabolical Roman Catholic and Jesuitical plot, to "Make America Roman Catholic", and I declare, that no loyal American will have any part in it, but to condemn it, and proclaim its absolute nullity. That which makes the proposed referendum on liquor, treason, is the fact that a native Protestant American, Elihu Root, wrote it; for the charge of treason does not apply to a foreigner. But, inasmuch as the Roman Catholic hierarchy, through its agent, Alfred E. Smith, is directly responsible for the referendum, it becomes an act of war, on the part of a foreign enemy.

I call upon the President and the Congress of the United States, to take immediate action, which may be proper in the premises, against those responsible for this act of treason, this act of war. The Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, and its Enforcement Act, are the supreme law of the land, and they must be defended by the government of the United States, at all cost. An attack against them is contemplated tomorrow throughout the State of New York, under the leadership of the subject of a foreign power; and it is the bounden duty of Congress, and the President of the United States, to use all means under the Constitution, for their defence.

Americans! These are the words of Christ, for the speaker is only a mouth-piece. They are the mandate and fiat of God, by whose authority I pronounce condemnation upon this contemplated act of treason, secession, and war against the very foundation of our holy American Federal Union, and the Judgment of God against those responsible for it.

Americans! America of to-day is, under the command of Christ, who is the Ruler of America, destined to be the Kingdom of God on earth, of tomorrow. "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life". (Revelation 21:27.) Under this ruling, America has, by lawful statute, expelled liquor from within her boundaries; and woe to all those, whether they be lawful citizens of the American Federal Republic, or subjects of a foreign potentate, the pope of Rome, falsely assuming the rights of American citizenship, who by any act, attack this law of God. The Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, is the Law of God, the same Law which Christ Jesus laid down in the Sermon on the Mount.

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