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A pamphlet on prohibition in Kansas by J.R. Detwiler that tells of the origin of Constitutional Prohibition.

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employed during the year was 100. The total number of pupils for 1885 was 2,427 andfor1889 was 11,-

CONCLUSION.

In the preceding pages I have briefly set forth the struggle for home protection in Kansas. I have also presented unimpeachable testimony as to the beneficial results. The unprejudiced reader cannot fail to realize that much has been accomplished which is calculated to elevate our citizenship in the scale of human excellence. If drinking and drunkenness have not been entirely banished from the state, if every drunkard who was bound by the fetters of appetite has not been redeemed, we have saved "the young, pure and innocent from falling into the snare of the tempter." Let all remember that we are not living for to-day only, but we are pioneers in a young and growing commonwealth, laying broad and deep the foundations of a future civilization that shall rise up as a grand demonstration of the wisdom and efficacy of this system of legislation.

If the unscrupulous liquor manufacturers and dealers of other states do carry on their unlawful traffic to a limited extent within our borders, it only calls for a more extended application of the prohibitory system. The sovereign people of Kansas have outlawed the traffic. The "bootleg" liquor dealers is placed behind the bars of our county jails, as a common felon. The distiller, brewer and wholesale liquor dealer take refuge under the protective license laws of sister states where the jurisdiction of our courts will not reach them. Therefore, we ask the citizens of our sister states to adopt the prohibitory system and protect

themselves and us. Better still, adopt national prohibition, let Uncle Sam stretch forth his mighty arm for the protection of all the children of his dominion. We plead for the youth of the Nation. We plead for the bright-eyed boys and girls, whose innocence may be protected, shielded and preserved by the removal of the dramshops of the Nation. We call upon every father to look upon the gleeful countenance and innocent purity of the children he loves, and answer to a good conscience by casting his ballot for the prohibition of the liquor traffic, that those children may not bring his gray hairs in sorrow to the grave. There can scarcely be found a father in all this wide country of ours who would not risk his very life to save his children from physical, mental or moral ruin. Then, in the name of those little idols of the household, I ask what father will deliberately vote for the perpetuation of a traffic which has wrecked the fondest hopes of the most devoted and loving parents in our land? What father will dare to vote for the continuance of a traffic which is designed to destroy the mental and moral powers of his own offspring? Such a course is unnatural and I trust none can be found so destitute of fatherly affection as to hazard the future peace, happiness and prosperity of their own children, by giving longer sanction to the liquor traffic.

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PRESS NOTICES.

To Hon. Detwiler belongs the honor of being the author of the movement for constitutional paohibition in Kansas—a work that has accomplished more for our people than any other political reform ever originated in the state.—*Leader*, Topeka.

Hon. J. R Detwiler is a pleasant speaker and pleases his audiences both with his wit and eloquence. His lecture is one of the most logical and convincing arguments in favor of temperance and morality to which it has ever been our pleasure to listen.—*Enterprise*, Sheldon, Mo.

J. R. Detwiler was listened to with marked attention and elicited hearty applause—*New Era, Lancaster, Pa.*

J. R. Detwiler's remarks were greeted with a storm of applause.—*Gazette, Pittsburg, Pa.*

Hon. J. R. Detwiler in his circuit has held many grand amendment meetings. He is an able lecturer and organizer and is doing much good.--H. C. BITTENBENDER, Sec. Nebraska Prohibition Bureau.

Mr Detwiler lectured in Superior, Neb., to the great satisfaction of the friends of the amendment. His address was very logical and convincing and will be rewarded by the acquisition of a number of votes. His impetuous assaults upon the saloon system were simply irresistible.--R. N. Simmons in Omaha Leader.

Hon. J. R. Detwiler lectured at the Court House Saturday evening and again Sunday afternoon. The room was crowded with an attentive audience. Mr. Detwiler is a very effective speaker.—Evening Star, Seward, Neb.

Hon. J. R. Detwiler has given us new inspiration and wisdom. He is one of the most pleasing speakers we have ever heard and has the faculty of carrying his audience with him —EDITHA E. WIARD, Silver Creek Neb., in New Republic.

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