

## Object

"THE object of this League is the extermination of the beverage liquor traffic, for the accomplishing of which the alliance of all who are in harmony with this object is invited. The League pledges itself to avoid affiliation with any political party as such and to maintain an attitude of strict neutrality on all questions of public policy not directly and immediately concerned with the traffic in strong drink."

Article 2 of the Constitution of the  
Anti-Saloon League of America

## THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

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THE RAW MATERIAL — THE BOY  
THE FACTORY — THE SALOON  
THE PRODUCT — THE DRUNKARD

THE  
EFFECTS  
OF  
ALCOHOL  
CANNOT  
BE  
REPEALED

January 25, 1935.

Hon. R. H. Walker, Speaker  
House of Representatives,  
Athens, Alabama.

My Dear Friend :

I am late about congratulating you, but it is none the less hearty. As soon as I saw that you were in the race, I told my wife that you ought to be lected and that I did hope you would. I am more than gratified at your election. You possess the integrity that should be in the man in the position you have. You will be fair and impartial, and you have a sense of honor that will do credit to the State. I wish I were there to help you in getting the Legislation you want. I doubt if you need it though.

You seem to have them under pretty good control. I presume this session will be rather brief. After the Referendum is over you will know what you have to deal with.

I see that the provision was stricken from the Bill which would have allowed the voter to express himself as to liquor being sold in his own COUNTY. I would like to know why this was done. That would have been the fair thing. Each county would thereby have instructed its own representatives as to what it wanted. It would have shortened the route to prohibition.

I will send you a copy of the speech Senator Sheppard made in the Senate on the 16th of January, the Anniversary of the National Prohibition law—the 18th Amendment.

That will give you some figures to work on and some facts as to how it works. There are more bootleggers now than before Repeal. The Louisville, KY., Times says there is five times as much illegal as legal liquor now This paper is in the midst of the distilleries.

Did the Governor want the local option question taken out ?

I am sending this to Athens as I presume you will be home on the week end. Take time to write me a letter and send me a copy of the referendum bill, please.

If I can be of service to you, any time, let me know.

Your friend,

*Ira Champion*  
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