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God's work. Our hands.

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1920: Minutes, 2nd Biennial Convention, ULCA, p. 480.

Whereas, The Legislatures of the several States and the Congress of the United States have adopted the Constitutional Amendment prohibiting the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage;

Resolved, I, That we hereby express our great gratification in the elimination of what was formerly known as the American saloon, with the liquor traffic which established and supported it, believing it to have been hurtful to the economic and moral welfare of the people of our land.

II, That we are opposed to any and all measures looking to the return of the saloon, and that we earnestly admonish our people, as Christian and patriotic citizens, to stand firmly for obedience to and enforcement of the prohibition laws of our country.

1922: Minutes, 3rd Biennial Convention, ULCA, pp. 415, 422.

Concerning the problem which has been created by those who in an unlawful way are seeking to invalidate the law of the United States in the matter of prohibition enforcement, we would call attention to the constant necessity of enforcement laws on the part of Congress to render all constitutional provisions effective. It is the duty of loyal citizens everywhere within the United States to abide by constitutional provisions and the laws passed by Congress relating to their enforcement.