#### MRS. HARVEY'S LETTE.

Shall We License Prostitution and Gambling in Contradiction to Our State Law!

Bee. I will state that a copy was sent to that paper the same day you received your's, with a request that it be published in full. It had the right to accept or reject my article. It did neither. Since it did see fit to make a few quotations, which it publicly ridiculed or cut with cold sarcasm, I see fit to state that it has been unjust to me. I have been denied the right to place my views entitled to. How shall we ever get our opinions properly before the public, unless through the medium of the newspapers? It would have been only courself, to have published my article, followed by its comments, when the ion as to the correctness of my views. and not accept its statement that it was "sentimental gush." But as its readers were not given the full text, for the benefit of those who want to read it, I refer them to THE AMERICAN or the evening World-Herald of January 26th or the morning World-Herald of January 28th.

The attitude of the editor of the Bee seems to be that of "giving the black eye" to all attempts at social reform, unless they eminate from his own massive brain, or are carried on according to his own mapped-out plans. It is well to remember that

Truth crushed to earth shall rise again; Th' eternal years of God are hers.

The Bee's criticism does not abash me in the least, neither does it convince me of an erroneous or untenable position. There is a trite saying,

Convince a man against his will, He's of the same opinion still.

when she knows she is in the right abettors of crime because they do not Indeed, I feel highly complimented in enforce the law against these offenses? that the leading editorial column was devoted to adverse criticism. Surely trators, do they not practically in spirit, any article that would cause the Ber If not literally, grant them license, and to give up that sacred space must have thus openly violate our state constituhad some sallent points to have merited | fion?

to step forth with deep convictions of to themselves or their oath" her own, and is more proud to fearlessly Why did not Chief Seavey close the maintain them. This is my inalienable. God-given right, and one not lightly to tion when ordered so to do? Why did ment of any religion, or prohibiting the be esteemed. I am a free American some of the officers, during a certain free exercise thereof or use the propcitizen, with a right to my own opin- trial in Omaha, admit that they vio- erty or credit of the United States, or ions and a right to be heard, should I so lated the law, but thought they were of any state, or any money raised by desire. Why should I, or anyone else working for the best interests of the taxation, or authorize either to be used, who advocates purity, fear to voice our city? They would regulate these for the purpose of founding, maintainsentiments on needed reforms. "If God crimes. They would restrict them to ing or aiding by appropriation, paybe for us, who shall be against us?" certain limits, ostensibly for the best ing for the services, expense or other-With God on our side, "one can chase interest of public morals, manifestly for wise, any church, religious denominaa thousand and two put ten thousand to the interest of such property owners of tion or religious society, or any instituflight," and we can defy "the world, the district as M. F. Martin, as is evi-tion, society, or undertaking, which is

Again the Bee, in referring to the that of Bertle Mann. "The boy stood on the burning deck' in such positions to exercise their own would have sounded equally as well if individual opinions, but to execute exsentiment was all we had to deal with." isting laws, and when an order is given more, was summoned to court to testify Sentiment is NOT all we have to deal to enforce a certain law or laws, it is in regard to stolen property which had with. We have facts cold, stern facts not the prerogative of officers to quest been returned through him by a penithat confront us at every turn and must tion the advisability of such law, tent. be heroically met, and it will not do to whether it be for the best interest of When called to the witness stand always disguise facts.

matter squarely in the face. The fram- consequences may be. ers of our constitution grappled with 'Oh," says one, "what is the use to Maryland. I know nothing of these pathis question twenty years ago, and try to enforce the laws against prosti pers in any other way than in my cathey reached the conclusion that the lution, gambilog and like evils? They pacity as a priest. I am unwilling to revenue derived from liquor license and always have been and always will be." state anything that is communicated to police fines could go to no better pur- We grant you that prostitution, at me in that capacity. I know nothing pose than popular education, which is least, has always existed and always relative to the matter as a citizen "-Ex. the most potent agency against in- will exist just so long as there are two temperance, vice and crime." Yes, we planes of moral virtue established—one admit that popular education is the for woman, another for man. most potent agency against these. But, great God, shall men license liquor tures are so corrupted that they openly selling, prostitution, gambling and declare that houses of ill-fame are a crime, and then try to pulliate these necessity in our cities for the safety, great offenses to Thee and to humanity virtue and morality of our own homes by turning over annually to state and Away with such base, ignoble legic city the paltry sum of a few hundred They make them a necessity because thousand dollars at most! This pattry they will it to be so on account of passum is pitted against all the evils that sions uncontroled. follow as a natural consequence of legal- Indeed, I think when man's moral izing these evils, and is turned over to nature has become so debased, it is high the education fund for "popular educatione to have a law passed and executed "don" as being the most potent agency to emasculate all such moral monstroeagainst latemperance, vice and crime lifes, that they may not propagate their As if this could at all atone for, or even species. This is from a scientific standmitigate these great sins! And this is point, and would be a great blessing to the concentrated wisdom and judgment the human race. Then we might of the framers of our state constitution properly anticipate the coming generaafter having "grappled with the questions as having a higher moral contion!" Great, wise men we place at ception of life, its duties and responsithe helm to frame constitutions and bilities. make laws to govern this intellectual To return to the Bee. It says, "nocommonwealth! (This with all due re- body revolts against this system (of spect for their wisdom, for no doubt money passing from bad to good hands, they were wise.)

man, illogical, base. But if, after a judges other people's conscience by its lapse of twenty years or more, the own. The majority of the good people reasonings of the framers of the consti- of Omaha do revolt against the system tution have proved to be fallacious in and if they do not it is because they theory and do not meet the public senti- have never given it a moment's serious ment of today, then it is time for public reflection. The Bee does not seem to sentiment to call for a resubmission of revolt at anything that will interfere the question, and have the voice of the with its money-coffers as undoubtedly people. 

Public sentiment creats a de- would be the case did it openly oppose mand for laws, and public sentiment the saloon, prostitution, gambling and should demand the enforcement of those | the like.

liquor license and fines accruing as the the over-burdened conscience by turn-

space to reply to the editorial of the tion and gambling, as they know that kill the last armed foe.

to the same. month, and we will turn this into the made so by legalizing these evils. school fund for popular education as a Givs us a clean school fund, raised by recompense for any evils that may arise direct taxation on property. Again, I as a result of your business. Thus we call upon the people to awake from before the public, which I am justly see that it is tacitly understood that their lethargy and think—then act. just as long as the fines are forthcoming every month, just so long will the guilty

be unmolested. Public sentiment does not, and never tesy for that paper, and justice to myling-and furthermore, makes no provision by law whereby the fines from think, I shall consider my humble effort public could have formed its own opin- these evils shall be turned into the not in vain. educational fund. And the loop-hole whereby it is done is that section of the liquor law which provides that the liquor license and the fines accruing from direct violation of the different restrictions of this law, by the liquor men themselves, and the fines imposed upon the people who commit minor offenses for which they are fined (in other words, police fines), shall be placed in the school fund.

This section evidently does not contemplate prostitution fines nor gambling fines, as we have a direct law against these. Therefore, it is not plain that the basis on which Omaha accepts this blood money for educational purposes is wrong and in direct violation of our statutes? Does it not follow, then, as a natural consequence, that the mayor, the city council, the police commission and others who have the law in their hands, whether will-This is more than true of woman fully or not on their part, become And furthermore by fining the perpe-

They have sworn on accepting their The Bee says, "And now Mrs. Alfa different offices to uphold the constitu-Willett Harvey wants to start a crusade tion of the state. Do they do so? If against raising blood money for school not, are they not amenable to state purposes." Yes, Mrs. Harvey is proud law? Does this not constitute perjury

gambling dens and houses of prostitudenced by such cases of persecution as wholly, or in part, under sectarian or

notation from Marco Bozzaris, says, Now, the people do not place officers the state or city, but it is their duty to Rev. Hickey said: Again it says: "Let us look at the enforce that law, no matter what the

Alas, for the men whose moral na-

and vice versa), and no nobody has yet The thought is preposterous, inhu demanded," etc. Perhaps the Ber

Again, the Bee says, "What would Our constitution provides that the the gain be, then, to public morals or result of the ilquor traffic shall go to ing this license money into the general

the educational fund, to the city, vil- fund9 Would'nt Marco Bozzaris have lage, township or locality to which it to strike a few more licks until the last belongs. Again, it provides that there armed foe expired! Yes, we answer, shall be no prostitution and no gamb- Marco Bozzaris would have to strike To the Editor of THE AMERICAN: ling. But what do we have right here not only a fox, but many licks till the Allow me to thank you for publishing in Omaha? The city authorities pro- last armed foe expired. But Marco is in full my article, "Are Our Public teet these very evils. They dare not only willing, but ready also, to Schools Godless'" Kindly allow me make an ordinance licensing prostitu- strike as many blows as is necessary to

would be in open violation of the state | If the people will license saloons, will provision. But they do what amounts license prostitution and gambling, let them turn over the proceeds to estab-They say in this wise. Here, we dare lish hospitals or reformatory homes or not license you to run your trades, but turn them over to the ecunty to help if you do we will fine you so much a care for the paupers and the criminals

"Think for thyself-one good idea. But known to be thine own. Is better than a thousand gleaned From fields by others sown."

I am not a public writer, but if I have ri- ou this subject before the people so as to cause them to stop and

January 31, 1895. MRS. ALFA WILLETT HARVEY

MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS.

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