Appeal of the Women of Staunton

The saloons of Staunton cannot prosper in the future without raw material—BOYS—your boy or mine. A portion of that raw material must be furnished by the homes of our city, your home or mine. Are you willing that it shall be—YOUR BOY ? OUR BOYS are too precious to be sacrificed upon the altar of the saloon.

Our husbands, brothers and sons, who love us, generally grant us small favors, even when we intimate that we desire their service. The chivalry of men toward their women in the past is held in blessed memory. We do not ask any great thing of you now. We cannot believe that chivalry is dead. Somewhere in you there abides the spirit of your noble fathers. We cannot believe that you will consider the wishes of the saloon in preference to your own wives, daughters, mothers, sisters and friends or allow the saloon interest to outweigh the interest of the women of the city.

For these and other reasons, we do hereby memorialize the voters of Staunton to protect our interest by voting a "dry" ticket, for we are helpless. We cannot VOTE TO PROTECT OUR OWN HOMES AND OUR OWN BOYS, who are as dear to us as our own lives. Hear the cry of those who would settle this question if they could. Our cause is committed to your hands. Answer our appeal at the polls and our hearts will be gladdened, our burdens made less difficult and the task of rearing our boys lightened. Forsake our interest, and you sadden our hearts and increase our burdens and sorrows.

If for any reason, you do not see your way clear to vote a "dry" ticket, please do not take upon you the responsibility of voting against our interest and of thus maintaining an institution to ensnare your and our loved ones.

And thus we pray,

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