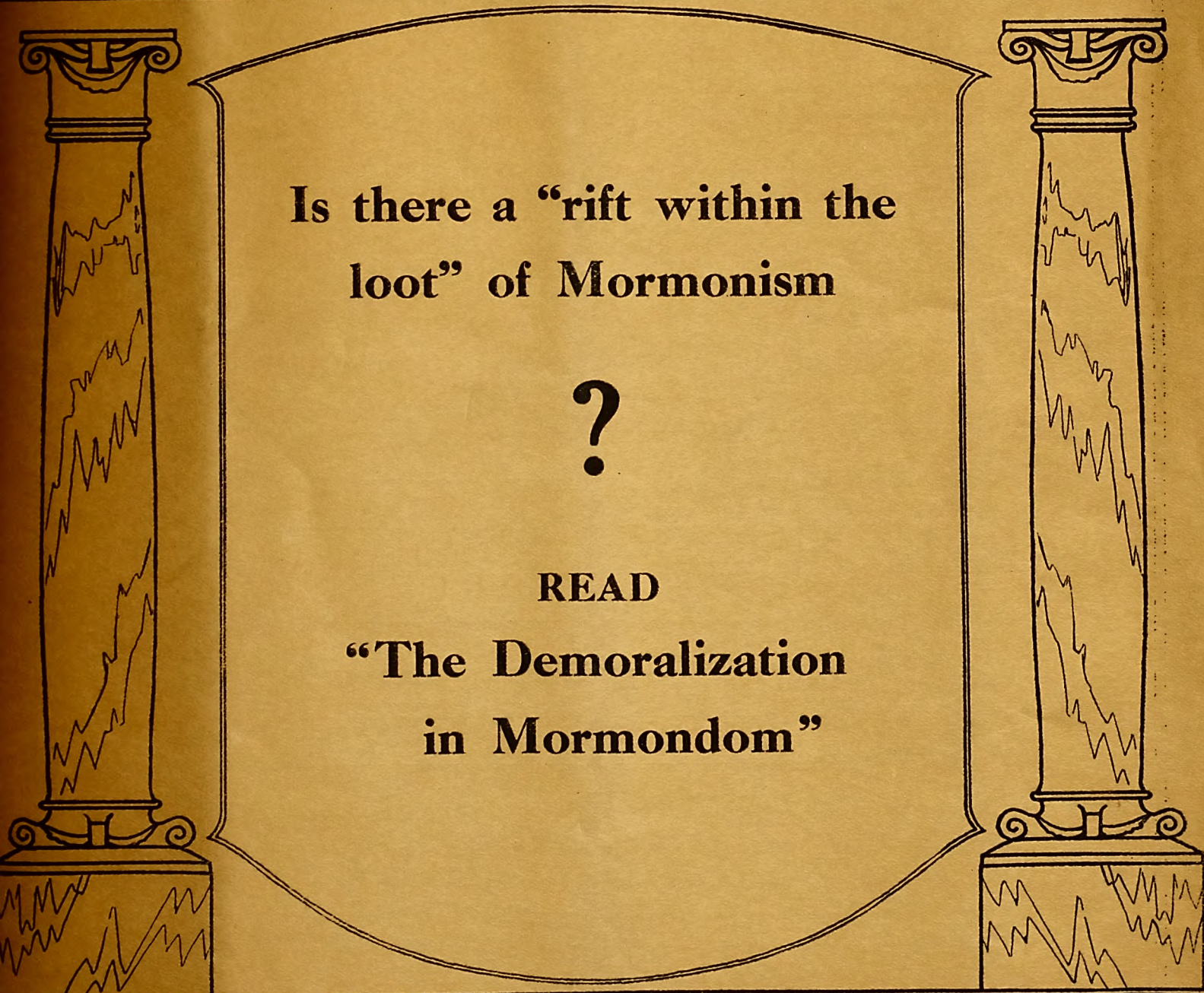


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under our present divorce laws is not so much with the cause or causes for which divorce is granted as it is with the administration of the laws and the court procedure. He believes that the most prolific cause of the concededly scandalous situation along divorce lines is the laxity of requirements as to the bona fide residence of an applicant for divorce for a sufficiently long time to become really an actual resident of the state where the application is brought. Being on the Judiciary Committee of the Senate, Senator Sterling is in a position to render valuable service in behalf of the passage of the Jones Resolution, S. J. Res. 31, for a Constitutional amendment empowering Congress to enact uniform laws touching marriage and divorce, and he has the disposition to do all in his power to secure favorable action by the Senate, and the speedy enactment of uniform laws on this vitally important subject.

The Eighteenth Amendment and all legislation needed for its adequate enforcement have been warmly championed by Senator Sterling. When the original Volstead bill to enforce the Amendment passed the House, as Chairman of the Sub-Committee of the Judiciary Committee which had charge of the measure, he led the fight in its various stages in the Senate, and, after the veto of the bill by President Wilson, he led the forces in passing it over the veto. It is a significant fact that the Webb-Kenyon interstate liquor shipment bill and the Volstead bill hold the record for quick passage by Congress after a presidential veto, both going through within twenty-four hours after the veto. It will be recalled that President Taft vetoed the Webb-Kenyon bill.

After the much talked of decision by former Attorney-General Palmer touching beer as a medicine, Senator Sterling had charge of the "Anti-Beer Bill" in the Senate, with the Stanley amendment as the storm center and the main cause of the protracted delay in passage of the bill by that body. He had planned to attend the Inter-Parliamentary Conference at Stockholm and had his steamer tickets bought, but missed the trip as he did not feel justified in leaving the country until the bill was disposed of, and the filibuster which the few opponents were able to keep up for many weeks is a matter of history.

He believes that prohibition is now much better enforced than in the past and that enforcement is constantly becoming increasingly effective. One factor in the better enforcement is that more people are having respect for the law and are rallying to the support of enforcement. There is a class of people, daily growing larger, who are not willing that the bootleggers should run the Government. In discussing the subject, the Senator expressed regret that the great metropolitan papers have not done their part since prohibition became a part of the fundamental law of the nation, by standing four-square in favor of its enforcement instead of "knocking" and holding it up to ridicule. Their attitude generally, with conspicuous exceptions here and there—has had the effect of making sentiment *against* rather than *for* respect for law and law enforcement. The movies also, although among the chief beneficiaries of prohibition, have prostituted their great influence as educational factors and

molders of opinion by continually depicting what has the appearance of organized propaganda against this law.

The life story and accomplishments of Senator Sterling are an inspiration and encouragement to every boy who cherishes a laudable ambition for the future. He has demonstrated that the top of the ladder is not reserved for a favored few but is accessible to every one with the pluck and the clean strength of heart and brain and will to overcome obstacles and climb to it.

A WORTHY ADDITION

Mr. R. M. Downie of Beaver Falls, Pa., sends to THE CHRISTIAN STATESMAN two stanzas similar in metre to Katherine Lee Bates' "America the Beautiful". The verses, in idea and expression are worthy of being added to the popular patriotic song.

How beautiful the goal that waits
Beyond thine upward climb,
Ideals new that ever grow
Still more and more sublime.

America, America,
Thy coast may be the sea
But no such line can e'er confine
The spirit moving thee.

Oh beautiful for visions caught
Of that supreme event,
When through thy will God rules until
The two in one are blent.

America, America,
Arise and claim the crown
That waits the race that first shall place
The Christ upon His throne.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

As in former years, the September issue next of this journal will be devoted specially to the subject of Christian Public Education, with particular reference to the Day of Prayer for Schools.

Free Literature

In accordance with its custom, the National Reform Association offers free literature to those observing the Day of Prayer for Schools, the second Lord's Day in September. This literature consists of a packet of brief documents on Christian Public Education. It will be furnished without cost to pastors who will agree on that or on an adjacent Sabbath to discourse before their people of the necessity and value of training the youth of our country in Christian morality in her system of public education; also to officers of the Sabbath schools and public schools and any others who will agree in some public and effective manner to bring this important subject to the attention of the members of the organizations with which they may be identified.