

J. B. Hippemott Esq:

Gentlemen:

I would have been glad to have handled "Gauge & Quillorn" at the outset. I might not have succeeded any better than you but when ones attention is centered on a single book or a single line of books, I suppose it is easier he is apt to find chances to push it than one having more diversified interests does not at all =

ways see. It is a very difficult matter however to persuade a publisher to receive an old book. I could probably sell a few each year with the sets I dispose of but under the circumstances do not think there is any prospect of its being a sufficient return to justify any considerable investment.

I have no exalted notions about the matter however as I have some experience and fully comprehend the present discouraging state of the market for other works and it would require a considerable outlay even to plan its sale on a scale with them.

I suppose I might be able to make myself whole if I ~~could~~ should pay you a very little more than the plates are worth to make up - not much for the paper is not what I desire - and the cost of manufacture of the sheets you have on hand - if they were in the stock is not too large.

If you care to let me know what you
are willing to do, I will take the matter into
consideration.

Yours very truly,

From what would become of cursing
If nobody cared to hear him damn.

There's no more slaves for him to join
And the church is sick of his flim - flum

What is left for the great Prohibitionist
Holy! Holy!

~~As for his cake let us all insist~~
So louder still let us all insist
~~That all restriction is~~

Restricted evil we will resist

For on the sake of this true Prohibitionist

The chosen of the Lord!

For ^{few} ~~one~~ salvations ^{are} worse than more

There are a thousand times worse than four!

A heavy hand and ^{an} unscrupulous door
Make the traffic ^{to be a crime} worse than it was before
By ~~reversing~~ ^{reversing} the
By ~~being~~ ^{being} the true Prohibitionist!
Holy! Holy!

Let a third party let all insist
Else how in the world shall he exist
The ~~only~~ ^{only} ~~truly~~ ^{truly} Prohibitionist
The servant of the herd!