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“The advocates of temperance fail to do their whole duty unless they exert their influence by precept and example—by voice and pen and vote—in favor of prohibition and total abstinence” (RH, November 8, 1881).

“We cannot with safety vote for political parties; for we do not know whom we are voting for. We cannot with safety take part in any political scheme” (CCh 316).

“Resolved, That in our judgement, the act of voting, when exercised in behalf of justice, humanity, and right, is in itself blameless, and may be at some times highly proper; but that the casting of any vote that shall strengthen the cause of such crimes as intemperance, Insurrection, and slavery, we regard as highly criminal in the sight of Heaven” (General Conference, 1865).

“There is a cause for the moral paralysis upon society. Our laws sustain an evil which is sapping their very foundations. Many deplore the wrongs which they know exist, but consider themselves free from any responsibility in the matter. This cannot be. Every individual exerts an influence in society. In our favored land every voter has some voice in determining what laws shall control the nation. Should not that influence and vote be on the side of temperance and virtue? (RH, October 11, 1906).

“The church has never attempted to instruct its members as to how they should vote, or for whom they should vote. These are matters that must be left to the members' individual conscience. Nor has the church placed any ban or censure on its mem- bers if they as qualified citizens choose to exercise their right to vote, or on any who may choose not to vote” (Review, October 23, 1952).

“It is important that all issues that are to be placed on the ballot should be care-fully studied by every conscientious voter” (Review, August 14, 1952).