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ity to do a good work, have attributed to inefficient instruments a more wholesome operation than can practically result from their application.

We are firmly convinced that the tendency of all such laws is really demoralizing, leading to an unhappy exercise of individual discretion as to what legislative prescription, it is morally right to observe or disregard, however formally displayed on the statute book. Such can only be enforced by the organized espionage of a despotic Government, or, as the old blue laws of Connecticut, in an infant and narrow society. They are powerless to coerce in a republic like our own, and must disappear before the expanding intelligence, and uncontrollable increase of trade, or sink into an insignificant and despicable obscurity and desuetude.

We do not believe that an exotic morality or civilization can be rooted in a community by law. Experience repudiates the attempt. To be of vigorous growth and endurance they must be indigenous to the soil, emanating from the sound sense, nourished by the innate virtue, and stimulated by the christian principles of the people.

The committee asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill.

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