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Is it the Duty of Church Members to Vote for Prohibition?

To the Editor of The Observer.

The Church is believed by all who believe in the holy Diety to be the great and only power that shields fallen man from wrong and fits him for the happiness that is promised the faithful after they have passed that bourne whence none ever return, and to secure that happiness what is required of those who enlist under that banner—the banner of the cross?

Will simply connecting one's self with the Church secure it? I think not. We are commanded to let our lights so shine that others seeing our good works will be constrained to follow us.

We are told to avoid the very semblance of evil.

Do not all when they connect themselves with the Church promise not only their fellow Christians, but the great God who rules the destinies of us all to do all in their power to promote the spiritual good of that Church?

How many stop as they journey on through life and think of that solemn promise that ought to be sacred to every child of God? How many ignore it entirely when their own worldly lusts come in conflict with the duty they owe their Church, their God and their fellow man?

And nowin the desperate effort of the good people of this country to inaugurate a great moral reform how many of the professed followers of the meek and lowly Jesus, will aid in breaking down this most formidable barrier the Church has to surmount—intemperance—the crying evil of our country at the present day—the evil that is growing on our youth each year—the fell destroyer of domestic peace and happiness—this evil that every one will admit causes nine-tenths of the misery, poverty crime and suffering in our land?

Are there any of you that will stand idly by and see this great banner of reform trail in the dust? or will any of you aid in bringing it down? God forbid it.

Members of the Church, what do you think will be the impression you will make on the minds of those who have not yet entrusted their souls to the moral guidance of the Church if you cast your influence against this great social and moral reform?

Consider well that thing before you make up your mind to cast your ballot next August with the class that are working only for their own agrandizement; who defy both the laws of God and humanity, and would gladly trample the heart-broken widow and her helpless children under foot.

Can you not hear the voice of omnipotence in tones louder than the mighty thunders, "Wo unto him that putteth the cup to his brothers lips and maketh him drunken?"

Can you aid in doing that?

Can you cast your ballot with that class who assembled in convention at Raleigh, and who could not invoke the divine blessings of God on their deliberations?

Can you cast your ballot with that class that says, we, the liquor men of North Carolina in convention, do array ourselves against the ministers of the gospel; against the Christians of the country; against every thing that tends to the moral and spiritual welfare of our dear old State. We, who intend to make money out of you if the Church has to suffer, if christianity has to stop; we care not if it is wet with a wife's bitter tears, if it is wrung from a loving mother's heart, or if it comes from the mouths of starving children, we want money and intend to have it.

Think a moment before you do that. Hear the awful denunciations that are hurled at the heads of that class as expressed by the poet:

"Whiskey dealer you may sing,
God will to you judgment bring,
He will doom you for those crimes
You have done for paltry dimes.

In a world you will be found,
Far from hope and heavenly ground,
There you'll meet the drunkard race,
And he will curse you to your face.

'Twas you bar men that did us rob,
That made our wives and children sob,
'Twas you, foul friend, that hurled us down,
And robbed us of a golden crown.

You took away our wealth and health,
You did it too as if by stealth;
To whiskey you did us enslave
And brought us to a drunkard's grave."

And now I ask you, will you cast your influence with that class?

Dear friends, if you do, let me ask you for the sake of the Church, for the sake of religion, for the sake of morality, take your name from the Church record. If you will steep yourself in sin for the sake of all that is good and holy save the Church from the stain by withdrawing your name from its record, and then stand out boldly with its enemies.

Were you called on to vote to establish a bar room in the grove beside your Church, beside the mortal dust of your dear departed friends, would you do it? I don't think you would. Why? You would say it would not be right. If it is not right to establish it there I ask you in the name of humanity is it right to establish it any where else?

And now, dear friends, you on whom the good of society depends, you on whom the morality of our State depends, I ask you to ponder well the subject! If you have no one to save from a drunkard's grave, remember humanity calls on you. Think of the anxious, almost heart broken mothers that are calling on you. Think of the young men of our country who are looking to you in this great crisis, and when you think of all that let me beg you to go to the ballot box in August and cast your vote for this great reformation and then when you come to lay your head on your dying pillow you will not have to retrospect the past and say I knew my duty and did it not.

Yours in Faith Hope and Charity.

YOUNG MAN.

Charlotte, N. C., July 11, 1881.

An Ohio Girl's Foot.

Troy Times.

An Albany shoe factory has received a diagram of a foot from a trustworthy correspondent at Sandusky, Ohio. The girl placed her bare foot upon a sheet of paper and a pencil mark was drawn close around the outline. This foot, as shown by the diagram, is exactly 17 inches long, 7⅝ inches wide at the widest part, and could take a No. 26 boot, though a No. 30 would be just the thing. The ball of the foot is 19 inches around, instep 18½ inches, and the heel measures 22 inches. The ankle measures 16½ inches. This immense pedal adorns the person of Miss Mary Wells, of Sandusky, Ohio, whose weight is 160 pounds, and she is but seventeen years old.

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A GLASS-SNAKE.

A Serpent That Breaks Into Pieces and Comes Together Again.

From Eli Perkins' Texas Letter.

Along the Upper Brazos and in Western Texas, where flourish the horned frog, is the strangest snake known to naturalists. He is sometimes called the glass-snake. He is from two to four feet long, with a striped back. He is not poisonous. His way of defending himself when attacked by a powerful foe is similar to that of the possum or skunk. Instead of fighting back he breaks into a dozen pieces, and every piece distinct in itself, lies apparantly dead on the ground. Sometimes the pieces are a foot apart. When the foe disappears the pieces gradually come together, unite into one snake and crawl off. The naturalist will naturally ask if the pieces are entirely separated. I answer they are. No film or tender holds them together. You can chop the ground with an axe between the pieces. Mr. H. Edwards, whose post office address is Montgomery, Alabama, showed me one of these snakes at Waco. He still has it alive, and will prove with the living snake or by answering a letter from any naturalist the accuracy of this story. The glass-snake which Mr. Edwards showed me had lost the tip of its tail. When I asked the owner how that happened, he said: "The snake went to pieces one day and before it got together a hungry kingsnake, which I still have, swallowed the tail." Mr. Edwards has several kingsnakes. Like the glass-snake, they are not poisonous; still they kill the largest snake in the bottoms. They make a spring at a large snake or rabbit, coil instantly around its neck and strangle it—choke it to death. A kingsnake five feet long will strangle a dog or a rattlesnake. The only snake able to defend itself against the kingsnake is the glass-snake. When the kingsnake springs at the glass-snake the glass-snake breaks into pieces and its foe might as well try to strangle a basket of clothes-pins or a pailful of sardines.

The Attempted Assassination of Jackson.

Guiteau's crime recalls to mind the attempted assassination of President Jackson, which was averted only by the failure of the assassin's pistol to explode. The circumstances of that affair were about as follows: On the 30th of January, 1830, the funeral services of Hon. Warren R. Davis, of South Carolina, were held in the Capitol, at Washington. They were attended by President Jackson. As he was leaving the Capitol with Secretary Woodbury and others, just as he reached the portico, a young painter, Richard Lawrence, standing in the crowd, produced a pistol from beneath the folds of his cloak, and aiming directly at the President's heart, within two and a half feet of him, pulled the trigger. The pistol snapped, and quick as thought he produced a second weapon and snapped it also without effect. President Jackson, raising his cane, rushed upon Lawrence with the ferocity of a tiger, exclaiming, "Let me go, gentlemen, I can defend myself." Lawrence had already been knocked down and dragged out, and was hurried off to the prison. On the examination, his insanity was clearly proven. He refused to obey his counsel, claimed to be King of England and America, and demanded of the court to know why it assumed to judge his case. He gave as the reason for his deed that Jackson had caused his father, the King of England, to lose money by the battle of New Orleans; and he had asked the President for money, which being refused, he said he had tried to kill him. If released, he said he would ask for money again, and would be sure to kill the President next time if refused. All who knew him testified to his insanity, and he was confined in a madhouse, where he lived, it is said, for forty years after.

Party feeling at the time was running high, and many persons attributed the deed to Clay, or Calhoun, or other Presidential aspirants. Old Hickory himself believed that at first.

The pistols were both percussion, and both were discharged subsequently on being re-capped. The President's escape was a miracle.

Jefferson Davis's Opinion of Generals Lee and Jackson.

"Stonewall Jackson was the greatest executive officer of the Confederacy. Gen. Lee uttered a great truth, and from his heart, when he said, upon hearing of Jackson's death: "I have lost my right arm." Lee was a great soldier and a great man. Most people mistake his character. He had the reputation of being a slow, careful, cautious man, but he was one of the most combative men I ever knew. He was always willing to fight. At times he was even impetuous, especially in the face of disaster. He would often rush into places and dangers where he did not belong, and many times showed his disposition to be an executive leader rather than the controlling mind of a great army. He was one of the purest men I ever knew—a man incapable of subterfuge, evasion, deceit or indirection. He won and held a deservedly high place as a man and a soldier both at home and abroad. When Jackson lived he was Lee's dependence. He recognized Jackson's ability as an executive officer, and trusted him implicity when he gave him his plans. Jackson never waited for orders a second time or sent back for instructions. After the battle of Gettysburg Lee wrote to me that he had met with a reverse, and asked me to find some younger and abler man to take his place. I replied that if I could find a younger and abler man I might desire to make the change, but as I had so much more confidence in him than in any other man I knew I could not consider it. Longstreet thought he was the man Lee referred to, but I did not. Lee had the most delicate conception of honor of any man I ever met."

Sheep Under the Hammer.

New York Herald, 12th.

The annual auction sale of Central Park sheep was held yesterday morning at the sheepfold in the Park, near the Eighth avenue and Sixty-fifth street entrance. Thirty-eight Southdowns bred from imported stock comprised the stock offered. Of these five were ewes, one a ram and thirty-two lamb rams. But few buyers were attracted to the sale and only small prices were realized. Three of the ewes went for $5 a head, the other two being sold for $3 each. The ram went for $11. The first choice of the lamb rams was sold for $13 then two were sold for $11 each, one fetched $10, ten brought $5 a head, five $4 a head, while the remaining thirteen went for $2 each. The total amount realized by the sale was only $172.

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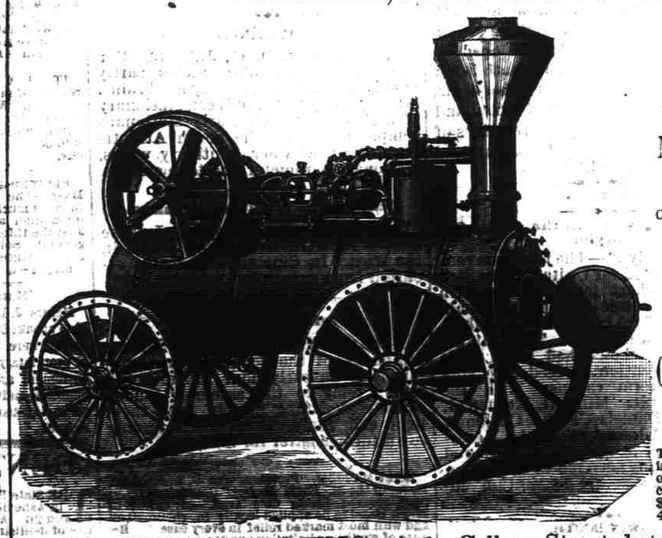

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