

TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.

SALISBURY, Wednesday, Nov. 5, 1839.

A Temperance Convention composed of Delegates from the several County and Auxiliary Societies, in Western North Carolina, assembled in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Salisbury on Wednesday, Nov. 5th, and was organized by the choice of D. A. Davis, of Salisbury, President, and Benjamin Austin, and Charles W. Harris of Cabarrus, Secretaries.

The following Delegates were appointed to attend this Convention:

ROWAN COUNTY.

Rowan County Temperance Society.—Col. Sam'l. Leely, D. A. Davis, Rev. John D. Scheck, Rev. Thomas S. Campbell, Mr. John C. Palmer, Mr. Benjamin Fraley, Dr. Benjamin Austin, and Mr. William Locke.

Union Temperance Society.—Rev. Samuel Rothrock, and Mr. William Walton.

Third Creek Church Temperance Society.—Robert Johnson.

Back Creek Temperance Society.—Mr. John F. McCorkle, and Rev. A. Y. Lockridge.

Thyrtine Temperance Society.—Rev. J. D. Hall, Capt. John McCulloch, Mr. James Stillman, Mr. William Gibson.

Unity and Franklin Temperance Society.—Messrs. Samuel Martin, Jesse Martin, and Jossé Kincaid.

CABARRUS COUNTY.

Cabarrus County Temperance Society.—Rev. Philip A. Strobel, Mr. John Phifer, Secy., Mr. Charles W. Harris, Maj. Izan Cannon, and Mr. John Rodgers.

Rocky River Temperance Society.—Rev. D. A. Penick, Mr. Samuel Morrison, and Dr. Cyrus A. Alexander.

Poplar Tent Temperance Society.—John Robinson, D. D., Mr. Joseph A. Cannon, and Dr. W. W. Rankin.

Concord Temperance Society.—Dr. E. R. Gibson, and Mr. John F. Phifer.

Buffalo and Bear Creek Temperance Society.—Gen. Paul Barringer, Rev. John Lantz, Col. George Barnhardt, Mr. Matthias Barrier, Mr. John C. Barnhardt, and Mr. Jacob Mendenhall.

Bellphage Temperance Society.—Abraham C. McCoo, Esq.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

Sugar Creek Temperance Society.—Mr. James P. Henderson, Mr. Robert Paris, and Dr. D. T. Gibson.

Davidson College Temperance Society.—Mr. A. A. Neely, and Robert H. Morrison, D. D.

Philadelphia and Union Temperance Society.—Rev. Angus Johnston.

DAVIDSON COUNTY.

Mocksville Temperance Society.—Rev. William A. Hall, and Mr. M. D. Armbrist.

IREDELL COUNTY.

Iredell County Temperance Society.—Messrs. Edward R. Bell, Amos Hoop, Aymond Allen, William King, and Joseph R. Scoggins.

Concord Temperance Society.—Messrs. Thos. Boyd, and Miles W. Hill.

DAVIDSON COUNTY.

Jerry National Temperance Society.—Rev. James McDonald.

Lexington Temperance Society.—Rev. John A. Rankin.

All marked thus * did not attend.

The Convention being thus organized, it was then opened by Prayer, by John Robinson, D. D., of Cabarrus County.

On motion of Mr. John Phifer, of Cabarrus, Resolved, That all regular members of Temperance Societies be invited to sit in this Convention, and to participate in its deliberations.

On motion of Dr. Robinson of Cabarrus, the Convention took up the consideration of appointing a special Agent, to be engaged exclusively in the Temperance cause, and upon the propriety and expediency of the measure, the Convention was addressed at some length by Dr. Robinson, Mr. Penick, McDonald, Johnston, Campbell, Strobel, Schick, Phifer, Armfield, McCree, and Davis.

Mr. Penick then moved the appointment of a Committee of three, in order to devise the way and means by which the appointment should be made and sustained, and report thereon; and on the adoption of this motion, the President appointed the Rev. D. A. Penick, Samuel Morrison, and Col. George Barnhardt.—The further consideration of this subject was then postponed until tomorrow.

The Convention then adjourned to meet this evening in this House, at half past 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention again met, and was opened by Prayer by the Rev. Jesse Rankin, of Davidson.

A Temperance Ode was then read by Mr. Penick, and sung by the whole assembly; after which, the Convention was addressed at some length by the Rev. Mr. Strobel and Mr. John Phifer of Cabarrus, and the Rev. J. M. Caldwell, of Mecklenburg.

The Benediction was then pronounced, and the Convention adjourned to meet in the morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled in the Methodist Episcopal Church according to adjournment, and proceeded to business.

The President, Mr. D. A. Davis having asked leave of absence, was succeeded by Capt. John McCulloch, as President pro. tem.

The subject of the License Law of North Carolina was taken up, and referred to a committee of three, consisting of Mr. John Phifer, Rev. J. A. Rankin, and Rev. P. A. Strobel.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Penick, the President pro. tem. proceeded to appoint a committee of three, to receive the reports of all the statistical facts connected with each Society; and when collected, to present them.

This committee was composed of Rev. John H. Schick, Rev. Thomas S. Campbell, and the Rev. Samuel Morrison.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of appointing a special Agent, made a report—the same was read, considered, and accepted; and on further consideration of the Report, the Convention was addressed by Dr. Robinson, Messrs. Campbell, Penick, Schick, Johnson of Mecklenburg, and others.

The Convention then agreed to take a recess until 2 o'clock.

THURSDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention again assembled and proceeded to business, Capt. John McCulloch still presiding as President pro. tem.

The following Report of the Committee, in relation to the appointment of a special Agent, was again taken up, considered, and adopted.

The Committee to devise ways and means for securing the services of a Temperance Agent for

the State of North Carolina, and for his support, beg leave to report, that they have given the subject such consideration as their limited time would permit, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

1. Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed in Salisbury and its vicinity, to which committee the appointment of an Agent be entrusted, with instructions to look out diligently, and immediately for such an Agent, and as soon as it has been ascertained that the means of his support shall have been secured, to engage his services and direct his operations.

2. Resolved, That all the Temperance Societies represented in this Convention, be requested to hold special meetings, between this and the 1st of day January next, ascertain what amount may be deposited upon them respectively towards sustaining the proposed Agent, and report the same as soon as practicable, to D. A. Davis, Chairman of the Standing Committee.

3. Resolved, That the aforesaid committee be further instructed to correspond with Temperance Societies not represented in this body, and obtain their co-operation in the objects of the Convention; and also, with the view of securing another Convention at such time and place, as the Committee shall agree upon.

All of which is respectfully reported.

DANIEL A. PENICK, SAMUEL MORRISON, GEORGE BARNHARDT, Committee.

Upon the adoption of the above Report, the President pro. tem. (under the first resolution) appointed on this committee, viz:

Mr. D. A. DAVIS, Chairman.

Rev. JOHN D. SCHECK, Rev. THOMAS S. CAMPBELL, Rev. STEPHEN FRONTIS, Rev. SAMUEL LEMLY, Mr. JOHN C. PALMER, Mr. BENJAMIN FRALEY, Standing Committee.

The following Report on the License Law of North Carolina was presented, and adopted:

The Committee appointed on the subject of the License Law of North Carolina, would respectfully submit the following Preamble and Resolutions. The evils growing out of the retail of ardent spirits, have long engaged the attention, and awakened the regrets of the benevolent in all countries, where the practice has prevailed.

The enactment and continuance of such a Law, has been regarded by many as a striking anomaly in a system so well adapted, when properly administered, to promote the happiness of the whole people, as the laws of this State generally are.

That such a Law should have remained so long on the Statute Books of England, and of most of the States of this Union, is perhaps more surprising than that it should ever have passed in either country. The Legislatures of a few of the States of this Union, have wisely and nobly responded to the wishes of the benevolent, and yielding to the still more powerful appeals made to their sympathies, by the scenes of wretchedness produced by this system, have repealed the License Law, and thus delivered their States from the evils resulting from the legalized retail of ardent spirits.

The beneficial effects of such Legislation, it is believed, are clearly seen, and sensibly felt already in those States. This Committee cannot believe that the sound sense of the people of this State, will allow them to linger behind in this noble reform, while as a State, we are importing the most enterprising in every other species of improvement.

We believe there are various things in the law itself betraying a consciousness on the part of the Legislature passing it, that such a law was legislating a system iniquitous in its character, and most mischievous in its tendency.

In this light we regard the prohibition in relation to selling spirits to slaves, the tendency of ardent spirits to destroy the value of slaves, and to make them dangerous to the community, is fully recognized by such a prohibition. No one can deny that the effect of spirits, is substantially the same on all persons, and the law as it stands has the appearance of protecting slaves as articles of property, while the temptation may be held out to the master and his sons to destroy themselves, body and soul.

The Legislature seems again to have indicated a consciousness, that the system was iniquitous and mischievous, in forbidding the sale of ardent spirits around the University of N. Carolina, within the limits of 5 miles, and in enacting the same prohibition in relation to Davidson College within two miles.

We greatly rejoice that the Legislature has been so careful to protect the young men of those institutions, from the blighting influence of the spirit-seller, and can only regret, that the youth of the whole State are not equally protected by the general extension of such wholesome laws.

We indulge the belief, that when the attention of our fellow citizens shall be distinctly turned to this system and its evils, they will not rest satisfied under them, and that a voice will proceed from the mass of the people, before which the license law must give way. In accordance with these views, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

1. Resolved, That the Law of North Carolina, authorizing the County Courts of this State to issue licenses to retail spirituous liquors, creates a public nuisance, and brings a curse upon the community.

2. Resolved, That the Retail Law is the fruitful source of profligacy, crime, disease and death, GREATLY INCREASES THE AMOUNT OF TAXATION, multiplies the number of widows and orphans, and entails poverty and misery on many disconsolate wives, and helpless children.

3. Resolved, That the Legislature is responsible for a great portion of the evils which flow from the license system, so long as such a law is permitted to remain unrevoked.

PHILIP A. STROBEL, JOHN PHIFER, JESSE RANKIN, Com.

Rev. Thomas S. Campbell offered the following Resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That we cordially and fully approve of the South Carolina Temperance Advocate, published at Columbia, as an able and well conducted Agent of the Temperance reform, and earnestly recommend it to the Temperance Societies in this State, and especially those represented in this Convention.

Rev. Daniel A. Penick offered the following Resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to all the Temperance Societies of the State, to promote as far as possible, the circulation of the annual Report for 1839, and the Monthly Journal of the American Temperance Union.

The Committee of Arrangement announced the appointment of Dr. Robinson, and Rev. D. A. Penick of Cabarrus, and Mr. A. H. Caldwell of Mecklenburg, to address the Convention and citizens this evening, at half past six o'clock.

On motion of Rev. P. A. Strobel, the President Mr. D. A. Davis, and the Secretary Benjamin Austin, and Col. Samuel Leely were appointed a Committee, to prepare the minutes of this Convention for Publication, and request the Salisbury, and other papers friendly to the cause of Temperance to publish the same.

D. A. DAVIS, BENJAMIN AUSTIN, SAMUEL LEMLY, Committee of Publication.

On motion of Mr. Lockridge, the Convention adjourned to meet in this House, at half past six o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY EVENING, half past 6 o'clock.

The Convention again assembled in the presence of a large audience, and after singing a part of the Temperance Ode, it was most eloquently and impressively addressed by Dr. Robinson, and Mr. Penick of Cabarrus, and followed by Mr. A. H. Caldwell of Mecklenburg, who was also listened to by the audience, with a deep and thrilling interest.

After which, the Convention proceeded to finish the business for which they had been convened;—and, on motion of Mr. Penick, the following Resolution was offered, and adopted:

Resolved, That one person from each County represented in this Convention, be appointed to collect information in relation to the amount of Taxes imposed upon the people, arising from the sale and use of ardent spirits, and report the result to the Chairman of the Standing Committee of seven.

Mr. JOHN PHIFER, of Cabarrus, " BENJAMIN AUSTIN, of Rowan, " SAMUEL R. BELL, of Iredell, " JOHN M. CALDWELL, of Mecklenburg, " THOMAS MCNEELY, of Davis, Rev. JESSE A. RANKIN, of Davidson, Committee of Information.

On motion of the Rev. A. Y. Lockridge of Rowan, the thanks of the Convention were tendered to the Citizens of Salisbury for their kindness and attention during the session, and to the Methodist Society, for the use of their Church.

The benediction was then pronounced by the Rev. T. S. Campbell of Salisbury, and the Convention adjourned sine die.

D. A. DAVIS, Chairman. BENJAMIN AUSTIN, CHARLES W. HARRIS, Secretaries.

REPORT ON STATISTICS.

The Committee to whom was referred the statistics of the Temperance Societies represented in the Convention, and whose duty it was made to prepare for publication a report of the state and prospects of the Temperance cause in our bounds, would say,—That they have only been able to collect information from a small district in Western North Carolina, included in the counties of Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, Iredell, Davis and Rowan; and that they have no information from the cause in the State generally. We are sorry that our information is not more definite and satisfactory. The opinion is entertained by many of our opponents that the cause is languishing in the State, and will finally come to naught. We do not believe that this opinion is well founded. If it were, the friends of the cause might mourn, and its enemies triumph. We are well satisfied that a cause so truly philanthropic and God-like in its character, will ultimately triumph, and save thousands from ruin, though it may, in some places, for a time, appear to languish. We are also happy to say, that within the bounds marked by the Societies represented in this Convention, the cause is generally progressing. There are 22 Societies represented in the Convention, having in them 3599 white members, and 240 colored; making in all 3839. In some neighborhoods distilling and retailing are abandoned; and in more than two-thirds heard from, the cause is reported advancing, while in only one or two is it reported languishing. The first of these Societies was formed Jan. 22, 1829, at Bethany Church, Iredell county, N. C.; and the second, May, 1829, at Poplar Tent, Cabarrus county, N. C. The largest is at Rocky River, Cabarrus; having 400 white and 150 colored members; and the smallest is at Mountain Road, Rowan, having 15 members. It is worthy of remark concerning this, that it embraces only the members of one family, consisting of the father, children, and grand children. Let the friends of the cause only remain united and zealous, and its influence will yet extend into every recess of drunkenness in the State, and lead the victims of the enemy into the ways of sobriety and truth, where peace abounds and the Genius of Temperance sheds his mild, cheering and undimmed light.

T. S. CAMPBELL, J. D. SCHECK, S. FRONTIS, Committee.

From the New York Herald.

ARRIVAL OF THE GREAT WESTERN.

That splendid steam packet, the Great Western, arrived about ten o'clock on Saturday evening, Nov. 24, bringing us London dates to Oct. 16th, inclusive. Our active commodore, Robert Martin, boarded her an hour before any of the Wall street leaders, and by the kindness of Capt. Hosken and Mr. Taylor, his obliging clerk, our table was heaped with English papers before eleven o'clock.

There is no change in cotton.

The British Queen left England Nov. 1st—she had 200 berths engaged when the Western left.—The Siddons, which left Oct. 14, has 20 on board.

The news is of a singular character; all at once every other topic seems merged in that of the currency; particularly as concerns the Bank of England and its operations in American financial affairs. We give below the various contradictory statements from the leading London journals in relation to Mr. Jaudon's negotiations there is but little doubt, however, that he has effected, the loan alluded to, and that the house of Baring & Co. are henceforth to be the agents of the U. S. Bank in Europe. It is now said that more than average crop will be received. Several failures have taken place in London and Liverpool.

With regard to Turkey and the East all is in confusion. After the arrival of the British Queen, the mercantile men in London came to the conclusion that the Philadelphia Banks would suspend and the New York Banks hold on, and they acted accordingly.

The Great Western brings out 125 passengers, among whom are the Bishop of Toronto, Maj. Van Buren (son of the President) and lady, his Excellency Baron Roussin, Mr. Vanderpool, Member of Congress, Professor Shepherd, Mr. Guinand of Halle, N. S., the contractor for the construction of the mails by steam, Capt. T. Hays, U. S. Navy, Col. March, Capt. Workman, Lieut. Lysson, Mr. Crutchbank, 93d regt., Dr. B. Hager, Dr. Rogers Dr. T. Smith, Senor de Pina, Senor de Maritine, Mons. Marcal Chibaudier, and a great number besides. She also brings out some specie from the Bank of England, and a general cargo of dry goods, silks &c. The specie is for British service in Canada, and amounts to over \$2,000,000.

We are glad to be enabled to state that Mr. Jaudon has made arrangements to meet all the engagements of the U. S. Bank, and that Messrs. Baring, will be the agents for that establishment. We may also mention that gentleman has succeeded in getting his list filled for a new loan of £200,000 sterling for three years, secured on Pennsylvania 6 per cent, stock at 94.

Extraordinary outrage on the Queen.—Some needless scoundrels threw two large stones at the head of the Queen, in her state apartments at Windsor.

The affair had created great sensation, but the perpetrator had escaped. The papers talked of "hushing it up."

The Queen has been much annoyed by a man named Bryan, who insisted on marrying her.

The Queen was in excellent health, and desirous of being married.

Another batch of Coburgs have arrived at Windsor from the continent—the hereditary Prince and Princess Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. These young gentlemen have taken up their abode in the Castle, a circumstance which has tended to revive the report that the Queen is about to be married. Prince Albert, the younger of the two, is the happy man. He is said to be a Protestant, although his brothers are all Roman Catholics.

The court news records a little chapter of accidents at the Royal Palace. The windows of her majesty's private sitting room were pelted with stones by a madman, and a cry of fire in the castle produced the greatest alarm among the inhabitants of Windsor.

The ship Ayres 500 tons, has left London for Texas with a great many emigrants on board.

The hereditary Grand Duke of Russia, is to marry the Princess Mary of Hesse Darmstadt. Lockart is to marry the rich Miss Counts.

Louis Phillips still thinks of marrying one of his sons to the Queen of Spain.

The decision of Judge Thompson, in the case of the Amistad negroes, is ridiculed in the London papers.

THE EAST.

The harvest had generally failed throughout the Ottoman empire, of the fine wheats in particular. The price of grain was increasing in the markets of the Black sea. The Government had contracted for a supply of wheat at Tagourg, at 244, the kilogramme.

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