

STATE COUNCILS.

The third annual session of the State Council of Virginia, Friends of Temperance, will convene at Staunton, on the 3rd Tuesday, the 20th of October.

The second annual session of the State Council of North Carolina will convene in this city on the 9th day of December.

Subordinate Councils are required to elect representatives to these bodies. The following is the law on the subject:

ART. II—SECTION 2. STATE CONSTITUTION. Each Subordinate Council shall, at the first regular meeting in October, annually, ballot separately for representatives to the State Council. All District Vice Presidents, Presidents, ex-Presidents, and Chaplains shall be eligible, but such only shall be entitled to seats in the State Council (except those holding office therein) as shall receive a majority of the votes cast—the same being set forth in their credentials, as follows:

..... Council, No., F. of T.,  
..... October, 18.....  
To the State Council of the State of.....  
This is to certify that P. (or ex-P., or Chaplain, and if more than one the credentials may be made out together or separately,) has been duly elected to represent this Council in the State Council until October next.

[SEAL] In witness whereof we have caused this to be assigned by our Secretary, and the seal of council to be attached.

LETTER BOX.

Bro. P. M. Stewart writing from Clayton Council says:

"The Cause of Temperance is advancing in this community. Several who predicted a total failure at this place, are now speaking in the highest commendation of the Order. There has never been a violation of the pledge in our Council."

Well done for Clayton! May the good Cause continue to thrive in that vicinity! By the way, our brethren there must not get impatient for their By-Laws. We will send them on in a few days.

Bro. R. S. Morgan L. V. P. of Liberty Council, Charlottesville Va., writes:

"We are having pleasant meetings in both Councils, at present. The best initiation I ever saw, took place in Hopewell Council a few weeks since."

We regret to learn from a brother at Henderson that the Council there is not doing its whole duty. We hope the brethren will go earnestly to work so that they may be able to make a good report when the State Council meets.

"MORE THAN YE ALL."

When the widow cast into the treasury her two mites which were all her living, the Saviour said that she had cast in more than all those who out of their abundance had given liberally.

So we say that David Lewis, a man who keeps a public bar in this city, has done more for the temperance Cause than all those Christians who have thus far stood aloof. How? Why by bringing in members. Two weeks ago last Monday night, Mr. Lewis came to the Council room and brought with him two gentlemen, who, through his persuasion, had agreed to join the Friends of Temperance. They were received and initiated and are now abstaining from the use of Alcohol.

How many of the Church members of this city have done that much towards reforming society? Of the majority of church members may it truly be said; "Dave Lewis has done more than ye all!"

CHEERING.

At no time since the Friends of Temperance began to operate in this city has there been such a deep interest manifested in the Cause of Temperance as is evinced now by the people of both sexes. The address delivered by the Rev. Mr. Hudson before Crescent Council on Friday evening last, has given a new impulse to the work, and scores we learn are just upon the eve of connecting themselves with us. We learn that Crescent had more than a dozen applications at her last meeting, while at Oak City there are two or three initiations at every meeting.

We are to have two circuses here soon. Five thousand dollars won't begin to pay the damages.

TAKING HOLD.

The cause of temperance is stronger and more firmly rooted in the United States than ever it was, even in the palmy days of the Sons. We will at no very future day give the statistics and the evidences which will sustain the above assertion. In the southern states the war paralyzed, and in many states, entirely crushed out the temperance organization. This was not the case at the north. There the cause kept on in its work, and when the dark war curtain was lifted there stood the old temperance army, still in position, numbering hundreds of thousands of total abstinence men. During the past year the cause has been greatly revived in the north—numerous papers have sprung up to work in its interests, while from almost every pulpit and through the columns of almost every religious paper in that section, temperance is preached and advocated.

In our Southern county the people have been, most of them, so sorely perplexed with pecuniary and political difficulties to give the subject that attention which they otherwise would have done. But, even amid these difficulties we discern the signs of an increased interest upon the subject, and the outcroppings, we think, of a general awakening.

The Friends of Temperance are doing a noble work in Virginia, West Virginia and this State, in which three states they have upwards of a hundred Subordinate Councils with a membership, we suppose, of between 3000 and 4000. This order has been instituted and these results achieved in the midst of an impoverished and distracted community since the close of the war. As the effects of that war wear off and our people recover from their pecuniary depression, the Order will increase in zeal, activity and usefulness, and its successes will be more than commensurate with its early trials and struggles.

We feel very certain, that no similar Order, laboring under circumstances so adverse, has ever achieved more than the Friends of Temperance have since their organization; and we are equally as certain that no temperance association is better adapted to the work, and to the wants and peculiarities of our people than ours. In it we have all the elements of success and perpetuity.

The public are beginning to understand and appreciate the principles of this new order and are awaking to a sense of their duty. In short, the temperance cause is taking hold upon the public mind, and the temperance people have only to do their duty in order to make their cause successful.

POLITICS A HARD BUSINESS.—We observe that in the 5th Congressional District there are two Republican candidates running for Congress—the one (W. F. Henderson) is a native North Carolinian, while the other A. W. Tourgee is a native of Ohio, and is what is termed a 'carpet-bagger.'

A recent district convention nominated W. F. Henderson, but Tourgee subsequently bolted and became an independent candidate and the two have taken the stump. If the people believe what they say of each other it would be a sad thing if either was elected. It is said that Tourgee charges Henderson with "crimes of the blackest dye"—stealing among other things—stealing a mule at that; while Henderson charges Tourgee with things equally ugly. Oh, these politicians! There is no telling what they are guilty of until they happen to quarrel, and their sins astonish the natives.

About thirty-five Swiss immigrants, consisting of men, women, girls and boys, imported from Switzerland, by Messrs. Thomas and W. F. Atkinson, of Wayne county, arrived at Goldsboro, on Tuesday. They went to the farms of the Messrs. Atkinson, about ten miles from Goldsboro, where they will be settled. The *Rough Notes* says: "It has been our luck to see many immigrants, as they arrive in New York and Baltimore, but we have never met a more sober, intelligent and healthy set than those which arrived here recently."

THE CRESCENT MEETING.

The public meeting held at Crescent Council on Friday evening last was truly an interesting and pleasant affair, and will result, we have reasons for believing, in much good to the Order. Crescent Hall which the ladies of the Council had so beautifully and appropriately decorated was filled with an intelligent and appreciative audience of ladies and gentlemen who listened with great interest to the very able and convincing address made by the Rev. H. T. Hudson upon the subject of Temperance. We cannot undertake, in this short notice, to give an outline of the address, but must content ourselves and satisfy the reader with the remark, that, it was an able argument against the use of alcohol, and will not fail of doing much good in the community.

The editor of this paper and John R. Harrison Esq., responded to calls made upon them in a few remarks.

The singing was one of the best features of the evening; it was led by Mr. Best who was ably assisted by a number of young gentlemen and some pretty ladies with very sweet voices. They used the *Friend of Temperance* Songster.

We have heard of many petitions since the meeting. Crescent will reap a rich harvest from this little broadcasting.

Roll on the ball. Agitate! Open the Council doors and call in the people and make speeches to them. All that is necessary is for them to understand our principles and they will join us.

The *Wilmington Star* predicts, that, if any of the great States which vote on the 13th go Democratic, Congress will enact such measures as will counteract such result, and that some of the Southern States will choose electors through their Legislatures.

We sincerely trust that the *Star's* prediction will prove incorrect, and that low cunning and smart tricks will not be resorted to by the Congress of a great nation to throttle the suffrages of its citizens. The campaign will soon have passed and the election been held; let the campaign be fairly and honorably conducted, and the election fairly held, and whether this or that party triumphs, the people will be satisfied. This is the only way to make a peace. A resort to wicked means will assuredly result in the election of wicked men, as a natural consequence; and we have the authority of the scriptures for saying, that, wicked rulers will bring mourning upon a nation.

The *Wilmington Journal* says that the reports that they have been enabled to gather in regard to the cotton crop of that section, and in fact, the whole State, indicate that the yield will be about equal to that of last year.

A negro woman named Adelaide Adams, near this city, killed a little negro girl on Monday last by hanging her by the neck to whip her. The child's neck was broken. The woman is in jail.

Preparations have been made for 10,000 people at the great Democratic Mass Meeting and Barbecue to be held in Tarboro' on the 24th.

The Central Baptist Association met yesterday, at Wake Union Church, about a mile from Wake Forest College.

A Seymour and Blair flag, presented by the ladies of the College, will be hoisted at Kittrells Springs tomorrow.

Gov. Holden has issued writs of election for the 3d of November, to fill the vacancies in the legislature of those persons banded.

The *Sentinel* learns that there is but one white Radical in Caldwell county.

The Democrats claim to have made a gain of 5000 votes in Connecticut, in the recent Municipal elections, over the last State vote.

Winchester Council No. 41, and University Council No. 45, Friends of Temperance, have both been recently organized and with great enthusiasm.

Communications.

For the *Friend of Temperance*.  
REEM'S CREEK, Oct. 2d 1868.

Bro. WHITAKER:—There is to be a celebration of Old Reem's Creek Council to-morrow. Gen. Vance and Rev. John Ammons are to make speeches. We expect a good time and some occasions. Marshal Council also celebrates to-morrow and your humble servant speaks to them. Sorry I can't be at both places, but as they both come off the same day I am forced to be at only one. It is only one year since I organized Marshal Council, and now they have, active and associate together, over one hundred names. Marshal is a very small place not over one hundred inhabitants—men, women and children, yet they work and have got a good many from the country around into their council. They have some members that are true and well tried,—working as men and women ought to work. I hope that our Councils may increase in numbers and membership from now until at our Grand Council we may report at least one hundred Councils, with an aggregate membership of at least ten thousand. Work while it is called to-day. The political cauldron is boiling, and until the mist passes away it is hard to get up enthusiasm on the temperance question—It is hard for a man to become thoroughly alive to two antagonistic interests, not necessarily antagonistic, but by bad men made nearly so at last.

We must keep our eyes on those of our brethren who have ever loved the *Order*, for the temptation will be daily increased, until the storm passes over. Especially must this be done in our town Councils.

Fraternally as ever,  
J. A. REAGAN.

For the *Friend of Temperance*.  
WILMINGTON, N. C.,  
Oct. 5, 1868.

Bro. WHITAKER:—I notice in your last issue a call upon the Councils to send in their quarterly returns. Will you please remind Bro. Hill that Mt. Olivet needs a blank for that purpose, as none have been sent.

It is very important that there should be a large attendance, and that every Council should be represented at the State Council. I would therefore, suggest that a standing notice be kept in your columns until after the meeting, stating the time and place at which it will be held, and who are eligible as delegates. Let the facts be so stated as that all may understand.

I think our Constitution should be made more explicit, for an article provides for re-instating an expelled brother, but does not say whether any fees shall be required of him or not.

Finally, I would ask more definite information as regards the duties of D. V. P's. I have always looked upon them as useless appendages, but if the Order will have them, let them be thoroughly instructed in their duties, and let positions be designated for them in the Council rooms, and processions, and let a suitable regalia be furnished them.

Mt. Olivet is still at work and in a short time, we are expecting to remove to a better and more commodious hall, at which place, I have no doubt, the boys would cheerfully welcome the ladies as associate members, and would be glad to entertain the Editor of the *Friend* as a visitor.

P. S. I would suggest that at the meeting of the State Council, the Constitution be so altered as to allow the President upon the request of a Council, to issue a special dispensation, authorizing a brother to fill the position of President, whether he has served two previous terms in any other office or not. My reason for this suggestion, is, that in all Councils only a few persons are eligible to this position, and among the number, may be some totally incompetent; hence, if the daily avocations of those that are eligible and competent, will not permit them to accept, the office must be given to some incompetent person, simply, because he is eligible. Now I propose, when this is the case, and a competent person can be found, that he should be made eligible by special dispensation, at the request of his Council, and not let the Council be injured by incompetent persons in the President's position. What says Genl. Vance on this subject?

SUFFOLK VA., Oct. 7, 1868.

DEAR Bro. WHITAKER:—I am feeling very anxious about the approaching sessions of the State Councils in Virginia and North Carolina. Our annual sessions ought to be better attended than they have heretofore been. The Subordinate Councils should take more interest in being represented in the State Councils. The best, the strongest and most earnest men of the Order ought to meet in counsel. We have a great work on our hands, and it will require the strength, the wisdom and the business talent of the Order to carry it forward successfully. Ours, is now, and is destined to be in the future, in the Providence of God, the leading Temperance organization in the Southern States. The "Sons," the "Templars," the "Rechabites," and kindred associations, may exist here and there, but the great burden of Temperance work in the South must rest upon our shoulders. Great is the responsibility which we have assumed and we must show ourselves equal to the task. This we can only do by being thoroughly in earnest about our work, and earnestness will produce promptness in the discharge of all our duties.

It is the duty of all the officers of the State Councils to be in their places at all the regular meetings of the body, and it is the duty of all the Subordinate Councils to put forth every necessary effort to be represented in the State sessions. Urge this upon our Subordinate Councils. Another thing, exhort the Subordinate Councils to greater punctuality and promptness, in making their quarterly returns. Let the finances of the Order be watched with great care. No organization ever succeeded, which failed in its financing department.

I am pleased to announce continued signs of prosperity to our Order.—the Secretary of the State Council of Virginia, has issued two new charters recently, for the organization of Councils all at important points. University Council, No. 46, at the University of Virginia, is perhaps the most important Council, which has been chartered in the State. It will gather in the young men from all the Southern states, and send them forth as Missionaries in this great work of love.—Prof. John B. Minor of the University is the President of the Council, and the venerable Wertebaler is its Chaplain, with many other prominent names. But I mention these because they will be recognized as earnest temperance workers in other years.

Staunton Council No. 47, has been chartered this week. This is the second Council in the flourishing town of Staunton, which has increased its population almost fifty per cent since the war. The Council will open under most favorable auspices and will be in good working order by the time the State Council meets there.

Our Revised Ritual has been received with great favor by all who have examined it. All the new Councils are being supplied with it, and I think the old Councils will also discard the old book and take the new. The changes are not radical but they add much to the harmony and beauty of our work. Bro. Hill the Secretary of the State Council of North Carolina has just ordered a supply.

You shall hear from me again soon.

Yours in F. T. and C.  
W. B. WELLS.

The outbreak in Spain has resulted in the success of the rebels and the overthrow of the Spanish government. The queen has fled her country and the rebels seem to be in full possession of power. A short war, but great results.

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For further particulars address the undersigned.  
QUENT. BUSBEE,  
Sept. 18—11. Secretary.