

The Circle of Friends.

FAITH, TEMPERANCE AND CHARITY.

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For the Circle.

Mrs. EDITRESS:—My obeisance is due and hereby tendered to you for the complimentary manner (whether deserved or not) in which you have brought me to the attention of the Circle.

feel when in company to hear young men and women defend the "Social glass" and say "it can do no harm."

19. Because total abstinence removes one great stumbling block to the reception of Christ in the heart, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

AN HONEST DEACON.

Deacon N. was an honest old codger, a kind neighbor, a good Christian, believing in the Presbyterian creed to the fullest extent; but lackaday! the deacon would occasionally get exceedingly "mellow," and almost every Sunday, at dinner, he would indulge in his favorite cider brandy to such an extent that it was with difficulty that he reached his pew in the broad aisle, near the pulpit, and between the minister's and the village squire's.

Selections.

IN OR OUT.

Not long ago, a Methodist minister called upon Bishop Janes, and asked him to cause his (the minister's) expulsion from the conference and the church, because of his (the minister's) intemperance.

TWENTY REASONS FOR NOT DRINKING.

BY THOMAS BULMER.

- 1. Because cider, ale, porter, rum, gin, brandy, wine and whisky, all contain a portion of spirit which is calculated to derange the human system.
2. Because none of these drinks as an habitual beverage are ever useful, but always injurious to persons in health.

POINTS OF ORDER.

Points of order, like the points of bayonets, are indispensable in an assault upon an enemy, and in defense of friends. But they are dangerous weapons when they are used merely to show the skill of those who handle them.

TEMPERANCE AND RELIGION.

Rev. T. L. Caylor says:

Every church member should make Temperance a part of his daily religion. The bottle is the deadliest foe to Christ in our churches and our communities.

"If any man will come after Me," said the Divine Master, "let him deny himself." And the great Apostle only clinched this glorious precept when he said, "It is good not to drink wine whereby my brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak."

The entertainments given by the Friends of Temperance last week were brought to a close Saturday night, with the great play by Bulwer, "The Lady of Lyons," which was rendered in a very creditable manner to a select and appreciative audience.

THE ELECTION.—Eight years ago Abraham Lincoln was elected president of the United States, defeating the regular Democratic nominee—John C. Breckenridge and Genl. Joseph Lane, all the States in the Union voting.

In 1864 Lincoln was re-elected, defeating the Democratic nominee, Genl. McClellan and Mr. Pendleton, the Northern States, only, voting.

The election which took place on Tuesday last has resulted in the election of Genl. Grant, president, and Schuyler Colfax vice-president, all the States voting except Virginia, Mississippi and Texas.

The Democratic nominees Horatio Seymour and Genl. Frank P. Blair, though defeated, have made a strong run, carrying nearly an equal number of the popular vote with their opponents.

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STATE COUNCIL.

This body will meet in this city on the 9th of December.

ART. II.—SECTION 2. STATE CONSTITUTION, says: Each Subordinate Council shall, at the first regular meeting in October, annually, ballot separately for representatives to the State Council.

..... CORNELL, Nov., F. of T., October, 1868.

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 caused this to be signed by our Secretary, and the seal of council to be attached.

Notice!—Two dollars and fifty cents sent by one person, will pay for two copies of the Friend for one year.—This proposition will only stand open until the meeting of the State Council.

Oak City Council will meet at their Hall this evening at 7 o'clock.—Members are requested to be punctual, as it is expected they will march to Crescent Hall at 7 1/2. Let every man turn out!

PUBLIC SPEAKING.—Rev. Dr. Pritchard of the Baptist Church will deliver a temperance address at the Hall of Crescent Council in the Masonic building this evening at 7 1/2 o'clock. The public are invited.

We bespeak for Dr. Pritchard a large audience.

QUARTERLY RETURNS.—It will be seen by reference to Maj. Hill's letter in this paper, that but very few of the Councils had made their returns for the last quarter. We urge upon the Councils the importance of attending to this matter promptly.

Be sure to register all letters containing money.

WHAT A PITY?—For the first time since Oak City Council was organized, she failed on Monday night last in holding a regular meeting. While the failure was not attributable, in the least, to any indifference on the part of members, but resulted from a combination of unavoidable causes; still, it is a source of regret that it happened and care should be taken to prevent a recurrence of such a thing.

THE RESULT.—The Standard reports up the presidential returns thus:—Grant, 203 electoral votes in 24 states; Seymour 88, in 9 states. Genl. Grant is the successful man, and as his only avowed sentiment during the canvass was, "Let us have peace," we trust that the choice may turn out to be a wise one, after all.