The Circle of Friends.

PATER, TEMPERANCE AND CHARTTY.

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For the Circle.

Mrs. Epirarss:-Being desirons becoming a member of your 'Social Circle,' and of contributing my 'mite' to the edification of the readers of the ' Friend,' I carnestly ask a seat among upon it, there was a reality about the you? Will you admit me? I do not ask a seat beside any particular one, but simply to become a member of your 'Circle,' where I can exert what little influence I possess for the good ny a male check. Even the lady who of mankind.

I think you have no correspondent from this vicinity, and no doubt you will like to hear occasionally what is transpiring among us; so, if you will agree to take me in, I will try and keep you posted with news from this quarter.

Although we have had for some time, a floarishing 'Council of Friends' among us, still the demon, rum is holding a powerful and fearful influence over the people; -is stillswaying his mighty power among us. Men, once of intelligent chantenances, noble mien and lofty curriage, may daily, be seen pacing the streets with bloated faces, blood shot eyes and unsteady steps. It makes my heart ache, thus daily, to see men, -- noble, young and intelligent men, who might not only be an honor to the community in which they live, but, who might when they have passed awayleave a name behind them that would outshine the noon-day san; a name that not only their friends and acquaintances, but generations yet un born would delight to honor-thus ruining themselves, not only for the present, but for time and eternity.

Oh! that I had the power to sweep from the earth the very last drop, of the paisonous stuff. I must bid you all adied for the present, hopin; to hear soon that I have been admitted to a seat in your circle.

of Clayton, N. C. . FATHER COME HOME."

This popular song, which has moved so many hearts in this country, has been received with equal favor in Enrope, and The Stationer gives an account of the singing of it in one of the music-halls of London. There was a stage, with gunly drop-scene, orchestra, etc. After various performances this piece was announced. The account says:

Presently a female came in front of the curtain, amidst great applause, and commenced, 'Father dear Father, etc. Every word was distinct, and order and good government, and who and, in the toleration of all this by she sang the ballad with great feeling. yet, by a mistaken course, contribute its fitting representatives, who will, In order, however, to fully describe to the manifold mischiefs of misgov- in time, under our form of governthe scene which followed each verse, ernment, and to swell the amount of ment, find their way into the halls of it is necessary to give 'little Mary's'

' Father, dear father, come home with me now The clock in the steeple strikes one! (Gong. You promised, dear father, that you would

As soon as your day's work was done. Our fire has gone out—our home is all dark, And mother's been watching since tea, With poor little Benny so sick in her arms,
And no one to help her but me.

Come home, come home, come home.

Please, father, dear father, come home.

At the conclusion of the last line the drop scene drew up, disclosing the father sitting at the door of a public-house, in a drunken, bemuddled state, with pipe and pot before him .-Little Mary was trying to drag him from his seat, at the same time pointing to a curtain behind, as she took up the refrain from the lady, and touchingly sang, 'Come home,' etc.-This other curtain was now drawn aside, disclosing a wretched room with the poor mother sitting on the ground with a sickly-looking boy in her lap, and in the act of feeding him with a spoon. Simultaneously with the drawing of the curtain the lime light was brought to bear upon the tableaux, giving them a truly startling ef-

ceeded:

Father, dear father, come home with me now, The clock in the steeple strikes two! (Gong.

The night has grown colder, and Benny But he has been calling for you.

Indeed he is worse mother says he will die, Perhaps before morning shall dawn. And this was the message she sent me to bring Come quickly, or he will be gone.

Come home, come home, come home, Please, father, dear father, come home.'

'The act-drop rises again, and now the child has hold of the pewter pot, trying to take it from the drunken parent, and, as she continues the last two lines, 'Come home,' etc., the other curtain is drawn aside, and we next see the child stretched out on its mother's lap, and as it just raises its little head and falls back with a gasp, with the lime-light reflecting strongly whole terrible to view. Sobs were heard from all parts of the hall, coming from the female portion of the audience, while tears trickled down masang the song was affected, and could scarcely proceed with the third verse: 'Father, dear father, come home with me now. The clock in the steeple strikes three! (Gong.

The house is so lonely, the hours are so long, For poor weeping mother and me. Yes, we are alone-poor Benny is dead, And gone with the angels of light!

And these were the very last words that he · I want to kiss papa - good-night!' Come home, come home, come home,

Please, father, dear father, come home.'

'Again the drop rose, disclosing lit tle Mary on her knees, appealing to church? her father, who, with pot elevated, is in the act of striking her with it, as cleanly, happy homes-of Christian she sings, 'Come home,' and then the economy, of good order and good back curtain draws aside, showing the morals, and of righteous, impartial, mother praying over a child's coffin .- and therefore safe, civil governments? But now the sobs burst out still more The answers which observation and freely, and two females were carried reflection compelhin to make to these out fainting. The scene was truly questions should determine his course barrowing, and we gladly turned our without regard to his likes or dislikes

Poer Benny' being with the angels the people among whom he dwells .above. The drop rose; the father, so If, despite the settled conviction that ber now, is weeping over the coffin such habits and indalgences are wrong with the mother, and little Mary, on that they tend to degrade and brutalher knees, singing, 'Home, home, ize men and curse human society, he father, dear father's come home!' At still lends them, in a meas this moment the curtain is drawn sanction of his exa aside, and little Benny is suspended sparing of his complaints when drunover the coffin with wings, smiling kenness and riot hold high carnival, down upon them and pointing up- when mob rule is inaugurated at the ward. The father falls forward on polls, and when injustice and corrupbis face, the act-drop descends, and tion unsurp the halls of legislation for a few minutes all is hushed save and the judge's bench. Ay, let him the sobs of the females.

our side, as he heaved a sigh of relief, lamity to the production of which he 'Mr. Spurgeon never preached a bet- has been an active contributor. Evter sermon than that !'-an expression ery debasing habit, or single vicions to which we assented, and then left atterance or indulgence, of men who, fivity and liberality all interested in

*THEY HAVE EYES BUT THEY

"They have eyes, but they see not." striking illustration in the history of sons, in a manifest insecurity of life thousands of our countrymen, who and property, in the nameless acted ness. Few men were better informed are, on the whole, the friends of good villainies of debased and wicked men, disorder and immorality, the preva- legislation and even to the judge's over the signature of "Rinerant," he mily avoid the heaviness of political, financial lence of which they deplore. Blindly bench. Every glass of liquor swal, portrayed graphically the capabilities they help to curse the community lowed, even by men who were never of the State, and had in contemplation cies will only be published. where they dwell, where their proper drunk; every toast drank in sparkling at the ime of his death, a book emty is invested, and where, perhaps, champagne or Catawba, at a public bodying the results of his investiga- ed frast. The first number will contain the they are rearing families, with igno- dinner; every cigar burnt under the tions, which would have proved highrance, sensuality, and the reign of vul- noses of respectable men; every pa- ly valuable. Mr. Hardie was an ex- AMERICAN AUTHORY long recognized by gar manners and vulgar prejudices; per of "fine-cut" or "honey-dew" emp- celleat Christian gentleman and we and when all this ripens into rampant tied at intervals into the mouths of deplore his untimely death. - Scutithese are not heartless men, nor are they insincere.

"But evil is wrought by want of thought, As well as want of heart."

They forget, if they ever learned, an important fact, to the existence of which I purpose to call their atten tion in this article, if perchance the ignorant and the vile, are swift to any of that class may read what I do the bidding of their constituents,

The habits, example, and utterances of men of reputed good c'raracter, of education and tair standing in the community, exert a powerful influence shall be also reap."-Temperance Adfect. After a moment or two the act- to mould the opinions, habits, and

drop came down, and the lady pro- character of those less favored, and the young of all classes, after one of two very different patterns, and incline them in one of two opposite di- terrible straggle to save our nation's upon the evils of drunkenness arising rections. It is after the fashion and life that one of the most important from the use of intoxicating liquors, in the direction of good mor als, good elements in the conflict, and that in when one of the boys very shrewdly manners, Christian courtesy, and their which the North had specially the ad- remarked; "But, sir, may we not drink der our institutions, in personal and money. Perhaps to this, more than cause it contains the same intoxicating contributing, in the proportion which raging between error and truth, temthat community bears to the whole perance and intemperance, light and country, to the general safety and darkness, right and wrong, the former ernment of the whole country; or ex- this respect. actly the reverse. A real friend of The votaries of error, intemperance good government should, therefore, darkness, wrong, have well filled cofthoughtfully consider the tendency of fers: the former an almost empty treaevery habit in which he is disposed to sury. indulge, and of every social custom to The following returns to our reve which he assents. If, for example, he mue officers show the income from the be inclined to smoke or chew opium, retail sales of liquors last year: tobacco, cocoa, hashesh, or other stim- AMOUNT OF SALES OF RETAIL LIQUOR DEALulating or narcotic substances; to drink wine, malt liquors, or brandy and water; to play at cards, billiards, or tenpins; or to indulge in the more exciting sport of horse-racing; he should seriously ask himself in relation to the tendencies of such indulgences, Do they tend to elevate or degrade men? What is the direction of the influence of such habits in the aggregate? Are they the auxiliaries of the school-room, the public library, the lyceum hall, the Christian

PUBLIC TO NOT THE TAIL OF THE Are they usually promotive of quiet the habits and teachings of his ances-'An additional verse was sung about try, or the opinions and customs of exhibit the grace of a considerate si-"There! said a working-man by lence while sharing in a general caon the whole, are the friends of good order, good morals, and good government, associated, as it will be, with kindred influences emanating from other quarters, is destined, when its influence is full-grown and ripe, to confront them in the sad/ spectacle of social debasement, in burdensome These words of our Saviour find a taxation, in the degradation of their rowdyism, and, what is worse, mob Christian gentlemen; and every shout nel. rule under the forms of law, and in the of triumph swelled, on the race-course sacred name of republican government by the lungs of reputable citizens, as none more loudly lament the existence the panting horses come in on the of all this than these purblind ones "home-stretch," is subsequently repwho have helped to produce it. Yet resented in the dranken revel, in the shrieks of every sufferer hurried to a si eedy and often to a dreadful death, through the reckless management of druken men. Nor less is it represented in the venal judge, sent to the

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that

men, sent there by the suffrages of

while they mock at the names of jus-

a price, as sheep are sold in the sham-

THE SINEWS OF WAR.

MING PAR NATE BARBE BARBLE It was well understood during the trating with the members of his class kindred virtues, all culminating, un- vantage was in the sinews of war- wine? "No," said the teacher; "belocal good government, in prosperity, to any other human instrumentality, properties as ale or whisky." "But," happiness, and in the highest style of are we indebted for our final triumph. rejoined the boy, "we saw our minisindividual and social development, and But in the terrible moral battle now ter drink wine at our house last week." welfare, and to the wise and just gov- named are sadly at a disadvantage in

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balls, brothels, etc., and two thousand

millions would not foot the bill. Some six millions every day in our, land given to carry on the war in behalf of the kingdom of darkness .-Surely such a fact should arouse to acthe triumph of the Savior's cause .-

Christian Press. REV. HENRY HARDIE. -- We are pain ed to hear of the death of this gentleman, which sad event occurred at Mount Jackson, Va., the home fof his father-in-law, on the 23rd ultra-Mr. Hardie was in the 46th year of his age and had lived a life of great usefulas to the material and industrial resources of North Carolina, and none had done more to make the world acquainted with them. As a correspondent for the Sentinel, and other papers

THE Poor Boy. - Don't be ashamed, my lad, if you have a patch on your desirable advantage. elbow. It is no disgrace. It speaks well for your industrious mother,shouts of every infuriated mob, in the For our part, we would rather see a dozen patches on your jacket than hear one profane or vulgar word escape from your lips. No good boy . will shun you because you cannot bench by the votes of the rabble, or dress as well as your companions; and in the legislative hall, where corrupt if a bad boy sometimes laughs at your appearance, say nothing my lad, but walk on. We know many a rich and good man who was once as poor as tice and duty, and sell themselves for you. There is our next door neighbor, in particular, now one of our wealthy men, who told us a short time since that when a child he was glad to receive the cold potatoes from his neighbor's table.—Ex.

Power of Example. A teacher in a Sunday school recently was remons-This so much staggered the teacher (from whose lips we have the story) that he could press his arguments no further, silding tol Input a bad all

Communications.

For the Friend of Temperance, SMITHFIELD, N. C., Nov., 28th, 1868. BRO WHITAKER:-Two weeks ago, (13th inst) I organized "Selma Council No. 60, Friends of Temperance, in the town of Selma, Johnston county, with twenty two Active and eight Associate members. The following are its officers:

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O. Sentinel-G. M. D. Pittman, The following brothren were elected Delegates to the State Council: Simon Godwin, Perry Godwin, and Jerry McClair.

A club of subscribers to the "Friend" will be forwarded in a few days, from "Selma Council."

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Traly yours, denot Adv sol ALEX. R. RAVEN.

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