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Brother, send us one subscriber next week.

Mr. R. A. Shotwell, who for two years, had been in the Albany Penitentiary, has been released.

CLUBBING.—Bro. N. B. Bryan says we may expect a good clubbing from Burns council soon.

Several very interesting communications crowded out. Our contributors will please bear with us. They shall all have a hearing.

A. McKethan, Esq., President of the Fayetteville and Florence R. R., calls for proposals from railroad contractors for the gradation of the road to Shoo Hill.

N. R. Bryan & Son of Jonesboro shipped the first new bale of cotton to Fayetteville, on the 6th inst., which was sold by Cole & Gainey at 18 cents per pound.

The Statesville Intelligencer announces the unexpected death of Mrs. C. L. Turner, at Turnersburg, Iredell county, on Thursday last, after a short illness. She was an estimable lady.

We learn from the Christian Star that brother A. P. Abell, President of the Supreme Council, who is in feeble health, has been spending some time at the Healing Springs in Va.

The Grand Lodge of Good Templars met in Greensboro last week. We learn that the meeting was well attended and its proceedings harmonious. W. C. Troy, Esq., of Fayetteville, was elected Grand Chief.

Butler, alias "Spoons," after a hard race for the nomination for Governor of Massachusetts, met with another Big Bethel rout, on Wednesday last week. Washburn is the successful man.

JOB PRINTING.—We call the attention of readers to the advertisement of Messrs. Gorman, Maroon and Lee, who are now printing and publishing a new and improved edition of the Standard Dictionary, and when you come to Raleigh you will know where to find a pleasant stopping place. The Major is making the National a very popular House.

One Rev. Noah Correll, col., living in Atwell Township, Rowan county, was so badly scalded one day last week by his wife throwing a pot of boiling water over him that his life is despaired.

JANE FOSCOE, one of the survivors of the Foscoe family who were butchered in Jones county by the Union Leaguers just after the close of the war, died in the Craven County Poor House on Sunday last.

EDUCATIONAL MEETING.—There was quite a large meeting of the citizens of Raleigh, held in Metropolitan Hall Monday night. Judge Battle presided and General Gorman acted as Secretary. Several speeches were made and resolutions adopted, looking to the establishment of a system of Graded Schools in the city. The meeting was composed of the best men of the city. It was a move in the right direction.

Two Hundred.

Since the Semi-annual session of the State Council at Statesville, four months ago, twenty new councils of the Friends of Temperance have been organized in North Carolina.

This has been done in the busiest season of the year, when farmers had but little money and still less time to devote to the temperance cause. From now until the meeting of the State Council is the favorable season for our work and we think quite as much may be accomplished in the next two months as was accomplished in the last four.

Bro. N. B. Bryan, the Treasurer of the State Council who sends us cheering news from Moore county (see his letter) says in a private note to us: "I feel like we will number 200 councils by the meeting of the State Council, and that we shall have at Tarboro a large and interesting meeting."

We feel so, too. We have only 18 councils to get to make the 200. We can—we must—we will have them. Onward, is the watchword.

Lecturer's Fund.

Bro. N. R. Bryan acknowledges the following sums for the Lecturer's Fund: From Goldsboro council, \$4.00; From Rev. G. B. Wetmore, President's Council, \$2.00; \$19.00.

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Legislative Aid.

The ultimate aim of the temperance reform is to put down the traffic in ardent spirits, and thereby to remove the temptation which is offered to men at every turn of the road of life.

To convince the judgment, of the evils of intemperance, facts and figures must be adduced; to move the great public heart to action, moral passion is the surest means; but when the judgment has been convinced, and the public heart has been moved with sympathy for the ruined fathers, sons and brothers of our land, it becomes a fit time to invoke "legal sanction" to aid forward this grand reform movement.

The Friends of Temperance belong to no temperance party, nor will they affiliate with any that seeks to turn temperance sentiment to a political account; but, believing that the legislature is the proper custodian of the morals and best interests of the people of a state, and knowing that it has the power to abate a nuisance, to correct an evil and to punish a crime, Friends of Temperance feel that it is their natural legislative ally in the grand work which they have undertaken in behalf of virtue and religion, and that, without descending to dabble in the muddy pool of partyism, they may, with dignity and confidence, appeal to this ally to perform its part of the work.

As an Order, we hold that the prevailing license system not only marks a lawful right a traffic which divine law and past history declare to be morally wrong, but protects the trafficker at the expense of all other citizens, and confers upon a few persons the right and power to inflict the most terrible evils upon society in opposition to the wishes of a large majority of its people. That the authorization and protection of the traffic in intoxicating drinks by the legislative department of the world is a clear violation of the fundamental principle of all government, viz: the right of society to protect itself. That as prohibition is the divine mode of treatment in dealing with wrongs and vices of all kinds, so human plans ought to be prohibitory on all matters which evilify affect the well of the body politic. That we firmly believe that prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating drinks is the only effective remedy against the fearful evils inflicted on society by this unscrupulous source of poverty, vice and misery.

But, while we would hail with joy, the enactment of a law that would totally and forever banish the traffic from our land, and its evil consequences from the homes of our people, yet, for the present, at least, we will be content with a law that shall give to the people of the several townships of North Carolina, the right to petition the Legislature at its next session, praying the enactment of such a law.

MEMORIAL.

To the Honorable the General Assembly of North Carolina.

The undersigned, citizens of the State of North Carolina, respectfully petition your honorable body, so to modify the existing laws, regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors, as to allow the qualified voters of the several counties to determine annually by ballot, at township elections to be held for that purpose, whether license to retail intoxicating liquors shall be granted in said townships respectively.

We base this petition upon the recognized existence of legally established wrong, and the right of the people who have established said wrong, to withdraw from it their sanction, and to suppress it whenever and wherever they choose, by a majority vote. We respectfully submit that the legislation we ask is in full accord with the American idea of government, and is a just and legitimate demand. If this power of local prohibition be granted, then the responsibility for the continued existence arising therefrom will be brought fully home to the conscience of individual citizens.

We would further most respectfully suggest that the Legislature of this State has repeatedly recognized by law the right of communities to control the sale of intoxicating liquors within specified distances of certain churches, camp grounds and institutions of learning. These enactments have proved efficient and salutary, and furnish precedent which fully cover with their sanction the right of local prohibition.

For these reasons, we earnestly pray your honorable body to enact a general law, affirming this right and facilitating its exercise, being fully assured that such legislation will greatly conduce to the welfare of the people, and the glory of the State at large.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

The tax-payers mass meeting came off in Wilmington on Wednesday evening. Mr. Owen Alderman occupied the Chair. A number of speeches were delivered.

The widow of a Vermont pedlar claims \$10,000 damages from the bar-keeper who sold liquor to the man who murdered her late husband.

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The People Arousing.

The following letter from an intelligent gentleman of an eastern county, shows that the people are becoming alarmed at the awful ravages of Intemperance:

"R. H. WHITAKER, Esq., Dear Sir:—Thinking it not amiss to tell you our wants, I will intrude on your valuable time a few moments. There is a wide field for work in this section of country. There is not a temperance council in the county that I know of, while the rumshops are at nearly every fork of the road. They are wielding their influence. Hundreds of young, as well as middle aged and old men, can be seen staggering beneath the weight of this soul and body destroying demon, Alcohol, who only a few years since were looked upon as sober men. Numbers are yearly filling drunkards' graves, while the vendors of this poison continue to put it to the lips of the unwary—the young, even lads and youths that have not attained their majority. Mr. Editor, I have seen some of these gentlemen (?) bar tenders deal it out to their relatives, who were mere boys, until they could scarcely stagger home. What shall be done to arrest these people from an untimely grave, and from disgracing themselves and families? My heart leaped with joy a few days since, when an old opponent of temperance societies said to me, 'let us have a temperance society; we must do something to stop these grog-shops.' I say for the sake of fallen humanity; for the sake of those that are plunging blindfolded, as it were, into the haunts of sin and ruin, let us have something to arrest the downward course of the young men of our country. I have heard several speak favorably of the temperance cause recently, and not a few expressed a desire to see it firmly rooted in our midst.

Mr. Editor, do something for us—fix some way by which we can have a council. We need some good, speeches to thoroughly arouse the people on the subject. Appoint a day and place, when you will visit us. If you can't come, get some one else to come, a lecturer or D. V. P. I am sure that much good can be accomplished, and many a heart would be filled with gratitude, that you were instrumental in rescuing a relative from the power of these rum-sellers.

Enclosed find — for a few numbers of the Friend; by the time that expires, I hope to be able to join in a club, and give you a good report from a council in this neighborhood.

Respectfully yours,

"The Negro Question."

When Mr. Hickman made his first speech in the State Assembly, he was organized. In the Grand Lodge, which was subsequently organized, a resolution was passed containing Good Templarism, in North Carolina, to white persons only—or rather, excluding the colored race.

During the year, however, several colored lodges were formed, and at a convention held in Newberne during the Summer, steps were taken to organize a colored Grand Lodge; because, as it seems, the Grand Chief of the white Grand Lodge would not give the colored Lodges the Password.

Complaint went up to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge which recently met in London, from these North Carolina colored Good Templars, and we are informed that the Grand Chief of North Carolina, was ordered, by that Supreme body, to give the Password to the colored Lodges.

We copy the following letter and comment from the Griffin (Geo.) Temperance Watchman. This letter is from Tim Needham, Esq., of Kentucky, delegate to the recent Right Worthy Grand Lodge at London who saw and heard all.

He is G. W. S. of his State, and was opposed to the movement of secession last year. Here is what he writes:

BRELSLA, BELGIUM, Aug. 1, 1873.

Dear Bro. Bain:

The Nineteenth Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge, began in London, England, on Tuesday, July 22nd, and lasted till Monday night at midnight, July 28th, and did some good things—and "undid some good ones." Prominent among the latter was to go against the entire control of the "Colored Question" into the hands of the Grand Lodges South, and to order the G. W. C. T. of North Carolina to give the Quarterly Password to the Negro Lodges in his State, of which there are but two, I believe, and thus forcing upon our Grand Lodges the acceptance of the "social brotherhood of races," or the abandonment of the Order, either of which is terrible to contemplate.

Previous to this action they had voted to meet next year in Louisville, and to install Bro. Elliott, of Alabama, as R. W. O. Grand, but afterward I withdrew Louisville, and he resigned. Whatever else is to be done we were here to represent, and with that action whatever it may, I go with KENTUCKY AGAINST THE WORLD! They then voted to meet next year in Boston. Funny, wasn't it? But I'll tell you all about it when I get home again.

As ever and Forever, TIM NEEDHAM.

Commenting upon the foregoing letter the Watchman says: "The only thing in the world that kept the Grand Lodge of Georgia

NORTH CAROLINA.

DALLAS, N. C., Sept. 11, 1873.

DEAR BROTHER:—Yours of the 5th inst, came to hand in due time, in company with five books, for which accept our many thanks, also three copies of the Friend of Temperance. Think it a capital paper; will try and get subscribers for it. We have had one meeting since the reception of your letter, and, initiated seven members, and will have at least that number next meeting.

Yours in F. T. and C., W. F. HOLLAND, President.

JONESBORO, N. C., Sept. 12th, 1873.

Bro. WHITAKER:—I have the pleasure of giving you the gratifying news of the organization of a new council of the Friends of Temperance in Moore county, by the name of Burns council, No. 182.

President, John B. Gilliam. Associate, Wm. H. Pickard. Chaplain, Howard Gilliam. Secretary, J. M. Burns. Treasurer, Nathan Burns. Conductor, E. B. Gilmore. Ass't Conductor, D. G. Pickard. In. Sentinel, Jesse Gilliam. Out. Sentinel, Geo. E. Cole.

The other officers will be filled at their next meeting; and we received 12 associate members, Mrs. Clarinda Burns, Miss Malissa Gilliam, Miss P. A. Rogers, Miss Rosa A. Wicker, Miss Ellen Gilliam, Miss Eliza A. Gilliam, Mrs. P. Briggs, Miss M. Briggs, Miss M. Glass, J. A. Burns, G. H. Pickard. Bro. W. W. McKenize, State Lecturer, came up on the train this morning, and went with me to the meeting, 10 miles, and after we completed our pleasant work, we returned in time for him to take the train for Fayetteville, to enable him to meet his appointments at Owensville and vicinity to-morrow, where he hopes to organize 1 and perhaps 2 councils. I think we will soon organize another council at the X Roads, on the Carthage road, 9 miles from Jonesboro, and another 15 miles from Jonesboro, in Harnett county, at Antioch church. I hope Burns council will do well—ever have a burning and shining zeal for the glorious cause in which she has engaged.

In F. T. and C., N. R. BRYAN.

FOR THE FRIEND.

LA GRANGE, N. C. Sept. 10, 1873.

BROTHER WHITAKER:—I have not seen anything in the FRIEND from La Grange Council in some time, yet you need not think that we are all on a spree, or that, there is any need of ar and leathers in our council, as was intimated by Bro. McIntyre, in his diseased that it was necessary to use oil in a very healthy condition. The Friends of Temperance, is a living institution, at LaGrange, with able and earnest supporters, who trust in the Supreme Being, to crown their labors with success. And while we bow in humbleness and weakness, we hope to see the increase given in fullness of beauty and strength. Brethren do not abuse the rum-seller, but pity and pray for him, for his life can not be one of light, and love. And oh how icy fingers are placed upon him he must then, if not, before be persuaded of the terror of the Lord.

In F. T. and C., AMICUS.

FOR THE FRIEND.

MA. EDITOR:—I am not in the habit of writing for the columns of a newspaper, but I deem it my duty to help forward the temperance cause. Though an uneducated man, I venture to say something for the good of my fellowmen, knowing that too much cannot be said to reclaim poor fallen humanity, in its brief career here.

To-day we are in life and noble manhood—to-morrow in death and eternity—is a solemn thought to contemplate, and what we do in this life, for ourselves or for our fellowmen must be done quickly.

When I retrospect the past, moralize on the present and contemplate the future as compared with the past and present of our country, I am at a loss to comprehend what is to become of the rising generation.

When I see stewards and class-leaders in the church of God peddling liquor to the youths, of our beloved country, learning them to form habits which will end in drunkenness and eternal death, I shrink with horror from the sad sight and am made to exclaim, "what will become of us? Yet, this is done, and I say it with shame.

How humiliating is such conduct to the church of God! It's a shame!

Some people do pretend to take The Bible for their guide, And claim that drinking will make, No one from his God backslide.

What is the church coming to, when such settlements and such conduct are allowed?

I know some members of the church (and they were stewards) who no longer ago than last year were peddling liquor—the soul and body destroying stuff, to the tender youths of our land. Such conduct makes the church the thing of reproach that it is to-day; and when I see men assuming the livery of Heaven to serve the devil in, I get

Communications.

VIRGINIA.

WAYNESBORO, VA., Sept. 5, 1873.

DEAR EDITOR:—I have been, to some extent, a reader of your excellent paper, and not having often noticed any communications from our quiet little village of Waynesboro, I naturally came to the conclusion that a brief communication from this point of our temperance community, would not be unacceptable, although being unaccustomed to writing for newspapers.

Our council of Friends here number 180, and have been in existence for some time. During last quarter, but hope their vacant seats may be filled with more diligent and useful members, who shall face the tempter and prove faithful until the end, and in the end reap their rewards, as all true christians, who live not for the pleasures and riches of this world alone, but for the honor and glory of our ever kind and indulgent Creator, whose fatherly hand is ever ready to shield us from the vices and allurements of this world, which daily surround us. Let us truly hope the day is not far distant when the voice of temperance shall resound in the remotest parts of the earth, and all the erring who have sinned against their God time and again, shall be brought to their senses, and ever after live a new life, to the honor of their all-wise and protecting father. As a man by his temper and the character of his passions and affections. If he loses what is manly and worthy in these he is as much lost to himself as he loses his memory and understanding.

"SPEAK GENTLY TO THE ERRING. Speak gently to the erring, Ye may not know the power, With which temptation came, In some unguarded hour. Ye may not know how earnestly They struggled, nor how well, Until the hour of weakness came, And sadly, thus they fell.

Speak gently to the erring, Oh! do not then forget, However darkly stained by sin, He is thy brother yet; Heir to the self-same heritage, Child of the self-same God, He hath but stumbled in the path, Thou hast in weakness trod.

Speak gently to the erring, For is it not enough, That innocence and peace are gone, Without thy censure rough? It surely is a weary load, And those who share a happier lot, Their chidings well may spare.

Speak I adjy to the erring—Thou may't lead him back, With holy words and tears of love, From misery's thorny track. Forget not, thou hast often sinned, And sinful yet may't be; Deal kindly with the erring one, As God hath dealt with thee.

My best wishes for the advancement of your excellent paper; long may it live to proclaim the title which it bears. And may it be found in every family circle throughout the land. May it be the means of saving many precious souls from a drunkard's fate of shame and eternal ruin. More anon. CHAS. DEO.

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A sting from a spider the other day came near being fatal to a colored man in Wilmington.

Somebody is continually placing obstructions on the railroad track at Salter and Greensboro.

The Dysartsville (McDowell county) Peabody School is about to be changed into a subscription school.

Joe Baker, an inmate of the Charlotte jail, made an unsuccessful attempt to escape the other night.

The tobacco crop is later this year than usual and the quality is below the average in many sections.

A severe storm passed over a portion of Davidson county last week, destroying much valuable timber.

The trains on the Carolina Central Railway run within three hundred yards of depot at Wadesboro.

The Flat Swan and Lock Creek Layetteville. A. A. McKethan, Esq., is President.

A severe hail storm passed over a portion of the country between Lenoire and Stoneville, seriously damaging the crops.

There will be a large railroad meeting in Wentworth on Monday. Messrs. P. Duffy, J. N. Staples, Judge Keer and Major Morehead will address the meeting.

Major Wilson, Col. Tate and Mr. Fraser, of Morganton, propose to go into the sheep raising business. They have secured the services of a Scottish shepherd, and have imported an improved breed of sheep. So says the Piedmont Press

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