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WHAT IS MY BABY MADE OF?

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What is my baby made of?
Of all things sweet and fair;
Of the dew of the early morning,
Of the breath of the Summer air.
The fairies must have wrought him
Out of the sunshine bright,
Or stolen a wandering angel
Out of a moonlit night.

The blue of the azure heavens
Has tinted his wondering eyes,
His head has gathered the sunshine
Out of the Summer skies.
The dimples his cheeks are holding—
The dimple in chin, as well—
Are the prints of the fairies' fingers,
Tinged by the ocean shell.

O wondrously fair and lovely,
My baby was made for me,
Whether a stolen angel
Or nymph of the Summer sea.
And I've clipped his wings with my kisses,
Lest he fly away like a dove,
And I've bound him with golden fetters,
Wrought by the power of love.
—Cottage Hearth.

NEWS FROM THE LODGES.

The Lodge Deputies for the following Lodges report as follows:

No. 26. Bro. S. R. Ball reports Athens Lodge holding her own.

No. 214. Bro. J. C. Lindley: "We have had some trouble in our Lodge, but we have about gotten straight we reckon."

No. 204. Bro. J. D. Knots, says: "The most prolific source of getting members out of the Order is the non-payment of quarterly dues."

No. 63. Bro. R. C. Lilley: "Our Lodge seems to be growing, and has produced a great change for the better upon the community."

Bro. R. J. Williams, No. 244, says: "We have made a slight increase during the past quarter, and hope we have reached the turning point from which we may date a period of continued prosperity."

No. 168. Bro. J. A. Roberts, says: "We are having reverses, but it is our purpose to fight on, hoping to do better in the future. Lodge discipline very good. Influence of the Lodge in the community for good very perceptible."

No. 194. Bro. W. A. Coe: "Lodge in a prosperous condition—members working for the cause—all banded together as brethren—expect to have a public meeting soon. Think the 25 copies of the G. TEMPLAR has effected good. A bright prospect before us."

Bro. L. N. Lucas, No. 35, says: "The Lodge is in a prosperous condition, and by punctuality on the part of the officers, we expect to make it the banner Lodge of the State."

Bro. A. S. Aldridge reports much sickness around Bay River during the past quarter, and states that the Lodge has been affected thereby, but says the prospects are better; that the Lodge is exerting a good influence upon the community.

Bro. J. R. Jones, No. 220, says: "We, as members of Iola Lodge, have passed the following resolution: 'We hereby resolve to pay our dues for the present year, on or before the first meeting in February.' Our reason for this is, the money question during summer kills the interest in our Lodge, and this may forestall it."

Rock Spring Lodge will give a picnic on the 14th of April, at which a general temperance mass-meeting will be held, and temperance people are invited to be present. We accept the invitation extended to us, and shall expect to meet Brother Broughton.

Bro. T. M. Costin, No. 169, says: "Lodge in good condition, not increasing in numbers, but influence extending. We have driven the retail business of liquor from the neighborhood, and instead of rum mills we have three new churches and one academy. Our influence has told on the colored race, who are ever ready to copy the virtues of their white friends, as well as their vices."

No. 18. W. J. Williams says: "We have us a new hall now, and I think we will be able to do better soon. We will be able to lessen our dues. I think if we make our dues less, a great many of our suspended will pay up and thereby be reinstated." We hope Bro. Williams may realize his expectation, and in order to assure it, we hope he will take steps to circulate the GOOD TEMPLAR among those suspended members.

Bro. E. O. Johnston, No. 221, says: "I think we are all right. Initiated five, expelled one, and expect more to join soon. The fifty copies of the GOOD TEMPLAR took well among outsiders. The officers of the church are all encouraging us in our efforts to put down alcohol."

Bro. R. H—, No. —, reports several members suspended for non-payment of dues. Now there are very few Good Templars in North Carolina who are not able to pay the small amount of dues required by the Lodges generally. The fact is, the money question tests the strength of men's zeal in any and every cause with wonderful accuracy. The boys frequently love the girls who have money much the best. Many people are very fond of all the meetings of their church except those in which money is proposed to be raised, then something prevents their attendance. Let a man grow cold in any cause and it will be seen first in the money connections. So it is in Good Templary, the first thing they do when they begin to grow cold in the cause, or begin to hanker after the "critter," is to hold on to the money and plead hard times until they are so far behind they quit. Brethren, don't do this. You are stabbing the cause you profess to admire.

Bro. T. W. Kittrell, No. 40, says: "Our Lodge is small, and is not willing to take the GOOD TEMPLAR at 50 cents a copy, but would take 15 copies at which you offer 50." Now, brother, we cannot afford to furnish such small clubs at the price named, but just get the March number of the GOOD TEMPLAR and you will find the very best we can do for small clubs. Every Lodge should not only take the paper for its members, but as many as possible should be circulated outside of the Lodge, that the outside world may have attention called to what the temperance people are doing, what they propose to do, and why they propose to do it. Circulate all the temperance literature possible. It will advance the temperance sentiment in society, and strengthen the position of the Lodges before the public.

...How few interests, temporal or eternal, that escape the blighting influences of intemperance!

"WORTHY FINANCIAL SECRETARY."

The following address from the *Good Templar*, the official organ of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, says some things which I desire to say, so much better than I can say them, that I copy it:

"You are one of the most important officers of the Lodge. Upon the faithful discharge of your duties the prosperity and stability of the Lodge largely depend. Other officers may be ever so zealous and faithful, but if you fail, the Lodge must suffer, if not be destroyed. Your duties require you to keep the account of each member with the Lodge, and to faithfully endeavor to collect all dues not voluntarily paid before the end of the quarter. So you are not simply a receiver, as many Financial Secretaries seem to suppose, but the collector of the Lodge. If members grow dilatory in attending, and slack in voluntarily paying, it is your duty to see them and require payment, whether they attend Lodge or not. Faithfulness in this regard proves the very best means of securing the attendance of this class of members. What they have paid for they will be pretty sure to want to enjoy. Few will refuse outright to pay dues, and it were better far that such as squarely refuse to attend or support the Lodge should be advised formally to withdraw from the Order entirely. Such members are an injury to the Order, the Cause, and the Lodge. But it is to be presumed that mere absence from the Lodge indicates any such feeling or desire. If the Financial Secretary will do his duty and personally see and talk with every delinquent, nine out of ten of them will prove true to their allegiance, and a large majority will pay up and attend more promptly. May we not urge our brothers and sisters who are filling this important office in our Lodges, to commence the new year with a firm resolve that there shall be no lack of diligence or faithfulness on their part for the remainder of the term. The sure index of whether you have made and kept this resolve will be found in the size of the delinquent lists you report to your Lodges for suspension. Many Lodges are in need of funds for their work, and simply from the carelessness or inattention of their Financial Secretaries. Then follow suspensions for non-payment of dues, decrease in membership, discouragement, decline and—death. Shall this, brothers and sisters, be the experience of any of your Lodges? If you have heretofore been a little negligent, try the effect of 'turning over a new leaf.' And may you and your Lodges be prospered in so doing." T. C. W.

LICENSE OR NO LICENSE.

Every man and woman must be wide awake upon this issue. Now is the time. The people demand relief from the burden of the drunkard maker's yoke. The Saloonies and Hotel drunkard makers must go down together. Their traffic is robbery. They rob their victim. They rob his family. They rob society. They rob tax payers. These licensed Saloons, Hotels, Drug Stores and Dram Shops are the nurseries of vice and crime.

The man who sells alcoholic liquor as a beverage is a manufacturer of criminals and paupers.

License is protection for the traffic. The license law is a fraud. Prohibition is the only law that is a success. To vote for License is to become a partner in the busi-

ness. Are you in earnest? Have you seen and talked with your neighbor? Now is the time to work. Legalized murder must go down. The people will no longer pay taxes to support it.—*Temperance Investigator*.

BRO. W. C. BOWMAN.

We were rejoiced a few days ago at receiving a letter from Bro. W. C. Bowman, whose long silence awakened our fears about his being lost to Good Templary. But he comes forth with fresh courage, and says:

"You may say to the Lodges of the State that if they think my services would be helpful to the good cause, I hold myself at their bidding to buckle on the armor and go to any part of the State for duty during the present spring and early summer. Address me at Bakersville, N. C." W. C. BOWMAN.

This is good news, and we hope Lodges of Counties and Districts will club together and secure Bro. Bowman. He is certainly one of the ablest temperance lecturers in North Carolina, and second to but very few that we have ever heard.

Wake County Convention.

A Convention of Wake County Lodge, I.O.G.T., will be held with Wake Forest College Lodge on the first Saturday in May, at 10 o'clock, a. m. Each Lodge is entitled to four delegates. The County Convention is of great benefit to our Order, and it is hoped that the Brothers and Sisters will take more interest in this part of our noble work, and on the morning of the 3rd day of May let every Lodge in Wake county be fully represented at Wake Forest, and a day's work be done long to be remembered in the history of the Good Templars of Wake county.

Yours in F., H. and C.,
N. S. JONES, Cor. Sec.
Roger's Store, March 24, 1879.

TEMPERANCE ITEMS.

...We want true men and women everywhere to work for the advancement of the good cause of temperance.

...Upwards of 1,200 churches in Great Britain now use for unfermented wine, the true "fruit of the vine," and free from alcohol.

...The principles we advocate are based upon truth and right, therefore must ultimately triumph. All men must acknowledge them in the course of time.

...Does not the liquor seller, under license, claim the right to make men drunk, to make paupers, beggars, and to send thousands to lunatic asylums; in short, to rule or ruin this fair country?

...The World's Temperance Convention, which is to be held at Old Orchard during the next summer, promises to be one of the most important meetings of the kind ever held in this country.

...The editor of the *New Jersey Temperance Gazette* turns the rum rooster upside down in his paper the last month, because of the defeat of the rumsellers in their case of libel against the stockholders of the paper.

...Compare a license given to a saloon or drug store to sell alcohol in Christian America, which destroys families and the industries of the country, with letters of marque, and what pirates have done on the great high seas of the world.