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For the Good Templar. AMONG THE LODGES OF GRANVILLE.

Dear Templar:

I have just returned from a visit to the following Lodges: Tally Ho, Knap of Reeds, Walnut Grove and Oxford. Connected with these Lodges are some of the noblest temperance men and women it has ever been my pleasure to meet. Dr. Pat Booth and brother John Meadows, at Walnut Grove, will almost rank with those of whom it is said "the world is not worthy." At Tally Ho, Dr. John Booth and lady may be justly classed with those who are "the salt of the earth" and "light of the world." Knap of Reeds Lodge is blessed with Bro. Waller, an earnest, zealous worker, and County Deputy of Granville. Bro. Peed is a member of this Lodge. This brother, when young, and under the effects of rum, to prevent its discovery by his young wife, and for the purpose of appearing natural and home-like, very deliberately took a seat inside the frame of an old loom—perhaps upon the treadles—a seat upon which to maintain anything like a proper equilibrium, would require an expert circus rider. Since that time brother Peed has been a total abstainer from all intoxicants. O that others had been as wise! Oxford Lodge Templars are a faithful band. An introduction to the "angel of the Lodge," as a good and Rev. brother called her, was a pleasure to me. This lady's faithfulness deserves all praise.

At Knaps of Reeds, after speaking in part was over, Rev. M. L. Winston arose and made a few earnest remarks in favor of temperance, and closed by giving his name and expressing a desire to be initiated immediately, which was done.

Brother Winston is a member of the Christian church, a man of excellent standing in his community, and will do good. He will in all probability have a Lodge organized near Mt. Energy. May the good Lord bless him and his neighborhood with a good Lodge near his home.

And now, Messrs. Editors, allow me to express the belief that good was accomplished by this visit to these Lodges, notwithstanding their disappointment at the failure of P. G. W. C. T. N. B. Broughton to be present. The Good Templars in all this section have a love for him that he may well be proud of, and they may be assured that he has a nobleness of soul that can, and does, appreciate such love.
J. T. B., Deputy.

For the Good Templar.
FROM BRO. GATES.

Dear Bro. Ballard:

On last Saturday, 19th inst, I visited Broad Creek Lodge, Pamlico county, at 10½ o'clock, a. m. We had a public meeting at Star of Bethany church, one mile below Stonewall, and we had the good fortune to obtain eleven new members, which were initiated the same afternoon. I also conferred the Degrees on 23. I find the Lodge in an excellent condition, and the brothers and sisters fully awake on the subject of temperance. They boast a membership of 64, and the number of members present at last meeting about 58. This is what I call a good working Lodge.

We are going to try to re organize Pamlico Lodge, and the brothers in that section seem to feel sure of success. We intend holding a District Convention on Tuesday, May 20th, in Newbern, and expect a full delegation. I shall try and visit most of the Lodges before that time. Athens and Metropolitan Lodges are increasing in numbers and influence, and are much encouraged.

Will let you hear from me again after district meeting.

Yours in F. H. and C.,
B. M. GATES, Dist. Dep.
Newbern, N. C., April 25, 1879.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—The Queen of England has lately given twenty-five thousand dollars for the temperance cause.

—"The saloon," says Dr. Lorimer, "is as much the gate of hell as ever the church was of heaven."

—75 Good Templar Lodges of Kentucky either own or have an interest in the halls in which they meet.

—The Kansas Legislature has passed the resolution submitting the constitutional amendment to the voters in November.

—It is stated that the House restaurant, in the Capitol at Washington, sold, on the last night of the Forty-fifth Congress, 2,976 drinks of lager beer.

—Francis Murphy, the founder of the Blue Ribbon movement in the Eastern States, has started for California to hold Gospel Temperance meetings.

—The temperance work of Baltimore, Maryland, is advancing vigorously. Six of its large distilleries have fallen off, some one-third and some one-half in the past year.

—THE Bishop of Rochester, Eng., at the opening of a new coffee tavern at Greenwich, said that he had been a total abstainer two years, and found that he could do more work without the drink than with it.

—The Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company now requires the written pledge of every employee to abstain from using intoxicating drinks, even ale, beer and wine, to keep out of all places where such drinks are sold, and to refrain from profane and abusive language.

—Learned judges, jurists, and eminent counsellors at the bar, have placed it upon record, that the indiscriminate sale of intoxicating beverages is the chief source of all the crimes and numerous evils that now afflict society. The voluminous records of the courts all bear concurrent testimony to the same fact.

—The accusers of alcohol are religion and law and medicine and philanthropy. By the united voice of their acknowledged representatives uttering themselves perpetually, they proclaim the tremendous indictment through every avenue of communication and in every tone, from the moan of orphanage to the maledictions of outraged human nature and the indignant thunders of High Heaven itself.

—A hotel keeper who sold alcohol asked a local bard to get a motto for a new sign-board which he was having painted. He wanted something funny, and our worthy poet gave utterance to the following:

Rum and whiskey, ale and beer,
Beggars made and mended here;
When nothing's left to pay the score,
I'll up and kick him to the door.

—Ireland is experiencing so much benefit from the closing of its liquor saloons on the Sabbath, that it is anxious for more good in the same direction. A movement to this effect has been started for closing the public houses on Saturday night. This is intrenching the Sabbath in the right way, and allowing the people to enter on the day of rest with sober heads and clear minds, unmuddled by whiskey or beer.

—But how to cure it is the question of questions. There are at least three very well-defined types of opinion in regard to it. Some demand a well-considered license law, steadily and rigidly enforced. The objection to this is that we license an immorality. Others advocate strict prohibition. This certainly is logically self-consistent; but whether such legislation can everywhere be enforced or not is another question. Success in a frontier State like Maine might not guarantee success in States like Massachusetts and New York. Others, again, stand up for free trade in this as in everything else, simply holding men accountable for the mischief they do.

—THE TOBACCO PEST.—In a late sermon upon "Christian Courtesy to the Aged and to Women," the Rev. J. C. Jerome, of Long Island, took occasion to refer to the tobacco pest as:

"The use of tobacco, in any form, is selfishness. I say, not only is it a pest and a poison to the user in his own person, but also is it discourtesy and selfishness toward other persons. Because it renders the breath and garments, even though the filth may not be then in the mouth, offensive to almost all ladies. And it is a wholly animal gratification which men alone enjoy. I want no pleasures which my wife and sister cannot share"

—It is claimed that 2,800 cases of intemperance have been cured by a Chicago doctor by the use of red Peruvian bark (*Chincona rubra*).

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE SALE OR GIVING AWAY OF SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS OR WINES WITHIN TWO MILES OF ANY PLACE AT WHICH POLITICAL SPEAKING TAKES PLACE.

The General Assembly of
North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person to sell or to give away, either directly or indirectly, any spirituous liquors, wine, or bitters containing alcohol, within two miles of any place in this state at which political public speaking shall be advertised to take place and does take place, this prohibition to continue only during the day on which said public speaking shall take place.

SEC. 2. Any person who shall be found guilty of violating this enactment shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than twenty dollars, or imprisoned not more than twenty days.

SEC. 3. Justices of the peace shall have original jurisdiction of the offence above described, upon view or written information duly sworn to, but subject to appeal by either party to the superior court of the county in which the offence happens.

SEC. 4. This act shall not apply to incorporated towns.

Ratified the 13th day of March, A. D. 1879.

"A SINGLE GALLON OF WHISKEY."

In a recent temperance address in the First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, Judge Pierce, in the course of his remarks, said:

"Science has revealed, by the aid of the microscope, the presence of living and often disgusting objects in a drop of water. The stomach revolts at the spectacle, under the glass, of the creatures which tenant every refreshing draught, however invisible to the naked eye. Let me tell you what once came out, under the process of justice in the Court of Oyer and Terminer in this city, from a single gallon of whiskey, which to most eyes seemed innocent and harmless enough. There came out of it two murderers, two widows, eight orphans, two cells in the State Prison, filled with wretched convicts for a term of years. The whiskey, moreover, was used in connection with the administration of one of the ordinances of religion—the sacrament of baptism. It was drunk at the christening of a child, and the men and women who drank it fought, and two lost their lives, and the further results were what I have said. Did not Shakspeare say well: 'O thou invisible spirit of wine, if thou hast no name to be known by, let us call thee devil!'"

THE only place in the world where young men are taught that there is not an honorable woman on earth, is the drink shop. Obscene stories are at a premium and filthy jokes are always in demand in these smut-mills. No lady's character is safe from slander, and young men are led to think lust a crowning glory. No man would think of taking his wife or daughter to spend an evening in any bar-room. Any place that is not fit for a lady to frequent, is not moral or respectable, and a man that manages an immoral institution is an immoral man.—True Citizen.