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though the customer may be already drunk. If a law was passed making it an indictable offence for any one to sell liquor to a person under its influence at the time, it would doubtless have some effect towards putting a stop to the many cases of crime that are constantly occurring around us. The man or woman who would sell a fellow-man liquor when he is already drunk ought to be made to suffer at least a portion of the penalty for any crime the man who is in such a state might commit. By selling such a man liquor, it is giving a helping hand to crime for which the offender should suffer. We do hope our Legislature will look into this matter. The frequent crimes that have been committed in North Carolina of late are a disgrace to the State, and all means possible should be resorted to for their suppression.

EX-GOV. HOLDEN.—This distinguished gentleman was invited by the committee on invitations to deliver an address to the colored people of New-Berne on the occasion of the celebration of emancipation on the 1st inst. The colored people of North Carolina owe to Governor Holden a deeper debt of gratitude, than to any living man. The Proclamation of President Lincoln did indeed announce the determination of our Government to protect with all the force at its command the rights of Liberty; but it was left to Gov. Holden, to rescue them in North Carolina from shameful outrages and cruelty. For their good he sacrificed place and power, and even risked assassination. The present generation of the colored people of North Carolina will hand down the name of HOLDEN, to their children, and each succeeding generation will revere his memory and applaud his deeds.

The following is the letter of Gov. Holden to the committee.

It is modest in its tone, and full of good wholesome advice.

Read it colored friends and file it away:

RALEIGH, Dec. 16, 1873.  
To Mr. Virgil A. Crawford and others.  
Committee:

GENTLEMEN—Your letter inviting me to address the colored people of Newbern on the first day of January, 1874, is received.

I regret that it will not be in my power to comply with your request, but I trust you will have an interesting celebration, and I feel sure you will be addressed on the occasion by persons much better qualified to do so than I am. I am anxious for the progress of the colored race. Let me respectfully and earnestly advise:

First. Education for the young.  
Second. The acquisition of useful knowledge by the elders and the aged.

Third. Industry, as indispensable to the well being of the race, here and hereafter.

Fourth. Total abstinence from all intoxicating spirits.

It is easy to talk and resolve, but only do these things, my friends, and God will smile still more benignly on your race, and you will continue to advance in respectability, in knowledge and in virtue.

The use of ardent spirits is inflicting more evil on both races in this State than anything else. Your race will advance or be retarded in proportion as it rejects or uses ardent spirits. Teach abstinence to your children. Write it on your door posts. Bind it on your wrists for a motto. Chant it in your songs, and utter it in your prayers. May God bless you, my friends, and make you temperate, and industrious, and careful with your earnings, and give you knowledge and wisdom, and lead you as He led Israel of old. He has already delivered you from the Wilderness of Bondage, but the Wilderness of Sin tempts you on every hand. Your only safety is in the paths of Abstinence, Industry and Knowledge.

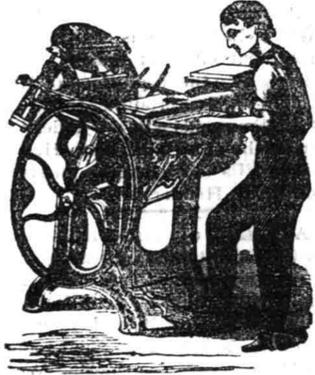
Truly your friend,  
W. W. HOLDEN.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AND LOSS OF LIFE.—On Wednesday night the 7th inst., the county jail of Franklin county, situated at Louisburg, was discovered to be on fire, and although every exertion was used to save the building it was totally consumed. There were five prisoners confined in the jail, two of whom were in the dungeon and

three, including one woman up stairs. The two confined in the dungeon were the colored men, Bob Dunson and Simon Boddie, who broke open and robbed J. J. Minetree's gin house some weeks ago. The two men up stairs were rescued, but the woman whose name was Susan Eppes and an invalid, and Dunson and Boddie, were burned alive. The woman was only 19 years of age, and the men were likely young men and resided in Louisburg. The jailer lived some distance off and with great difficulty the key of the building was obtained. The cries of the unfortunate prisoners for help are said to have been heart-rending. The market house and other buildings were torn down to prevent the spread of the flames.

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