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A WOMAN.

Ah, she is of our thought and time,
And wanders vaguely forth to trace
Through nights of variant age and clime
Her birthright to a servile race.
Amid the tumult of our days,
Thrilled with the fire of hope and dream,
She treads in fearless wise the ways
That men had sought and trod supreme.
With gladdened eyes she fares, and none
Shall check her warm, uplifting soul
That sees afar some shining goal
Like the new glory of a sun.
She feels the exultant sense of life,
And battles in the blood of strife;
Where men have climbed, her hands shall
reach;
What men have taught, her tongue shall
teach;
Sealless in struggle, bold in mind,
Fertile in fresh expedient, strong
To hold her right against the wrong,
To seek what others dare to find,
She stands unswayed, unbowed, unbent,
The mistress of her high intent.
Yet she is but a woman still,
Who weeps as only women weep,
Who loves as only women will,
And reaps her joys as women reap;
Whose mystery, in its sacred stir,
Is the inviolate part of her;
Whose charm is not of man, but blown
Like the wild roses, all her own.
Sweetheart and tower of fruitful years,
Time cannot change her smiles and tears,
Time cannot rob her of the grace
Which burns like love light in her face.
—George Edgar Montgomery in Frank Leslie's.

THE TEMPERANCE UNION.

MEETING OF WESTERN DIVISION AT NEW HOPE, LAST SUNDAY.

NEW HOPE CHURCH, July 17.—The Western Division of the Temperance Union met here today pursuant to adjournment.

Officers present. Opening exercises conducted in the usual manner.

On motion, roll call was omitted.

After the reading and adoption of minutes of previous meeting the committee to provide for a meeting at Kelford or Aulander not being prepared to report were continued another month.

Regular exercises were next in order and were performed in the following order, viz:

1. C. W. Britton read a paper titled "My Duty on the Subject of Temperance as I See It," as follows:

Nothing new can be said or written on this subject, nevertheless any one who is interested in humanity, especially in the young and rising generation, may say or write something, however commonplace, that will interest all lovers of humanity. The great question to ask myself as an individual is, "What is my duty on this line?"

My duty as a private individual, as I see it, is to abstain from the use of all intoxicants because it is best for body and soul.

As a parent I have no right, in the sight of high heaven, to set any example before my children that, if followed, would lead them to do wrong, for in all cases example is more powerful than precept and without it precept amounts to nothing.

My duty as a citizen is to encourage anything that is for the betterment of society and to discourage anything that is for the direct detriment to it.

My duty as a teacher is to instruct my pupils, in every laudable way, the evils of the habit of tipping and the evils flowing out of the traffic. As we are surrounded it is quite hard for us to see the many evils of which the liquor traffic is father.

My duty as a physician is to be careful as to the cases for which I prescribe liquors. We think that if Dr. H. W. Lewis is correct, it is the duty of our doctors to keep it on hand and not only prescribe it but deal it out themselves, because if they are worthy to take our lives into their hands they are really the only ones competent to handle the stuff, and by keeping it perhaps no one would die of exhaustion from La Grippe. I want to be on the right side of this question and so I do not fail to ask questions of those with whom I come in contact and more so if I have confidence in their ability. So one day, meeting one of our first doctors I interrogated him on the line of the medicinal virtue of King Alcohol. Question: Do you

believe there is as much virtue in liquor as a medicine as people attribute to it? and the answer was:

"I do not; it is a convenient remedy but there are other things that are better. I have never in my practice gotten any permanent good from the use of spirits. It will keep up the spirits of a person sinking, will keep him in the world a little longer and that is all; and as for a man that has a taste for it I never will again prescribe it. In a great many instances a doctor will allow a patient to take a little drink for fear of giving offense."

For fear some one may think this a dream or far-fetched I will give the name—Dr. D. B. Zollicoffer. I believe that he not only is a good doctor but a Christian, and I believe the cause of Jesus Christ lies near his heart. There are church people both white and black that think liquor to be a great thing. Some colored people say they do not love whiskey so much but it is their privilege that is so dear to them. The suggestion of slavery is repulsive to them and the thought of such a thing almost drives them mad, yet King Alcohol is a greater task-master than they ever had in the form of a human being. The most intelligent colored people are against drinking and drunkenness.

Lastly, my duty as a Christian voter, as I see it, is to vote at all times in the interest of humanity and never against it. I will now close with a question and if any one will answer the same he will confer a favor upon this writer. Question: Can a Christian voter cast his ballot for a party that stands pledged for license and yet have no responsibility to share in the matter?

2. T. Herbert Peele gave a declaration upon "Minority, with God a Majority." In this we were taught a very small minority in the right is more than a great host in the wrong.

3. J. T. Draper made a speech upon the condition of Halifax county in its use of liquors and support of saloons and the better condition of Northampton because she had had no saloons. He also spoke of the Christian voters of this nation.

4. T. C. Peele heartily endorsed the fact that the Christian professors of this county, State and nation are accountable for most of the evils of the saloon.

W. H. Buffkin, member of the Clowan Temperance Union, gave interesting account of the work in that field and cheerfully encouraged this body to persevere in its efforts for its suppression.

The Secretary read a paper titled "A True Account."

The pledge was then read and J. B. Lassiter subscribed his name, thereunto and was cordially received a member of this body.

After the usual closing exercises the house adjourned to meet next at Friend's Church, Rich Square, on the third Sabbath in August, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

One Good Turn Deserves Another.

Fellow Passenger—Pardon me, your necktie has been sticking out for some time. I refrained from telling you sooner because those young ladies seemed so much amused.

Farmer—Thankee; and the oil from that lamp has been droppin on that light overcoat of yours for the last ten minutes, but every one seemed so tickled that I hated to spoil the fun. —London Tit-Bits.

Usually the case.

Help a man out of trouble, and though he'll forget—

Your kindness as soon as his trouble is over—

If ever again in a hole he should get.

An' then he will think of you kindly once more. —Puck.

Two Favorite Poets.

Now there are two poets whom I feel that I can never judge without a favorable bias. One was Spenser, who was the first poet I ever read as a boy, not drawn to him by any enchantment of his matter or style, but simply because the first verse of his great poem was—

A gentle knight was pricking on the plain,
And I followed gladly, wishful of adventure.
Of course I understood nothing of the allegory, never suspected it, fortunately for me, and am surprised to think how much of the language I understood. At any rate I grew fond of him, and whenever I see the little brown folio in which I read, my heart warms to it as to a friend of my childhood.

With Marlowe it was otherwise. With him I grew acquainted during the most impossible and receptive period of my youth. He was the first man of genius I had ever really known, and he naturally bewitched me. What cared I that they said he was a debauched fellow? nay, an atheist? To me he was the voice of one singing in the desert, of one who had found the water of life for which I was panting, and was at rest under the palms. How can he ever become to me as other poets are?—James Russell Lowell in Harper's.

Defining a Cocktail in Court.

A witness in a case recently on trial in one of the courts in Boston testified that the defendant was not a drinking man "and only took cocktails." Judge Blank, who presided, is a teetotaler. He noticed among the spectators a well known physician, a bon vivant, and at the recess called him up to the bench and asked him to define a cocktail.

"A cocktail," responded the doctor, "is a feather dipped in an emollient which is applied to a dry or irritated throat for the removal of dryness or irritation."

The learned judge thanked him, but the story that the court subsequently dipped a feather in vasoline and touched his palate with it under the impression that he was taking a cocktail is probably a lawyer's yarn. —Boston Transcript.

Convicts of Abyssinia.

In Abyssinia political offenders and obstructionists are arrested, chained and placed on the small table land of Abba Salama, a high, rocky and precipitous mountain about thirty miles from Addowa. So sheer and steep are its sides that the prisoners are drawn up by ropes. Their chance of escaping is impossible, and the risk of dashing themselves into eternity on the rocks below. On this lonely height there is soil on which they may grow grain, and there are wells with good water. There is no speaker to keep order, and they may, if they choose, abuse the prime ministers and crowned heads to their hearts' content, but they return no more to the ways of the world. —Frederick Villiers in Century.

Duststorms on the Atlantic.

Ships crossing the Atlantic in the latitude of the Cape Verde islands often encounter duststorms of longer or shorter duration. One of the most remarkable of these paradoxical storms swept down on the German steamer Argentine in the summer of 1889. It lasted for four days, during which time the air was so full of dust particles as to make high noon almost as dark as the darkest midnight. When the "storm" was at its height the sailors were kept busy shoveling the dust from the steamer's decks. The machinery was made to work with great difficulty, and at one time the captain, J. G. Schoon, had grave apprehensions that they would be dashed upon the Cape Verde reefs. —St. Louis Republic.

Ancient Superstitions.

The ancients peopled all distant lands with monsters and all distant seas with horrors. Unknown and distant countries were, to their superstition, peopled with "gorgons, hydras and chimeras dire." The distant seas were filled with monstrous dragons and serpents, of which the sea serpent is today, perhaps, a survival. The unknown oceans were filled with whirlpools that sucked in mariners, who were sacrilegious enough to approach them, to an awful death.

Perhaps these superstitions, as much as any one thing, kept the world for so many centuries an unexplored and unknown waste. —Yankee Blade.

A Ready Reply.

Foot's ready reply to the caution, "Your handkerchief, sir, is hanging out of your pocket," was of high merit, both from the surprise and for the cordial way in which the caution was accepted. "Thank you, sir; you know the company better than I do." —Gentleman's Magazine.

He Lets the Tailor Whistle.

Cobble—Widner is the strangest fellow about some things. He wears a twenty-five cent necktie with a fifty dollar suit and thinks he is saving money.

Stone—Will he do, doesn't he?

Cobble—I don't see how.

Stone—He has to pay for the necktie. —Clothes and Furnisher.

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WARRENTON CONFERENCE.

MEETING OF DISTRICT CONFERENCE AT MURFREESBORO JULY 15-16.

[From the State Chronicle.]

MURFREESBORO, N. C., July 15.—The Warrenton district conference of the M. E. church South convened in the Methodist church here this morning. The presiding elder, Rev. S. D. Adams, in the chair. The devotional service was conducted by the chairman, assisted by Rev. Wm. Grant. The attendance upon the conference is very fine, all the preachers on the district and a large representation of laymen are here.

The social reunion of the preachers and of the devout laymen is exceedingly enjoyable. They recount their toils and the blessings that their Master has sent upon their labors and are happy.

The work of the day was in hearing reports from the different pastoral charges and in discussing the spiritual state of the church on the District.

The reports showed a healthy and prosperous condition of affairs among the churches. At 11 a. m. there was preaching by the Rev. Mr. Grissom, of Enfield. At night, by the Rev. J. N. Cole, of Raleigh.

Rev. Mr. Adams makes a fine presiding elder, he is justly regarded as one of the best in the State, and is very highly esteemed by the church all over his district. Murfreesboro is at her best this week. She has given the conference a very cordial welcome. This seat of learning is truly a delightful place. Here are two of the best institutions of learning in female education that North Carolina has within her borders.

Mr. Gray has charge of the Methodist college here and is expecting a fine opening the first of September.

Prof. J. B. Brewer is the president of the Baptist college. This is the foremost school of that denomination in the State. It was full of sweet girls last session and has a fine outlook for next session.

The school is justly the pride of the Baptist denomination of the State.

MURFREESBORO, July 16.—The conference opened at 9 o'clock with devotional services conducted by Rev. P. N. Stainback, of Weldon. The financial condition of the churches in the District was the subject of discussion during the morning session. At 11 a. m. Rev. W. L. Cunningham, of Henderson, preached on the subject of Missions. This was easily one of the finest presentations of the mission work and obligation of the church that we ever heard.

The speaker showed a perfect mastery of his theme and delivered a discourse that will doubtless quicken mission interest in the hearts of many Christians. President Rhodes, of the Littleton Female College, addressed the conference on his particular work. Littleton College has become one of the best and most popular schools in the State. The conference was glad to learn from President Rhodes that the college is in a very flourishing condition. The following were elected delegates to the next annual conference at Goldsboro: Uriah Vaughan, Dr. Zollicoffer, Ed. Clark and George Pritchard. At night a very interesting educational meeting was held. Rev. J. W. Jenkins and Dr. Reid were the speakers. They made telling speeches. Trinity College was ably represented by Dr. Reid. The conference pledged to furnish twenty dormitories at Trinity College. There is much interest in this part of the State in this school.

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The Primaries.

It is the duty of all good citizens to attend the primaries of their party held to select delegates to the nominating conventions.

It is too often the case that our farmers and business men stay away from the primaries, thinking it of little importance to attend such meetings when it really is of the greatest importance to attend the primaries as very often not more than half a dozen attend when delegates are selected that are to nominate men to claim our suffrages at the polls.

Political parties are a necessity in a government like ours, and a man who thinks himself too good to vote is not a fit subject to criticize others for the way they vote.

Books for N. T. A.

We have received from Hon. William T. Harris, United States Commissioner of Education, the following books for the library of N. T. A.:

"Biological Teaching in the Colleges of the U. S." by John P. Campbell, Ph. D.

"Southern Women in the recent Educational movement in the South," by Rev. A. D. Mayo, M. A.

"Analytical Index to Harvard's American Journal of Education," by Henry Barnard, L. L. D.

"History of Higher Education in Ohio," by Geo. W. Knight, Ph. D., and John R. Commons, A. M.

NOTICE.

At a meeting of the County Democratic Executive Committee held in Jackson, Monday the 18th it was resolved to hold the primaries to elect delegates to the County Convention, on Saturday, Aug. 6, and the County Convention be held in Jackson on Monday, Aug. 15, at 11 a. m. for the purpose of nominating officers and electing delegates to the Senatorial Convention. Chairmen of the various town precincts will please give due notice of the same.

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