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## THE EVIL OF STRONG DRINK.

"At Last It Biteth Like a Serpent and Stingeth Like an Adder."

Campbell, Feb. 19.

Mr. Editor:

It seems that the drink and dance subject is likely to continue on in the columns of the Reporter. Well, I am not hollering now because I am hit, but wait to make a few remarks in regard to the subject of strong drink, the great evil that is sweeping over this land from sea to sea and is depriving wives of their husbands, mothers of their sons, and on and on it is raging, this great deceiver that makes a weak man feel strong and in the course of time makes the strong man weak. No wonder the old prophet spoke out and said "for at last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." This great deceiver that makes a poor man feel rich and fetches the rich man to poverty. Its evils never have been unfolded. The wise man Solomon says "Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup and moveth itself aright, for at last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." It is a great stumbling stone in this world, though the Lord tries the hearts and reigns of his people. There is no doubt but what it was put here for a good purpose, but how many use it in that way. The Lord says, be sober minded and to be temperate in all things. He was warning us against these things. He knew we would come in contact with them. How often do we see the poor, sick and suffering men and women almost at death's door, when brandy or whiskey is the last resort, and even the devil said, "yes, a man will give all that he hath for his life." We can go back to the days of the prophets and see where trouble followed strong drink just as it does at the present age. On one occasion King David had sent to Naberl for some kind act he wished him to perform, and Naberl was drunk when he received the message and sent King David a rough answer back, on which David ordered his men to get ready to go with him and they were on their way to Naberl's home to take his life, and when Naberl's wife heard they were coming, she started at once to meet them and on she went until she met them. A brave woman she was to stand before a King and his army and defend for her husband's life. She stated the case to the King, and so great was her speech it melted the King's strong heart and he sent her home to her husband and he went his way home. How often do we see women truer than the men to the vows they make before God when they are joined together as man and wife. Nine times out of ten the wife will stand by her husband and love, comfort and protect him to the end, while on the other hand the husband becomes careless and unconcerned and soon forgets many of the good promises he has made. Oh, the trouble that strong drink has caused in this world. No wonder the prophet spoke out and said "Wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." How often do we see good middle-aged men who are moderate drinkers, who have made a good living in this world and yet keep indulging in strong drink until at last it "biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." There are many nice young men growing up in this country

who might hold good positions in this life if they will turn their backs on strong drink, that great deceiver that has wrecked many young lives. The devil always offers his best first, and then it gets worse and worse.

Now, I want the readers of the Reporter not to think the writer is measuring others' corn by his basket. The writer never has walled in the water and mud under the influence of strong drink.

Well, I hope S. S. T., Kitty, Faith and Bachey will come again, I love to hear from them, and hope William has repented by this time sitting in sackcloth and ashes, and surely Mr. W. B. will never be heard from any more.

With good wishes to all.

BACHELOR NO. 2.

## SPRAY.

Spray, March 1.

Mr. Editor:

As I have not seen a letter from this place in some time, I thought I would write one.

Spray is located on the west side of Smith River about one mile north of where it enters into the Dan River. Spray is a hustling little place, with about 5,000 inhabitants, the work here is all cotton and wool manufacturing. There is seven cotton mills and two woolen mills, all running on full time except the Rhode Island mill which is not quite complete, but will be ready for running soon. We have four churches in Spray, with regular services every Sunday and another one being built which will soon be completed. We have a mail train here three times every day, and also one horseback mail route daily.

The writer is informed that Mr. Sanford Paterson will take charge of the postoffice at Spray about April 1st, and that Mr. J. D. Martin, the present postmaster, will take charge of the Leaksville postoffice at that time.

Dr. J. W. Slate, of Capella, and Dr. A. F. Tuttle, of Mizpah, are located with us now, and are doing a very good business. The writer wishes them success.

Mr. J. W. Kurfess, of German-ton, was in town recently on business. Come again, John, we were glad to see you.

Mr. Ed Cromer, of Mizpah, and Mr. W. C. Southern, of Pink, have obtained positions in the Nantucket cotton mill at a very reasonable price. We hope the Stokes county boys will do well.

Mr. Frank Crews is wearing a broad smile today. He went with his best girl to church last night. Mr. Ed Cromer says that Miss Emma is the prettiest girl in town. Mr. Neal, an employer of the Hall Furniture Co., says he would be glad if that fellow that took his overshoes out of the store would bring them back.

I will close with best wishes to the Reporter and its patrons.

NEW SUBSCRIBER.

Mr. Hardin Covington, of Mead-ows, spent a few hours in town Saturday.

Mr. F. A. Slate, of Capella, spent Wednesday night in town. He was looking after the Slate telephone line.

Mr. Isaac Bibey and family, who have been residing here for more than two years, moved Saturday to the farm of Mr. Thomas East, near Walnut Cove.

Mr. L. O. Davis, who has been teaching near Prestonville, was in town Saturday.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

Another Contribution From Rev. J. T. Ratledge, Pres. Of Stokes County S. S. Association.

Mr. Editor:

I wish to speak to the people of Stokes again this week through the Reporter 'phone, upon that subject which lies very close to my heart—the Sunday School work.

My whole aim is to do good while among you all, and I am convinced that a well conducted Sunday School is a blessing to any community—hence my interest in this work.

To scripture for an instant. In 2 Tim., 3:15, we find this from the pen of St. Paul's amanuensis: "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Timothy's instruction in the scriptures was no doubt the work of his mother Eunice and grand mother Lois, who were said to have been women of faith, 2 Tim., 1:5. So we have here the noble example of good women teaching a little child the holy scriptures; of which, wise St. Paul speaks with manifest approval.

Then if the good and the wise pursue this course in regard to their children, would it not be safe and right for all parents to do likewise?

This example, then, of Eunice and Lois and the words of St. Paul clearly condemn the course of that mother who permits her children to sow their "wild oats" in early life and choose for themselves in later life.

Timothy in early manhood became great Paul's right-hand helper in the gospel work. How much of this could be set down to the account of this mother and grandmother?

The Christian world may truly thank God that while Timothy's father was a Geek, and perhaps heathen, his mother, backed by her mother, had faith in the true God to the extent that she instilled His holy truth into the mind and heart of her little son.

Then, fathers and mothers, in the light of this powerful example can it be a mistake for you to encourage the instruction of your children to the holy scripture? What about your little Timothy? Can Paul and heaven commend you for the course you are pursuing in regard to him?

This knowledge is said to make Timothy "wise unto salvation." Then as it instructs one "unto salvation," it is a knowledge that is very much to be desired. The wise and safe plan, therefore, is to lay clearly and forcibly before the tender minds of the young the saving truths of the gospel.

To assist in doing this is the work of the Sunday School.

Many of us today can testify to the benefits derived from this source of instruction.

In view of these facts then and many others not mentioned here the Sunday School must be a blessing; and if so it will be a blessing to your children if you will encourage them to attend it.

Then let no parent in Stokes county or any other county oppose by word, act or indifference this noble work of God.

All honor to those Sunday Schools that have kept up during the cold rough winter. I understand that some have not missed a single Sunday. You are an ornament to the cause. Such faithful determined work will have its reward.

May all our hearts be united in activity in this work.

J. T. R.

## SWINGIN' LIM.

Stokes County, N. C.

Mr. Editor I didn't thot that when I sent my tation that it ud cōs a contraversy, but Mr. Ed-iter Ill have to ax a little more spase in yo sheat, tur have a chat with friend an Bachey, kos tha is good chillon, specks if thad pull off the Jackets youd see little wings under tha arms now friend said that if Ide read three verses of scripture Ide go to heaven if I lived, this ole worl ben stanin a long time an I never heard of but too gwine that way, now I reads the Bible an I bleve ever word in it, an I hope friend dos to, now I want to ax friend a few questions do you hate your Mammy and papa Brothers an Sisters wife and children an so forth? Lisen at Luke 14 an 26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and sisters, yea and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple, Ill let three flitter cakes that friend says that that verse dont mean what it says, But Iam afraid yuse are left out in the cole, goodby ole boy, Kose Ise got to talk to Bachey some, Bachey Ise oful sorry that yuse didnt come an joy yosef, if youd only come an flung yo arme rogn that Rag gal, youd thot youse was on the sunie side of a house a cole da in March with a little angel poorin lasses down yo Back, now Bachey youse ought not to fling off on the inny-sent, for in the language of Sam Jones, our gals dont hug chaw tobacco smoke segars or drink lick-er, but tha do dance an take a little wine for the stomach kos the Bible says tha ken, Say we only ment the Rag gal, an I didnt thot since youse had penten an on yo wa to the temprate Zone, an sot yo self up as a mouth piece for God, that youse would tell fibs, no no them gals that come to Punken senter, wont frum Swingin Lim, kose it dont scribe um atall, now Bachey bein youse giv me sum vice I wants to giv yuse sum long as youse a goodun, cum out and an declar the whole counsel of God, Lisen to Luke 14 an 33 (So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple) until youse do that it is no use to holler the wolf is cumin the wolf is cum-in, for peple wont bleve what youse say, tha only put you down as a groun Slide Preacher, that jes picks out sich pints as sutes youse, now Bachey cum yu no that the Bible dont say that it is rong to dance, say Bachey youse ax me what Ise gwine to tell st, Peter at the gate, Ise gwine to say Brother Peter when I was down yonder in the worl I red in the good Book whar it sed train up a chile in the way it should go an it would not stray when ole, an when I was a chile mama use to whip me to see me dance an I danced, now Bachev did you ever reed bout a ole gentleman named David that danced, an did youse Reed 150th Psalms an 4 verse Jeremiah 31 an 13 an many others, if not start in Gen an reed through to Rev it will do you good, an quit shootin off your lip till youse git yo fut on the Rock, say Ide like to no who Sal is, bein youse a Bachelor, got your minds of the ole made that got Ligon an she was dresen her sunda skule cias on the sin of fasion an sed that she use to war Brace-an sed that she use to war Brace-an rings an al

From yo Chum WILLIAM P. S. youse sed tell Sook that you had yo Bar trap sot, an she sed tell youse that she had that ar Rag gal sot, an you culd bus that ar Rag gal too, for it was bout al youd ever git ter hug or Buss.

Wm

## SLATE.

Slate, March 3.

As I havent heard anything from Slate, I will put in a few words.

Seems that winter has broke and the farmers are hustling around preparing for another crop. The school will close at Oak Grove March 18, and on Thursday night before they will have a spelling, and also on Friday evening, at the close of the school. Everybody is cordially invited.

Mr. W. L. Smith's daughter has gone to Pinnacle Institute to finish her studies. Hezekiah Ashby, who was accidentally shot by Thurman Bennett, is getting about straight again.

Miss Georgia Smith is looking quite sad these days. Think Mr. J. B. is going off to school. Cheer up Miss Georgia, he will come back.

We are glad to note that Mr. B. N. Smith and wife are getting along as well as can be expected for a fresh married couple.

Look out for bad men, they find themselves locked out some times by playing cards.

Smith, McGee & Co., have nearly completed their store, and I am confident that they will put in a nice line of goods.

Mr. C. O. Boyles says he has had the best order at school this winter than he has ever had since he has been teaching. Good news.

MEAN SNAKE.

## Shooting Affray In Patrick.

Danville, Va., March 3.—Meager details of the serious shooting of Mr. A. C. Powers, a prominent citizen of Patrick county, which occurred in that county on Saturday, were received in the city yesterday afternoon. The wounded man was shot by a young man whose name is Boyd. Boyd escaped and had not been apprehended up to yesterday. It appears that the wounded man and young Boyd were interested in one way or another in a law case that was being tried before a Patrick county magistrate. During his testimony Mr. Powers swore that he would not believe the evidence of Boyd under oath. This angered Boyd and he armed himself and afterwards shot Powers. Mr. Powers received two balls in his thigh and the third in his left arm.

## THE TRUE SPHERE OF WOMEN.

Discussion Of Female Suffrage Raised By Our Wamedot Correspondent.

Wamedot, Feb. 27.

Mr. Editor:

You all have been discussing the two questions, dancing and drinking, which I think are very important ones. Yet there is another which I think is fully as good, which is female suffrage. We have no sympathy whatever with any movement looking to the removal of woman from her proper sphere, and are willing to go on record here and now with the prediction that the time will not soon come—if ever—when North Carolina will join in this movement.

When the creator in His infinite wisdom made the world and when He had looked on man and was pleased with his work, He said, man should have a companion, that he should not be alone in the world. Then He created a woman, but not to drink whiskey, chew tobacco, vote, plow in the field or become politicians, but for a grander and nobler purpose.

Hers is the sweetest mission that God gave to creation. He made her a very queen, the embodiments of love, affection and tender sympathy. About her was to cluster the brightest happiness of mankind—sweetheart, sister, wife, or mother. God created her to be loved and in turn to bestow the sweetest love on earth. In no manner did God ever indicate that woman—the fairest, sweetest and purest of all creation—should go on the stands, or become a leader of man. There is every reason to believe that His purpose was exactly opposite to this. Tradition teaches the truth that men and women have different sphere.

It was so when our Saviour was and so it will be. The very moment a woman leaves her true sphere she leaves her sweetest character. In the home circle around the fireside her power is omnipotent, there she may purify politics, but at the ballot box never. It has been truthfully said that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." At home women can exert a wonderful influence, but as a politician, mixing in political affairs, singing the praise of some politician, or trying to turn the vote of some candidate, this is a sight that would put to shame every advocate of female suffrage. But they tell us it will come to this. The very idea must be provoking to our southern women. May God forbid that the time will ever come when our pure hearted southern women will clamor for the ballot box.

Standing collars and cravats are masculine enough, heaven knows, but female suffrage would be the greatest mistake the world ever saw.

POLLY.

The council of state Tuesday granted to the directors of the State Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro authority to borrow \$80,000 with which to proceed once with the work of repairing the dormitory, dining hall and laundry that were destroyed by fire on the morning of Feb. 21. This is in addition to the \$23,768 that is already in hand as insurance on the property destroyed. This insurance money has been paid by the companies that carried the insurance into the State treasury and the State treasurer was instructed during the meeting of the council to turn over to the president and directors of the college this insurance money.