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### MORE FROM THE PEN OF BACHELOR

He Thinks Most Of the Scribes and Pharisees Of Stokes Are After Him.

Dillard, March 7.

Mr. Editor:

There has been a great deal said lately on the subject of dancing. It may be getting rather monotonous and irritating to those who indulge in those practices. We think we have already had most of the "Scribes and Pharisees" in Stokes after us and some from Virginia. While we are on this subject we will note a few things in May's, Napper's and the Campbell Bachelor's letters, as the two first named seem to have singled us out to "throw dirt at." Now, my dear May, come sit down and we will have a friendly chat. I know you are a good girl and love to have your fun, but now be honest with yourself and your God. Do you really think Kitty, Faith, S. S. T. and myself ought to attend all the dances? Did you really mean this? I know you didn't. You said this simply because we had tread on the tail of one of your pet sins. We thank you for your sympathies or any one else, whether they be saint or sinner.

If you recollect on a certain occasion there was a beggar that lay at the rich man's gate, and he only had the sympathies of the dogs, but in a short while the scene changes. See Luke 10-19. While you give us some good advice yet you tinged your letter with the very thing you were condemning.

Now, Miss "Napper," from Va., (I'll say Miss. I don't know whether you are feminine or masculine) has thrown up her hands in horror and says we are treading on sacred ground. Oh, no! We must not say anything about the dance. The most dignified dance. Now we don't consider that their dignity gives them any more right to sin than any other class. This class do more harm than any other, as it were they just see how close to the borders of hell they can walk without tumbling in, and therefore they are stumbling blocks to others.

Now, my friend, as to dancing with your "rude girls" we have no desire. We have never said that girls who dance were "rude." You do us an injustice when you try to leave this impression on the public. I know there is a lot of nice girls who dance and think it is no harm because they have been brought up this way. This was the case with those who worshipped the "Goddess Diana."

There are forms of dancing which we believe to be as harmless as any other exercise, but the dances which we believe to be sinful are such as are indulged in this day and time where a mixed multitude congregate under the shades of night and associate with characters you would not under any other circumstance. In primitive times the most of the dancing was an expression of joy, its motive was to give pleasure rather than to express it. Most anyone competent to judge will tell you the pleasure is derived from the silent enjoyment of sex, and the modern dance is simply a contrivance for the mingling of sensuous music and sexual excitement and the physical response has nothing to do with it. We know people who say they had rather go to a dance than to go to church or Sunday School. This is the class that are "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God" Jas. 5-5. They have the pleasure seeking spirit that runs with incredible swiftness towards the maelstrom of ruin.

This class are like Bunyan's man with the muck-rake. They keep their eyes on the trash and sinful things around them and pay no attention to the crown upon their head, or we might class them with Bran Brummel who after he had spent his life dancing with the Princess of the land, pointed to a dog lying in the sun and said, "I wish I were that dog." No doubt it would be better for this class so far as their eternal welfare is concerned, for as the Dutchman expressed it about his dog "ven you die you vas ded, ven I die I haf to go to some oder place." Now don't some say we classed those who dance with the dogs, not so. I only used this as an illustration to show you that when you leave this mundane sphere you would have to appear at the judgment bar and give an account of these nights of revelry. Solomon illustrates this to us after he had gone through all such experiences when he said "all is vanity and vexation of spirit and there is no profit in it under the sun."

We can't see why those that hold with dancing should get offended when dancing as it is now practiced is classified among the evils. We have it down as an evil and one that degrades both body and soul, but if you who advocate it can show us that it is harmless and right to do so, we are ready to accept a right thing at any time and under all circumstance. But don't abuse us until you have done this. While there may be some exceptions, yet as we see it most of the modern dances are nothing more than the devil's side show, and the ticket office where you can get a through ticket to perdition without changing cars.

We notice one Campbell Bachelor writing in last week's paper and for my life I can't tell which side of the question he is on. He seems to be one of these luke-warm fellows or Chamelion like. Come out from among them, show your colors. We want to know if you are for us or against us. You say its no use giving good advice. Yes we know some of the "seeds" are going to fall among thorns and rocks, and perhaps the swine will get some of your pearls, but some of them will fall in good ground if you sow good seed. Now let us discuss these questions, good humoredly and with a view to being benefitted and benefiting others.

### "BACHELOR."

P. S.: Since writing above letter I have read your last week's letter, and am glad to see you have come out on the right side. Keep your gun well loaded and your colors flying, and come again. "B."

### Report Of I. M. Gordon In the Matter Of the Bridge Funds.

At the last meeting of the county commissioners Register of Deeds I. M. Gordon made his report in the matter of the bridge funds, as follows:

COLLECTED.	
From sale of the twelve \$500 bonds,	\$ 6,000.00
From subscription list of Winston citizens,	177.00
Total.	\$ 6,177.00
PAID OUT.	
To Virginia Bridge and Iron Co.	\$ 4,286.00
To Cof. States Bridge Co.	1,000.00
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"J. M. Reynolds, Treas.,	82.20
Total.	\$6,177.20

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### INTERESTING GERMANTON LETTER.

"Cato" Enumerates Some Of the Evils Brought About By Strong Drink.

Germananton, March 15.

Mr. Editor:

If you will allow me the space in your paper I would like to make a few reflections, and ask a few questions about this demon that men call alcohol, whiskey or strong drink.

For some time past I have been noticing articles in your paper over such names as "S. S. Teacher," "Bachelor," "Kitty," &c. Now I want to say "amen" to every thing that they have had to say. We cannot come down on the social evils, to which they have referred, too hard.

I am glad to see "Dog-Killer" come down on liquor in such plain terms. He has give it good names. We cannot be too severe on this monster. I also notice in your issue of March 3 that some one tries to take exception to the manner in which he goes at his antagonist. This reminds me of the old adage: If a rock is thrown into a pack of dogs that it will be the hit dog that howls. Now if "Dog-Killer" has been throwing stones, my opinion is that you who are taking exceptions to what he had to say, had better not raise very much noise or he will know just where to throw again and may give a more dangerous lick than at first.

I wonder how many of these who are supporting the liquor side of this subject have ever stopped for one brief moment of time to consider what they are doing. Let us pause a moment and reflect. Take even the humble farmer who after raising his corn goes and sells it to a distiller. Do you realize what you are doing? You sell your corn in the fall for, say 40 or 50 cents per bushel and think nothing more of what goes with it. From one bushel of it the distiller makes four gallons of whiskey, which retails for \$16.00. Of this you farmers get for one bushel 40 cents, the U. S. government gets \$4.40, the distiller gets \$1.20, the wholesaler gets \$2.00, the retailer gets \$8.00, the consumer gets drunk, and by reference to 1 Cor. chapter 6 and tenth verse we find that "no drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of God." So then my good farmers, with every bushel of corn you sell the distiller you are helping to damn some poor man's soul. This within itself is awful enough, but we will go still farther. The prisons and alms house of our beautiful land are filled with persons who have been brought there by the influence of this monster demon, strong drink. There are saddened homes all over our fair country, made so by your water of hell. There are widows and orphans, made by your serpent coils, to be found at almost every turn of the road.

May God hasten the day when the abominable stuff will be wiped away. As the cry liberty or death rose from the patriots of 1776 so may the watch word and battle cry go up from every Christian, "away with you, liar! hypocrite! murderer! demon of strong drink!" And now, one word to the people of Winston. I want to see you have a saloon also to several have right large saloons. We are having a very good one in our town now.

Second, I would like to ask you to take this into consideration and see how it will appear when the day of accounting shall come. We will take as a basis for what follows that each of your five distilleries will average 50 bushels of grain per day and they will probably exceed that. Now this means 1,000 gallons of whiskey a day, 312 days in the year. This is 8,000 barrels a year. Is that all that it means? No. Here are some other things that it means:

8,000 barrels of woman's sighs, 8,000 barrels of mother's cares, 8,000 barrels of widow's tears, 8,000 barrels of children's rags, 8,000 barrels of a hungry child's cry for bread, 8,000 barrels of orphan's woes, 8,000 barrels of knocks and kicks from a drunken husband, 8,000 barrels of bruises caused by knocks from a father maddened by strong drink, 8,000 homes made desolate, 8,000 graves dug all to early in life, and all this by your consent.

Now, I am not out killing dogs but it is the hit animal that cries out. As it is the demon strong drink that I am after should he howl then we will know that he has been hit.

I thank you for this space in your paper to express a few of my thoughts and I hope that you will be able to publish more from the pens of "B." "S. S. T." "D. K." "CATO."

### FRANCISCO.

Francisco, March 7.

I guess Miss Lizzie is wearing a broad smile. Her best fellow came over Sunday.

Mr. Sanders Hill and Miss Mollie Hill took a trip to the Ridges. I hope they had a good time. Mr. Ceaten came over in this country. I guess he was looking for Miss Mollie. That won't do, Ceaten.

Mr. Jim Beasley is visiting Mr. T. C. Hill's very often. What's the matter Jim?

Mr. John Lawrence carried tobacco to Winston last week and averaged about \$14.

Mr. F. E. Collins is visiting down the road. What's the attraction?

There was preaching at Big Creek Sunday. The services were conducted by Revs. Mickey and Purdell.

Mr. J. W. Shelton is visiting over at the mountain very often. I think there must be some load stone over there that is drawing him over so often.

Mr. Jim Stephens is visiting up the road very often. Why is that, Jim?

Our school has begun again. Mr. William Beasley is teaching. I think it is some three weeks longer.

I will hush my foolishness for this time.

### WILD CAT.

### MAYODAN.

Mayodan, March 9.

We will soon have a new bridge completed across the Mayo.

A lot of the Mayodan girls are getting married, but there are still some hanging behind just waiting a chance. Come along, boys, now is a good time for you

de is very dull in Mayodan

Hammons is on the y. Hope she will

R. V. Ross is anticipating visit to Mt. Nebo, in Yadkin county, accompanied by her sister, Miss Rilla Hammons.

We are having a very good one in our town now.

### WE DON'T PAY ENOUGH TAX.

"Backwoodsman" Advocates the Consolidation of School Districts and the Building of Better Houses.

Francisco, March 5.

Editor Reporter:

I have been reading the columns of your most excellent paper during the past few months with ever increasing interest. I think the Reporter is one of the best family papers I ever read. I think the letters from the correspondents especially interesting and entertaining. I shall never grow tired reading Bachelor's letters. I can no longer resist the inclination to join the correspondents. I am glad to see so many of the correspondents opposing strong drink and dancing. It speaks well for old Stokes, but as there has already been a great deal said in regard to each, I shall attempt to write about a few other things.

Stokes is a county of great natural resources such as pure air, pure water, and a great variety of mineral wealth, a great variety and abundance of plant life, a rich productive soil, manly boys and pretty girls. Let us endeavor to improve upon the great natural advantages God has given us. Let us train the head, heart and hand so that we can properly appreciate the many blessings strewn in our pathways.

We should by all means have better schools, but how are we to have them? It seems we could improve upon our schools by consolidating districts and building better houses wherever possible. It is my experience that two teachers in a good house can instruct three or four times as many pupils as one teacher in a small house, as there are only a few more classes in a large school than in a small one, and then too, much better discipline can be had by keeping the large and small pupils in separate rooms. But there is not enough money available for public school purposes, only about one dollar per scholar appropriated by the county. Think of educating the children on such a small sum. In many states the apportionment is from five to ten times as great. I understand that the land in Stokes county is assessed at from one-third to one-half its real value. Let the assessment and tax rate be increased until the tax is doubled. Then we will have better teachers, better houses, better and longer schools, better roads and bridges and more useful men and women. It will richly repay the tax-payer in the long run. With an increase of education, new life will be manifested everywhere. There will be better farming, more and better manufacturing, a greater diversity and variety of pursuits and products. Railroads and immigration will be encouraged hither and property will rapidly increase in value. With more taxes, better schools, better public highways and bridges across the streams, brighter days will be sure to dawn for old Stokes.

### BACKWOODSMAN.

### TUTTLE.

Tuttle, March 5.

We are glad to learn that Mr. J. W. Taylor is improving.

Rev. T. H. Pegrum preached at Pisgah Sunday.

Mr. J. F. Bondurant's school was out last Thursday.

### A FRIEND.

There is considerable talk recently of building an electric railroad from Mt. Airy, N. C., to Roanoke, Va.

### LOCAL BRIEFS.

The fishing season has arrived. Wheat and rye look promising in this section.

Mr. Walter F. Davis, of Red Shoals, spent a few hours in town Thursday.

It is estimated that about two thirds of the tobacco crop in Stokes has been sold.

Sheriff R. P. Joyce will complete his tax-collecting tour at Wade Mecum tomorrow.

Mr. L. J. Lackey, a wholesale groceryman of Madison, visited the Danbury merchants Thursday.

Mr. L. J. Young visited Pineacle and King Thursday and Friday in the interest of the Reporter.

Mrs. R. P. Joyce, accompanied by her two little sons, Carl and Watson, visited Walnut Cove Friday.

Mr. Walter Merritt, of Campbell, passed through town Thursday on his way home from the Winston tobacco market.

Messrs. R. H. R. Blair and Ray Martin are making preparations to attend the World's Fair at St. Louis, which opens in May.

Mr. D. N. Alley, who holds a position with the Winston Clothing Co., at Winston-Salem, is spending a few days at his home near Danbury.

Miss Cora Leak, daughter of Mr. Jas. A. Leak, of Francisco, has accepted a position as stenographer with the A. F. Messick Grocery Co., at Winston.

Most of the public schools of the county have closed. The one here will expire in about three weeks. Principal J. T. Smith has not yet decided whether he will conduct a subscription school or not.

Mr. Rufus P. Mabe, a substantial farmer of Jewel, was in Danbury Thursday on his way home from the Winston tobacco market. Mr. Mabe realized a very good price for his tobacco, selling 1068 pounds at an average of \$16.36.

### SPECIAL TERM OF COURT.

New Court House Will Not Be Completed In Time For Holding Regular Fall Term.

Owing to the fact that the new court house will likely not be completed in time for holding the fall term of Stokes Superior court, it is very probable that the regular term will be dispensed with and that the Governor will be asked to give us a special term in November or December.

The old court house being torn away there would not be a suitable place in Danbury available in which the court might be held.

The contract specifies that the new court house is to be complete by October 15th, but the date for the fall term of court being September 26th, it is not likely that the building will be ready.

While Mr. Cooper, the contractor, has offered to make an effort to have the building completed by the date for the fall term, it is doubtful as to his being able to do so, and in order to be on the safe side it is thought best to have a special term a few weeks later when the new court house can be used.

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