NOBODY BUT MOTHER.

Nobody knows of the work it makes
To keep the home together;
Nobody knows of the steps it takes,
Nobody knows—but mother.

Nobody listens to childish woes
Which kisses only another;
Nobody's pained by naughty blows
Nobody—only mother.

Nobody knows of the sleepless care
Bestowed on baby brother;
Nobody knows of the tender pray'r
Nobody—only mother.

Nobody knows of the lessons taught
Of loving one another;
Nobody knows of the patience sought
Nobody—only mother.

Nobody knows of the anxious fears
Lest darlings may not weather;
The storm of life in after years,
Nobody—only mother.

Nobody kneels at the throne above
To thank the Heavenly Father,
For that sweetest gift—a mother's love;
Nobody can—but mother.

W. C. T. U. DEPARTMENT.

In addition to Flower Mission work, Jennie Casseday has been earnestly at work to establish a school for nurses, she writes; she is much worn after four of the busiest weeks of her life.

The W. C. T. U. of High Point is lending them and money to rid the town of liquor. The Reform club nobly leaps in this warfare against this enemy which here puts up its head in defiance of the law.

Mrs. Louisa P. Round, State Superintendent of Evangelistic Department of the W. C. T. U. has changed her residence from the Seventh to the Fifth District. Her Post Office address is now Ruffin, N. C. Unions will be greatly benefitted if they can avail themselves of her services in conducting Bible Readings and Gospel Temperance meetings.

Mrs. Blair State Superintendent of the Department for securing Scientific Temperance Instruction in the public schools worked faithfully at Raleigh, to secure Legislation on this all important matter, but returned home without seeing the fruits of her labors. The power wielded by the libuor traffic paralyzes the land, even though it has the weapon which could deal the death blow to this gigantic crime of crimes.

"I was talking with our jailer the other day" writes a friend "about the cause of crime. He told me he had been jailer over twenty years and could safely say nine-tenths of the prisoners were brought into crime through drink." Then you will admit I said, that prohibition would be a blessing to the country. The greatest blessing it could have, he answered. "Why then don't you vote for it?" "Because," he replied slapping his pocket, „It would k ock $50 a month out of here. You would'nt need a jailer if there were no saloons."

WATCH TOWER.

Great preparations are being made for the warfare in Michigan. The W. C. T. U. will take an active part Mrs. Willard and Mrs. Woodbridge will join a host of other speakers in canvassing the State on the constitutional amendment.

Mrs. Lathrop, President of the Michigan W. C. T. U. with renewed energy will rally the forces to tune: "My Michigan."

THE SOUND HE LIKED BEST.

Chicago Ledger.

"You have been to the country?"

"Oh, yes; just got back."

"I suppose you enjoyed mingling with nature and hearing the birds sing without restraint?"

"You bet."

"You found a restful calm in the music of the gurgling brook?"

"Frequent."

"And the bleating of the lambs made you long to live always in Arcadia?"

"That's it."

"And even the squealing of the pigs was restful music?"

"Not much. They opened the chorus a little too early in the morning."

"But you enjoyed the mooing of the cattle?"

"I suppose so."

"The howling of the dogs at the moon was not so soothing, perhaps?"

"Scarcely."

"Well, now, of all the sounds peculiar to country life, which did you like the best?"

"The dinner bell."

TOO BUSY TO LISTEN.

"Well how did you like the sermon to-day?'

"The sermon?"

"Yes, you were at church were'nt you?"

"Why, yes, certainly."

"Then you can tell how you liked the sermon I suppose? You heard it didn't you?"

"Heard it? Certainly not. I belong to the choir."

STATE PROHIBITION PLATFORM.

Greensboro, Dec. 10, 1885.

Whereas: The traffic in alcoholic liquors has grown and is growing out of all ratio to the increase of population in this country; and,

Whereas, said traffic unjustly burdens every legitimate industry, imposes grievious taxation upon honest labor, curses social life, begets crime, breeds pauperism, antagonizes the church, corrupts politics, nullifies law, is a menace to good government and a peril to State: and,

Whereas, The policy of licensing said traffic has proved a policy of perpetuation instead of suppression, with the perpetuity of all its alarming conditions and results; and,

Whereas, We believe license not only non-restrictive in fact, but immoral in principle, debasing in practice, criminal in effect, and an unworthy national law; and that such prohibition, to be effective, must be bedded in the organic foundation of nation and state, and be secured through and be guaranteed by a politics party;

Resolved, That as all secondary matters are treated by political parties from the standpoint of expediency: as with the two old parties of our former affiliation this question of the liquor traffic is and must remian secondary; and as we can no longer support either of these old parties, in North Carolina and the nation, without endorsing saloon influences encouraging the power of the saloon in politics and aiding to perpetuate that power; we do hereby declare the imperative necessity for a new party, with prohibition of the traffic its prime object; we urge and will labor to secure its prompt and thorough organization everywhere, and for it we invite the votes of all who cast ballots, and the sympathy of all others.

Resolved, That, with the liquor traffic costing over two thousand million dollars annually for liquors bought and drunk, for crime and pauperism growing out of their consumption, for judiciary and constabulary and penal and charitable institutions, made necessary by such crime and pauperism, for unproductive life resulting from it, for unproductive labor involved in it and the enormous waste inevitable under it; with political corruption its legitimate child, public abuses its natural brood, profitable production discounted because of it, helpful consumption limited, the equitable distribution of wealth and the equitable adjustment of public burdens made impossible, and every material and moral interest enforced by its organized selfishness; the issue of its prohibition, already fixed in politics by the repeated action of the liquor dealers themselves, more closely involve the welfare of all the people and is of far greater concern to state and nation, than any other or all other issues now politically recognized and that as such it deserves and for it we may justly claim the acceptance of every candid citizen.

Resolved, That we deem unwise and unpatriotic the course of any man or party, or any locality or State, which denies the vital relationship of Prohibition to our nation at large, and which proclaims it a local issue only, to be settled by each locality or state in its own way; that as the national government alone can prohibit importation and inter-state transportation, has full jurisdiction over each territory and the District of Columbia and claims a share in the profits of every liquor-seller in the Union, we reiterate our demand for national sovereignty over the liquor traffic to supress it, instead of to legalize, to protect and to perpetuate it.

Resolved, That we recognize in such demand the new national issue needed in our politics, to overcome sectional bitterness, to unite Northern and Southern patriotic sentiment and to promote those conditions of political amenity essential to national peace and perpetuity.

Resolved, That, with confidence in the justice of our cause, with faith in God and prayer for divine guidance, we will go forward from this day, embodying Prohibition in our ballot-box, as everywhere, in favor of sobriety and economy in government of exalting citizenship, and the noble upbuilding of the State.

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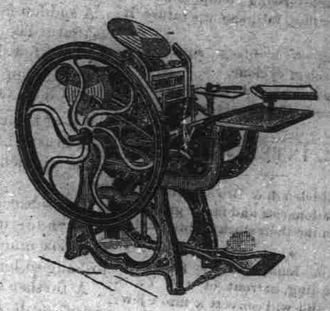

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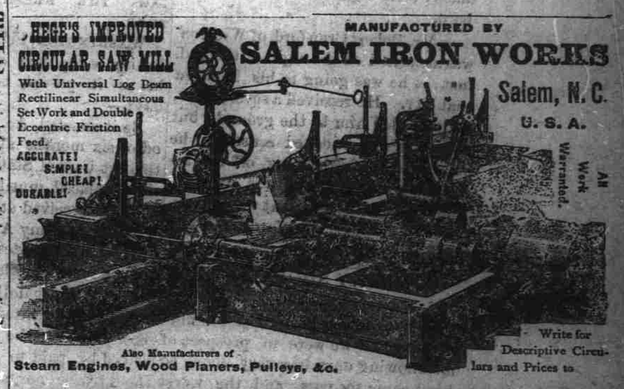

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