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FRIENDSHIP.

(Holland.)

Never forsake a friend. When enemies gather round, when sickness falls on the heart, when the world is dark and cheerless, then is the time to try true friendship. They who turn from the scene of distress, betray their hypocrisy, and prove that interest only moves them. If you have a friend who loves you—be sure to sustain him in adversity. Let him feel that his former kindness is appreciated, and that his love was not thrown away. Real fidelity may be rare, but it exists in the heart. They only deny its worth and power who have never loved a friend, or labored to make one happy. The good and kind, the affectionate and the virtuous, see and feel the grand principle.

EAST CAROLINA TRAINING SCHOOL.

The board of directors for this new institution met in Greenville last week to consider a site, plans for a building and other matters pertaining to the institution. A site was selected which is said to be ideal, plans were decided upon for buildings and architects and landscape gardeners were put to work on plans and bids for the work.

State superintendent J. Y. Joyner was made chairman of the board of directors, and Prof. C. W. Wilson, superintendent of Scotland Neck graded school, was elected secretary. The meeting of the board was a pleasant and satisfactory one and it is thought that work will soon be commenced for the buildings.

Of course the good people of the progressive town of Greenville will do everything they can for the interest of the institution in which they will take great pride. The people of all East Carolina and of the whole State as well will feel a keen interest in this new educational enterprise.

The opponents of prohibition criticise as grossly inconsistent those persons who talk freely for prohibition and at the same time keep a big jug or demijohn in the closet well filled with something that they may occasionally take "for their stomachs' sake." And truly one who talks one way and acts another is open to criticism.

Charlotte sleeps with one eye open, as they would say out West. The securing of the Democratic State Convention means much for that progressive city. Charlotte is the industrial centre of the State and this gives it a peculiarly strong influence with all our people. Splendid hospitality awaits those who may be fortunate enough to attend the convention there.

While rapid strides have been made in North Carolina, and in the South generally, during the past few years in almost every branch of human enterprise, perhaps as much improvement has been made in farming as in any other department of labor. Now and then we see men plowing and doing other work as their fathers and grand-fathers did, but most men who are pretending to farm at all have moved their operations to a higher plane, and truly in many places "two blades" grow now where only one grew before. All this is hopeful and nothing gives this paper more genuine pleasure than to feel that it is helping the great army of bread producers on whose toil and success depend the life and prosperity of the country.

TEMPERANCE RALLY.

An Enthusiastic Meeting in Halifax.

Pursuant to a call to the temperance people of Halifax county, about a hundred and fifty people assembled in Halifax Tuesday, March 17, to organize in the prohibition campaign now open in North Carolina. At 12:30 o'clock the people assembled in the court house, and in the absence of Mr. W. T. Shaw, of Weldon, chairman of the meeting which two weeks ago called the convention, E. E. Hilliard called the meeting to order. In a few sentences he called attention to the object of the meeting and introduced Dr. H. W. Battle, of Kinston, who had been invited to address the convention. Dr. Battle, in a most masterful address, spoke for more than an hour, and held his audience literally in almost breathless silence from the first to the last sentence.

Dr. Battle made a strong and eloquent and unanswerable argument against the liquor traffic. By clear tracing of history he showed how reforms have come to the world through the will of the people as they have risen in powerful protest against abuses and outrages. Time was, he said, when it was not thought a thing far amiss for a man to have on his side-board his decanter from which he might occasionally take a social drink with his friends; but the use of intoxicating liquors has become such a menace to society and the welfare of the country the people are rising in their might and demanding the suppression of the awful traffic.

Dr. Battle said that the most eminent scientist in this country told him recently that there is a world of difference between the effects which liquor has on the human system now and the effect it had in the olden time. He said that somehow in many instances the imbibing of liquor now develops all the baser passions in a man which can help to leonize him. The description of the true southern home and its ruin by strong drink was pathetic indeed, and no one heard it who did not feel that it is a holy and righteous thing to drive the power of the saloon from our borders forever.

Dr. Battle's great address was convincing, beautiful and powerfully eloquent, and on election day its influence will be quite fruitful in causing the people of Halifax county to cast their votes against the liquor traffic and the open saloon.

At the close of Dr. Battle's splendid address, Mr. Hilliard expressed high appreciation of his visit and his powerful argument for temperance and prohibition.

By motion of Mr. Albion Dunn Mr. E. E. Hilliard was made temporary chairman and Rev. H. A. Humble temporary secretary. The temporary chairman, after a few brief remarks, declared the convention ready for business. Mr. J. C. Randolph nominated E. E. Hilliard for permanent chairman, of the county anti-saloon league, and Dr. D. B. Zollcofer nominated Mr. Albion Dunn. Mr. Hilliard asked that his name be withdrawn, which Mr. Randolph did, and the nomination of Mr. Dunn was made by acclamation. Messrs. P. D. Mann and C. F. Burroughs were appointed to conduct the chairman to the stand. On taking the chair Mr. Dunn spoke briefly but earnestly and eloquently for temperance and prohibition, and declared that the State of North Carolina will, on May 26th, do herself honor in shaking away for all time, by the vote of her noble citizenship, the accursed liquor traffic.

Rev. J. E. Holden, of Enfield, was elected secretary and Mr. R. D. Anderson, of Weldon, was made treasurer.

At the close of Mr. Dunn's remarks by motion the representatives of each township retired to name five executive committeemen, the chairman of each committee, together with the county chairman and secretary, to constitute the county prohibition executive committee.

The following committees were reported by the townships, the first person named being the chairman of each township committee:

Brinkleyville—Not reported.
Butterwood—W. T. Jenkins, W. H. Thorne, J. B. Lucas, J. R. Lyles, R. W. Brewer.

Conococton—J. O. Applewhite, A. B. Cook, D. M. King, J. T. Whitehurst, M. Howard.

Enfield—C. T. Thorne, Dr. O. C. Stallings, J. R. Holiday, J. T. Ryan, Faucettes—E. C. Dickens, W. J. B. Smith, W. R. Nevill, E. W. Liles, R. B. Bricklell.

Halifax—J. C. Butts, W. T. Eure, E. L. Stephenson, Ernest Sater, G. L. Morrison.

Roseneath—W. C. Allsbrook, J. H. Harris.

Roanoke Rapids—H. L. Driscoll, N. A. Gregg, W. D. Tillery, T. J. Rook, W. F. Horner.

Scotland Neck—N. B. Josey, C. A. Jones, R. L. Hardy, S. B. Kitchin,

G. K. Moore.
Weldon—W. T. Shaw, H. A. Willis, W. T. Parker, C. P. Rodwell, J. L. Shephard.

Palmyra—W. P. White, Dr. K. Leggett, R. D. Daniel, J. W. House, L. J. Baker.

It was decided necessary to raise funds for the campaign to defray the expenses of speakers during the campaign. A cash collection was raised to the amount of \$230.

By motion the treasurer was instructed to send \$100 of the collection to the State Anti-saloon league.

There were remarks of interest by various persons for the cause of prohibition, and by motion a vote of thanks was tendered Dr. Battle for his great address and his kindly interest in the work to be done by the temperance people of Halifax county.

The chairman called upon State senator W. E. Daniel who responded in a few well-timed remarks in the interest of prohibition, saying that his sympathy is in the cause. He clearly stated that no one need fear that prohibition in the State will hurt the Democratic party.

That Ruling by the Post Office Department.

(From Journal.)

A newspaper and the subscribers who read it from year to year stand in very intimate relations to each other. They ought to be able to have a little talk with each other occasionally on business matters without misunderstanding each other. You feel very close to the editor whose words you read week by week, year in and year out. We know this both from our own experience, from what others have told us, and from the fact that unless you did have some such feeling, coupled with respect, you would not continue in the relation of subscriber. Presuming, therefore, that our subscribers will take what we have to say at its face value, we want to speak a few words in candor.

You have noticed from time to time the statement that after April the first the postoffice department will not deliver papers to subscribers who are one year in arrears with their subscriptions. Have you stopped to think why this rule has been made? It is no mere whim of the department, but a dire necessity, made so by the good of the public as well as by the needs of the department. Why are you able to buy a paper like The Journal and have it delivered at your door fifty-two times a year for the small sum of one dollar? One reason is that the government does not charge you anything for carrying it to you. Many people do not know this, but it is so, that is if you live in the county in which the paper is published. If you live out of the county, the government charges at the rate of one cent a pound for carrying the paper to you.

Now, why does the government do this? Because it considers that the distribution of good newspapers and periodicals is necessary to the welfare and happiness of the people and that it is right for the government to aid in distributing these as cheaply as possible so that they will be within the reach of many people as possible.

Now, here is the point: Under this ruling a great many worthless publications have sprung up that serve no useful purpose but are printed and distributed for private gain. Most of them are no good, the people do not subscribe for them and in many cases do not want them in their homes. Yet if your name ever gets in the hands of one of these sheets they will be sent to you forever.

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whether you refuse to take them or not. The publishers do not expect you to pay. All they want is to get them into your hands for some ulterior purpose. Something that proposes is to preach socialism, anarchy, or some other nefarious doctrine. Most often, however, the publishers expect to make money, and do make millions out of the fraudulent schemes which they advertise and expect you to bite at. These advertisers can't go in reputable papers that people subscribe for and pay for year by year. Now the mass of this literature has grown so great that it is costing the government millions of dollars to carry it and it is swamping the mail service. Therefore a ruling must be made that will shut these out and still let legitimate papers go to the people free or at a low rate. This ruling, requiring that no papers except those whose readers subscribe for and pay for them will be sent, is the only way the department can get rid of the evil. So you see the reason for the ruling. The government thinks that if you want a paper you want it bad enough to pay for it within the year it is sent. It is not a desire to regulate your business or mine, but merely to protect itself. And it will not be a hardship on any honest man.

What is the Matter With the South?

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.)

Enfield, N. C., March 16, 1907. It seems that our brother hayseeds have forgotten whether they grew hay last year or bought it. They have forgotten the fall of 1899 when cotton went down to 7 1-2 cents, when there was no Southern Cotton Association and when there was no money panic. They have forgotten that in 1894 and 1895 cotton went as low as 4 1-2 to 5 cents when there was no Southern Cotton Association, and when there was no money panic, and now cotton is bringing from 10 to 12 cents with the Southern Cotton Association. And some say that the Southern Cotton Association is no good. Now what is the matter with the South?

Some few merchants of Enfield have helped us in our great work, but I am sorry to say that the majority have not helped us, and seem to think it is no good.

I went to the farmers' meeting on the 2nd instant at Halifax. We had a good meeting. It did look as if the farmers had opened their eyes after sleeping for forty years. May they continue to do so, for the loved ones at home, but not for the Wall street millionaires.

Now what is the matter with the South? Be wise and grow your supplies, attend the farmers meetings, and organize.

Yours truly,

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