W. C. T. U. NOTES.

The Second Annual Convention of the 10th District W. C. T. U., will be held at Fredericktown, Mo., on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16th and 17th.

DON'T FEEL LIKE IT.

By George R. Scott.

Too many people do good when they feel like it, and do the other thing when they do not feel so happily disposed.

To be good only when you feel like it, practically means to be bad at all other times.

A Christian should be good from principle, and not allow himself to be be governed by feeling. Few people always feel like attending the regular meetings of their churches; and if no one should do so except those who feel a strong desire to be there, the prayer-meetings, experience-meetings and class-meetings would be thinly attended.

Duty and not feeling should be the governing rule as to when to go to the House of the Lord, as well as in other matters.

Suppose a mother of a family should see to it that breakfast, dinner or supper was prepared for her hungry family only when she felt like it? The result would be a little domestic rebellion or a starved family. Duty demands the preparation of three meals a day; and, as a rule, they are provided with the greatest care.

Think of a world whose inhabitants were all governed as to what they should do by the feeling of the moment. For one I should want to get out of it as soon as possible. What trouble would be the lot of every body. The baker would come with his bread when he felt like it; the tailor would make your clothes when he got ready, the butcher would serve you with meat when he pleased; the glaizer would put in your glass after the storms of Winter had given place to balmy Spring; the farmer would neglect to till the soil, and everything would be "a day after the fair."

Never say, "I don't feel like it." Do what is your duty, and the feeling will come with it.

It is a terreble thing to be lazy. Did you ever have the disease? I had it the morning after the election. For a few hours I did not *feel* as if I was called to do anything more for a cause that I had worked night and day to make popular in this country. But the lazy stroke did not last long, for *duty* soon made a call upon me, and in the act of responding to its demands I was healed.

Feeling is hardly worth talking about--it is only the froth that comes to the surface and passes away. But duty is everything. Like the fire under the boiler of an engine it keeps up steam, and thus forces into action the brains, arms, legs, hands, and tongue of those who give duty full sway in life.

It is hard work to feel like paying back debts, hard to feel like praising those who have used you spitefully; hard to feel like asking a blessing on those who come into business competition with you; hard to feel like loving the man or woman who slanders you; hard to feel like kissing the hand that smites you; hard to feel kindly towards those who criticise you. Only a strong determination to do your duty, by the aid of Divine grace, will enable you to come up to the true Christian life.

Less feeling is often a good indication of more settled thought and determination. A general has sometimes to prepare for battle when he would much rather not. He feels the weller discouraged, but his business is to plan so as to win the victory; that's his duty. The feeling of exhilaration will come with the effort.

THE FIGHT IS TO DEATH

New York Observer.

The grand work of the temperance reformation is still before—not far, we trust—but still before. This is not the time for those who labor in this cause to lay their weapons down. The legion of the enemy are still in the field—as active, as vigilant, as merciless as ever. Equal activity and vigilance should be theirs who are fighting the the battle for the home, for God, and for the peice and happiness of the land. Theirs it is to continue the work of educating public sentiment on the drink question; theirs it is to contiuue the work of besieging the legislative halls of the States and the Nation for more effective and repressive temperance laws; theirs it is to take advantage wherever possible of existing laws to bar out and crush out the rum traffic; theirs it is to work and pray, and pray and work, to be laboring in season and out of season, for the complete and final overthrow of the liquor power in all the Nation.

High license for a moral wrong is low-lived sense for a moral man.

WHAT IS A BOY WORTH.

Mrs. Mary T. Lathrop.

I do not know what you may think of the woman's crusade, but let me say, as a woman who stands inside it, that the womanhood of this Nation never laid such a tribute at the feet of its manhood. If you want to find out what a boy is worth, go and ask his mother. By the time she goes into the jaws of death to give him birth, and then puts into him her days of love and nights of care, and he stands before her strong and clean and tall at twenty-one, she can tell you what he is worth from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet; and when the legalized dramshops takes hold of him and tears him down, fibre by fibre, and puts oaths on the lips she used to kiss, and crushes out his mother's hopes, it is no wonder she makes an outcry.

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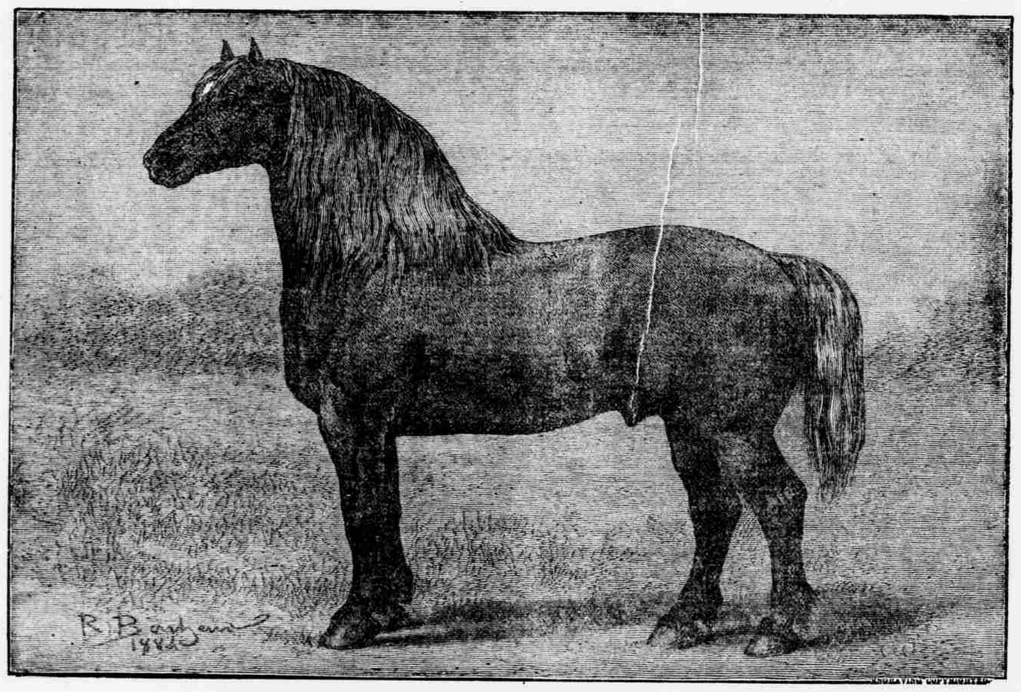

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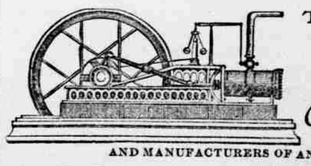

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