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### Proceedings of the Grand Division.

RALEIGH, Dec. 7, 1859.

The fourteenth Annual Session of the Grand Division of North Carolina, Sons of Temperance, convened this morning, in the Hall of Concord Division, No. 1.

Officers present:—  
A. W. Cummings, G. W. P.  
A. M. Gorman, G. Scribe.  
W. K. Martin, G. Treas.  
D. N. Sherwood, G. Con.  
Rev. Peter Dobb, G. Chap.  
Vacancies filled by appointment, as follows:

W. M. Grier, G. W. A.  
A. H. McConnell, G. Sen.  
After reading of the Holy Scriptures and Prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Division was opened in due form, and proceeded to business.

The G. W. P. appointed Reqs. Foard, Grier and McConnell Committee on Credentials, who subsequently reported the following correct:

From Concord Division, No. 1.—P. W. P. John C. Palmer, J. J. Litchford, Henry Porter, A. M. Gorman, John White, J. M. Perkins, R. C. Dobbins, E. Smith, S. M. Parish, E. Colburn, and W. P. Wm. H. Harrison.

Greensboro', No. 6.—P. W. P.'s John Denny, James Sloan, D. P. Gregg, J. A. Fritchett, R. M. Brown, J. W. Drake, W. S. Gilmore, R. Sterling, D. P. Weir, S. W. Westcott, C. G. Yates, D. N. Sherwood, C. C. Cole, M. B. Arnold, S. W. McKnight, W. E. Edwards, J. D. Campbell, Rev. L. S. Burkhead, Rev. Peter Dobb, and W. D. Trotter.

Salisbury, No. 7.—Wm. Murdock.  
Asheville, No. 15.—A. W. Cummings, R. B. Vance, R. W. Price.  
Franklin, No. 26.—W. H. Williams, J. A. Hendley, B. J. Blackley, J. H. Whitfield, J. J. Ward, Thos. Speed, F. J. Whitfield.

Washington, No. 27.—D. S. Hill, W. Branch, J. Thomas, J. S. Barrow, P. H. Smith, W. K. Barham, Rev. T. P. Ricard, G. S. Baker, J. J. Davis, H. Baker, C. W. Edgerton, J. L. Portis, M. S. Davis, G. W. Uley, G. R. Harding.

Cold Stream, No. 30.—T. W. Rowlett.  
Greensboro', No. 32.—D. P. Chadwick.  
Meklenburg, No. 48.—C. Overman, R. N. Tiddy, S. S. Honston, M. D. L. McClell, John McConnell, J. G. Wilkinson, Thos. J. Helton.

Lincolnton, No. 55.—H. W. Abernathy.  
Rocky River, No. 60.—J. C. Kirkman.  
Hookerton, No. 73.—J. Jordan, S. W. Ormond, B. Spaight, E. Carmon.  
Hopewell, No. 91.—B. W. Alexander, J. H. Kernes, J. F. Little, J. F. Puckett, Thos. Guay, C. F. Campbell, J. F. Harry, W. B. Harry, J. F. McCoy, C. W. McCoy, J. D. Kernes, R. F. Blythe, R. V. Kernes, J. R. Alexander, G. W. Alexander, M. C. Abernathy, A. R. Henderson, A. E. King, T. J. McCorkle.

White Hall, No. 126.—W. M. J. Grier, M. Strong, W. P. Brown, T. N. Spratt, R. A. Ross, R. W. McDowell, J. W. Horron, J. I. Wilson, W. A. Pressley, T. P. Grier, John R. Grier.

University, No. 138.—Wm. B. Timberlake, W. E. Davis, W. T. Nicholson, J. V. Jenkins, J. H. Thorpe.  
Catawba, No. 156.—N. H. Kaylor.  
Cane Creek Factory, No. 166.—William Stafford.

Cold Water, No. 187.—J. M. Alexander.  
Edits of Neuse, No. 196.—Wm. Sandeford.  
Reems Creek, No. 198.—R. N. Blackstock.  
Midway, No. 205.—S. G. Wilson, K. J. Stark, J. H. Wilson, W. H. Beilingfield, J. F. Harris.

Big Spring, No. 212.—J. H. McConnell, J. N. Rhyne, J. W. Todd, G. H. Wear, J. A. Taylor, Wm. Marshall, G. W. McDonald, S. L. Hays.  
Little River, No. 215.—J. W. Woods.  
Olin, No. 233.—A. H. Merritt.  
Cool Spring, No. 237.—R. G. Eubanks, E. A. Poe, John W. Hatch, R. E. Petty, R. J. Hatch, C. M. Pos, W. S. Petty, O. M. Neal, Willis Hadley.  
Jones' Creek, No. 238.—Rev. R. L. Abernathy.

Flat Rock, No. 239.—K. R. Martin, F. M. Young, J. W. Freeman, R. H. Timberlake, N. W. Dent, T. C. Allen, J. J. Freeman.  
Green Mountain, No. 241.—Elias Perkins.  
Philanthropic, No. 252.—Wm. J. Moye, John W. Bines.  
Mallard Creek, No. 275.—S. W. Alexander, N. S. Alexander, Allen Stuart, R. C. McGinnis, R. B. Alexander, T. C. Neal.  
Old Trap, No. 298.—S. J. Forbes, J. D. Burfoot.

Sugar Creek, No. 329.—J. M. Alexander.  
The report of the Committee on Credentials was adopted by the Grand Division.

This list embraces all the Credentials reported on during the session.

The Grand Conductor reported the following Representatives in waiting, who were introduced and duly initiated into this branch of Order, viz:—

REPRESENTATIVES INITIATED.—J. H. Wilson, J. M. Alexander, J. D. Burfoot, K. J. Stark, J. H. Thorpe, F. G. King, J. B. Grier, M. D. Young, E. Perkins, S. J. Forbes, N. H. Kaylor, W. H. Harrison, J. H. Hines, J. M. Alexander, B. J. Blackley, F. M. Young, S. M. Parish, W. D. Trotter, G. K. Harding, John W. Hatch, Wm. Stafford, J. W. Hatch, J. G. Kirkman.—23.

The following previously initiated members of the G. D. were in attendance, viz:—A. W. Cummings, Rich'd. Sterling, A. M. Gorman, D. S. Hill, W. K. Martin, J. C. Palmer, J. J. Litchford, Peter Dobb, C. G. Yates, D. N. Sherwood, J. A. Pritchett, Wm. Murdock, R. B. Vance, R. N. Blackstock, J. G. Wilkinson, H. W. Abernathy, I. Jordan, W. M. Grier, J. W. Harris, Wm. Sandeford, J. F. Foard, S. G. Wilson, J. H. McConnell, R. G. Eubanks, E. A. Poe, J. W. Freeman, W. H. Beilingfield, N. S. Alexander, and several others who failed to enroll their names with the Grand Scribe.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch announced the following Committees:—  
On Elections and Returns—Reqs. Foard, Grier and McConnell.  
On Charters and Petitions—Reqs. Jordan, Sherwood and Rowlett.  
On Constitution and By-Laws of Subordinate Divisions—Reqs. J. W. Freeman, N. W. Alexander, J. C. Palmer.  
On Publications—Reqs. Dobb, Sterling and Litchford.  
On Finance—Reqs. Abernathy, Wilkinson and Yates.  
On Appeals—Reqs. Foard, Rowlett and Grier.  
On State of the Order—Reqs. Hill, Vance and Blackstock.  
On Tracts and Colportage—Reqs. Sterling, Gorman, R. M. Sloan, Weir, and Vance.

P. G. W. P. presented to the Grand Division Bro. D. B. Townsend, M. W. P. of the National Division, who was received with the honors due his distinguished position in our Order. Likewise,  
Most Worthy Conductor of the N. D., Bro. John Moffatt; also, Visiting members from the Grand Division of South Carolina, Bros. Richwood and Murray, who were duly welcomed to seats in this G. D., and united to participate in its proceedings.

M. W. P. Townsend responded to the complimentary reception remarks of our Grand W. P. in the following words:—  
The following hours were occupied and adjourning during the session, were agreed upon, viz:—  
Met at 9 A. M.—Close 1 P. M.  
" 3 P. M.—" 5  
" 7 P. M.

Rep. Sterling, Ch'm'n of the Committee on Tracts and Colportage, read his report, which was referred to the Committee on Publication.  
[This Report we published last week, and is therefore not inserted here.]  
Recess taken till 3 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.  
The minutes of morning session were read and approved.  
The G. D. proceeded to the nomination of officers, the election to take place to-morrow morning.  
The Committee on Publications submitted the following

Report:  
The committee to whom was referred the report of the "Committee on Colportage," beg leave to present the following as their Report:  
Your Committee is impressed with a deep and abiding conviction of the great importance, indeed, the necessity of circulating, by means of judicious and well written Tracts, *Temperance Literature* throughout the entire length and breadth of our State. Tracts, such as will place before the public mind, the great principles of Temperance, as these are set forth and sustained by the word of God; and which the sad experience of the world, clearly demonstrates essential to the final extirpation of this greatest evil of human society. Such messengers, we believe, will more effectually operate upon the world's mind, than perhaps another measure adopted and used by the friends of total abstinence from all intoxicating beverages.

A sufficient variety of such messengers should be prepared for circulation, so as to comprehend in their entire grasp, all the most important features of the great principles of the temperance enterprise, plain, cogent and convincing manner, that the world's conscience, as well as thought may be powerfully impressed so as to induce a correspondent action in regard to this noble enterprise.

Your Committee regret exceedingly that so little has been accomplished during the present year, both as respects the preparation and distribution of Tracts. We, however, rejoice to know that something has been done, and that with a happy and beneficial result. More, yet, much more ought, must be done in this direction to insure success in this blessed cause. Tracts must be multiplied; and when multiplied, they must be distributed broadcast over the entire State.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:—  
Resolved, That the Committee on Publications and Colportage be requested to secure, if possible, a greater number of Tracts for publication; embracing such subjects as may be best adapted to spread throughout the State the great and leading principles of Temperance.  
Resolved, That the Subordinate Divisions be, and are hereby requested to co-operate with the above Committee, to carry into full and successful operation, the Publication and distribution of the Tracts, which the said Committee shall, from time to time issue, and have placed into their hands.

This list embraces all the new members admitted at this session.

Resolved, That we the delegates here assembled, will pledge ourselves to institute measures in our respective Divisions to co-operate with the above Committee to extend the circulation of Tracts within the bounds of our respective fields of labor.

Resolved, That the Subordinate Divisions under this jurisdiction, be requested to appoint a Committee, at the first meeting of each month, to engage in the distribution of Tracts in their respective neighborhoods; the W. P. at each meeting of the Division, to inquire of said Committee.—How many pages of Tracts have you distributed since last meeting? The sum total given to these inquiries, to be reported by the R. S. quarterly to the G. S., when other quarterly returns are made.

All of which is respectfully submitted,  
PETER DOBB, Ch'm'n.

The G. W. P. read his annual Communication, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.  
[Published last week, hence not inserted here.]

The Report of the Grand Scribe, so much as relates to the condition of the Order, was also referred to that Committee.  
[Likewise published last week.]

Financial Report of G. S.  
It affords me very great pleasure to state that, although we have not the power to report a full treasury, yet we have liquidated all the debts of the Grand Division, some of which have hung over us for a long time, and can report the Grand Division free of debt, with a small balance on hand, after meeting all its liabilities. Having been freed of all debts, we may reasonably hope to be able to report a full treasury at the close of another year. The following is a summary of Receipts:

Receipts in Regular Fund last Qtr.	\$200.00
" " " " " "	20 00
" " " " " "	30 00
" " " " " "	40 00
Paid to Grand Treasurer.	\$25.85
Receipts on Colportage Fund	118.00
Paid for printing	100.00
Paid to Ch'm'n Col. Fund.	\$28.00
Fraternally submitted in L. P. & F.	5.00
A. M. GORMAN, G. S.	

Grand Treasurer's Report.  
Rec'd of Grand Scribe last Quarter \$200 00  
" " " " " " 20 00  
" " " " " " 30 00  
" " " " " " 40 00  
Total Receipts.....\$256 85

DISBURSEMENTS.  
Sec. 5, Paid expenses of Rep. to last session of N. D. \$76 38  
" 24, " for printing Proceedings of G. D. 60 00  
1859.  
Apr. 1, " " " " " " 87 00  
" 1, " " " " " " 5 00  
" 1, " " " " " " 5 00  
" 1, " " " " " " 5 00  
May 14, " National Division 100 00  
June 28, " Printing 2000 Blank Returns 20 00  
July 1, " " " " " " 5 00  
" 1, " " " " " " 87 50  
Oct. 1, " " " " " " 87 50  
Dec. 1, " " " " " " 5 00  
" 1, " Expenses of Reps to N. D. 100 00  
" 1, " Printing 1000 Constitutions 30 00  
" 7, " Postage and stationery Act of G. S. 73 60  
\$359 88

RECAPITULATION.  
Total amt of Receipts \$256 85  
Per Centage of G. Treas. \$8 50  
Amt Disbursements 248 38  
Amt in hands of Gr. Treasurer \$8 47  
Fraternally submitted in L. P. & F. G. T. \$5 00

Referred to Committee on Finance.  
Rep. Litchford offered the following, which was adopted:  
WHEREAS, It frequently occurs that Representatives elect to this G. D. appear without their credentials—the member holding the same failing to appear: To obviate the embarrassment arising in such cases, be it Resolved, That the Recording Scribe of each Subordinate Division be required to forward to the Grand Scribe, duplicate copies of the Credentials of its Representatives elect to the G. D. along with the Returns due for the Quarters ending 30th September in each year and every year.  
The G. W. P. was requested to prepare separate and suitable Commissions for Local and County Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarchs.

In view of public exercises for this evening, the G. D. closed till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

MORNING SESSION.  
DECEMBER 8, 1859.  
The G. D. met and was opened in due form.  
The Grand Worthy Patriarch called on such Local and County D. G. W. P.'s as were present, to report on the state of the Order in their respective jurisdictions;—which was responded to by many present—nearly all presenting cheering accounts.  
P. G. W. P. Sterling offered the following Resolutions, concerning the State and National Organs of the Order; which were adopted:  
[Not inserted here, because published last week.]  
The G. D. then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows:  
[List published last week.]  
Recess taken till 3 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.  
Minutes of morning session read and approved.  
The Committee on Finance submitted the following report:  
The undersigned, your Com. of Finance, beg leave to make the following report:—Upon examination of the Book and Papers of the G. S. and also your Treasurer's account, we find all correct.  
We also recommend the payment of the expenses of our G. W. P., to and from the semi-annual and annual meetings of the Grand Division, which amount is \$27.43.  
Fraternally submitted in L. P. & F.  
H. W. ABERNATHY,  
J. S. WILKINSON,  
C. G. YATES.

Report of Committee adopted by G. D. The officers were then duly installed and

inducted into the duties of their respective offices.

The Report of the Committee on the State of the Order was read and adopted.  
[Having published the Report last week it is not inserted here.]  
P. G. W. P. Cummings offered the following, which was adopted unanimously, by a rising vote, viz:—

Resolved, That we have been much gratified with, and profited by the visit and councils of our visiting brothers from the Grand Division of South Carolina, and especially by the presence and able labors of Most Worthy Patriarch Townsend, and Most Worthy Conductor Moffatt of the National Division of North America; that we tender to each our thanks, and most cordially do we invite them, individually, to repeat their visit to us at the earliest convenience.

Having been made known to the G. D., that our venerable and beloved Past Grand Chaplain, Rev. Peter Dobb, expects soon to remove his residence to a distant State, the G. W. P., the acting P. G. W. P. and the Grand Scribe were appointed a Committee to draft a letter testimonial of the high regard in which Bro. Dobb is held by the members of this G. D., commending him to the confidence and love of all good men, and especially every Son of Temperance, and expressive of the heartfelt sorrow with which this G. D. is impressed in parting with this Brother beloved, one who has labored so long and efficiently for the promotion of our Order to which he is devotedly attached.

Bro. Dobb attempted a response, but his big heart was too full, he could not give utterance to his feelings.  
An appropriation of \$150 was made, towards paying expenses of Representatives to the N. D.

The following Representatives to the National Division were elected, viz:—  
P. G. W. P., D. P. Weir,  
" " " " " " D. S. Hill,  
" " " " " " Rich'd. Sterling,  
G. W. P., John F. Foard,  
P. G. W. A., John White,  
" " " " " " Robt. Sloan,  
" " " " " " J. J. Davis,  
" " " " " " James Sloan,  
G. W. A., W. M. Grier,  
G. Scribe, A. M. Gorman.  
The G. D. took recess till evening session.

EVENING SESSION.  
Minutes of afternoon session read and approved.  
P. G. W. P. Hill introduced the following, which was adopted by a unanimous rising vote, viz:—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Division are eminently due, and are hereby fraternally tendered, to M. W. P. Townsend, and M. W. Con. Moffatt, for the able and interesting public addresses delivered during the sittings of this Grand Division.

A vote of thanks was passed to the citizens of Raleigh, who had so kindly and hospitably entertained the members of this G. D. Also to Mr. Brame for the use of his Hall.

No other business arising, the G. D. adjourned to meet in Beaufort, on the 2nd Wednesday in July, 1860, at 10 o'clock, A. M. A. M. GORMAN, G. S.

The following contributions were reported by the G. Scribe as received for the Sands' Monument fund:

From Greensboro' Division	\$20.00
" " " " " "	10.00
" " " " " "	5.00
" " " " " "	5.00
" " " " " "	1.00
" " " " " "	1.00
" " " " " "	3.00
" " " " " "	1.00
" " " " " "	2.00
" " " " " "	2.00
" " " " " "	2.00

P. O. Address of Officers of G. D.  
Dr. J. F. Foard, G. W. P.—Newbern.  
A. M. Gorman, G. Scribe—Raleigh.  
W. D. Trotter, G. Con.—Greensboro'.  
Rev. R. Little, G. Sen.—Hopewell.  
J. R. L. Abernathy, G. C.—Happy Home

For the Spirit of the Age.  
CHRONICLES—CHAPTER VIII.  
The fame of Drap-shot spread abroad.—He preaches at Shiloh.

1. And the first of Drap-shot grew and waxed strong, he spread throughout all the land—even to the black-jack plains of Richardson of the grind-stone hills of Anson; and from the head waters of that immortal stream called Grassy creek, to the classic banks of Stony-Run.

2. And man there were who went out to hear him preach, and who marvelled greatly at the wisdom of his prophet.

3. And it came to pass that Drap-shot was called to preach to the people at Shiloh. And when he heard the 'call' he hearkened thereunto, and rose up straightway and went down to Shiloh, and preached unto his disciples to beware of false prophets and false teachers, and exhorted them to remain steadfast in the faith of their fathers, he spake unto them in this wise, saying:—

4. There is a little fellow up in Stan-ly, by the name of Greene-ah, who writes for this paper and calls people by their wrong names-ah. And he tries to write like Scripture-ah, and a great many people, who never read the Bible, think what he writes is true gospel-ah.

7. But I hope my dear brethren, that none of you will be fooled by such stuff-ah. For I tell you, my friends, it is no more gospel than the sermon I have preached to you is-ah! And any man that will write like Scripture-ah, and a great many people, who never read the Bible, think what he writes is true gospel-ah.

8. In conclusion, my dear brethren, I would exhort you to search the Scriptures-ah, for in them ye shall find eternal life-ah. And if you have need of any more books, read the *Primitive Baptist*, which is printed at Rocky-ah.

9. And when Drap-shot had made an end of speaking, it was unanimously resolved by the 'elect' that the Spirit of the A. G. be suffered to go down, and that 'A. J. G.' be permitted to write no more thereafter.

10. But was it not 'foreordained from the foundation of the world' that he should write Chronicles? Why, then, attempt to change the 'decrees' of fate? or gainst the law of 'manifest destiny'?

By the Spirit of the Age.  
HOOKERTON, N. C.  
This pleasant little village is situated in Greene county, eight miles east of Snow Hill, immediately on the Contentnea creek, and is one of the most desirable villages in eastern North Carolina. The inhabitants number about two hundred, and a more whole-souled, generous people does not live.

They have two schools, a male and a female, both of which, we are pleased to say, are in a flourishing condition. Indeed it could not be otherwise, when the Trustees have proceeded such worthy Superintendents. In the male department they have procured the services of Prof. Cheely, of Virginia, than whom a more successful instructor of youth does not ornament the profession. Our acquaintance with Prof. Cheely warrants us in saying that parents and guardians may place their children and wards in his charge, with the assurance that they will receive all proper attention. The female department, superintended by the Misses Wetherbee, is all that could be desired. The citizens of Greene County are not so fortunate as to have a school, and they have not failed to appreciate the value of their services.

We are only surprised that these Schools are not more largely patronized. The Trustees have not spared expense in fitting up buildings, procuring instructors for the education of their children, without sending them to boarding schools at a distance. But there are persons in Greene county, who do not patronize these schools. This is not as it should be. The parents of Greene county have an opportunity of establishing permanent schools in their midst, and should not fail to improve it.

Hookerton is a strictly moral place, free from a sectarian spirit, and the vices and allurement which most villages present, and is one of the best situations for a school in eastern Carolina.

There are two churches, at which various denominations worship, and another in process of erection by the Union Baptist, and another soon to be built by the Disciples.

How can a community be otherwise than moral, where the spirit of religion is so thoroughly diffused as here? The Masonic Lodge and Division of Sons of Temperance are both in a flourishing condition. Two dry goods houses, and two groceries, together with a tailoring establishment, and harness shop, constitute the business houses at Hookerton.

The Thomas House, by F. Thomas, is an excellent hotel. We can of a truth say, from the many times we have stopped at this House, that there is not better kept in North Carolina. The Livory Stables, kept by W. G. Harper, Esq., are all that could be desired. For horse-pitfalls we would go to the stables of Greene Harper.

There are three excellent Physicians, either of whom we could take our pen to speak of Hookerton alone. We desire to say something of Greene county in general, among whose people we have been, and whose friendship we have not failed to appreciate. There does not exist a more whole-souled and patriotic people, than are the citizens of Greene county. The interest here felt in behalf of education is seldom manifested in more wealthy portions of the State. The farmers, too, are beginning to show themselves equal to their sister counties, and the day is not far distant, when we expect to see Greene outstrip her sister counties in point of wealth and education. *May it so be, say we.*

S. R. H.  
Greene County, N. C., Dec. 18th '59.

For the Spirit of the Age.  
HOW TO REMAIN YOUNG.  
BY A. J. G.

Ab, I know my young friends (especially the fairer portion) will open their eyes when they see the caption of this article, and greedily devour what I am going to say. Age is said to be 'honorable,' yet it is an honor for which none of us seek. No greater calamity could befall an aspiring youth (and who does not aspire?) than were it possible, a sudden visitation of old age. This venerable personage is unbecome at any time, but would be much more dreaded were it possible for him to bolt in upon us unawares. The God of Nature has, however, very wisely forbidden any

such surprise—ordaining rather, that we should have ample warning of his approach. As it is, we grow old by degrees,—though warned by passing years, age steals upon us so imperceptibly that we find ourselves upon the banks of Stix before we are scarcely aware of having quitted the flowery paths of childhood.

We would not mind getting old so much, were it not for the 'mark' which age leaves upon us. Some men are old at thirty, while others are young comparatively, at fifty. This difference, generally, arises from the manner in which they have lived. The more quiet we live, the longer we may be able to retain our youthful appearance, while continued irritation soon furrows the brow, and pallid the cheek. If, then, you would put an effectual bar to the approach of age, live temperate, and govern your passions. Although we can't help having the passions with which we are severally endowed, we can help letting them control us, by modifying and controlling them. If you would have a face that would cheat you out of the knowledge of passing years, 'be cheerful, lively, generous and charitable minded.' There are thousands who are daily growing old by the ravages of passion and feelings of an unsocial, and ungenerous nature, which have cankered their minds, wrinkled their spirits and withered their souls. They are made old by envy, by jealousies, by hatred, by suspicions, by uncharitable feelings; by slandering, scandalizing, ill-bred habits; which, if they avoid, they preserve their youth to the very last—so that the child shall die a hundred years old!

DEAR SPIRIT.—Though personally unknown to your worthy Editor, I am proud of the relation existing between us, being enemies to a common foe. "It is an old world that blows nobody good," says an ill but just maxim. Fortunately for Benton, it pleased Heaven to put it into the heart of one of the Old North State's noblest sons to cast his lot amongst us, when he found far behind the "Spirit of the Age." By the promptings of a noble heart, he set him about to devise some means for the amelioration of his late formed associates. Oh! happy thought! The "Spirit of the Age," with all its worth and beauty, first claims his attention. With book and pencil in hand, he solicits subscribers, among whom I am proud my name is found.

As dwelling upon Temperance seems to be your chief delight, I will endeavor to cheer you on in your glorious enterprise, by assuring you that the influence of the and that too, to a great extent. I have never known a people so fully enthused as we are here on the subject of Temperance. All seem lately, to have awakened to a sense of their danger, and men, women and children all seem engaged in this holy cause. We have in our village of about twenty-five families, a Lodge of Good Templars numbering over one hundred members.

The Order of Good Templars is formed upon a different foundation to any Temperance Society I have ever known.—I have long been a member of the "Sons," and the "Social Circle," but I think this preferable to either.

First, it plainly points out man's duty to himself; second, his duty to his neighbor, and "last but not least," his duty to his God; (that being to whom we must all look for good in this life and happiness in the life to come,) the combination of which three principles is powerful and must prevail.

In Yazoo county there are four large and flourishing Lodges of Good Templars, plainly showing that Heaven visits our cause with peculiar success. In casting our mind over the many ruined reputations and blasted hopes of millions, wrought by the tyrannical King Alcohol, we are ready to exclaim—"To arms! to arms! ye friends of humanity! Your enemy is upon you, ready to bind you hand and foot, and laugh at your calamities. Rebel, ye subjects of the remorseless king; gird on your armor, and with the mighty battle-axe of Temperance in hand, cleave the skull of the hellish monster. Float your Temperance banner in the breeze, with the motto, Temperance and protection to our Mothers, Sisters and Wives, now and for ever.

DEAR SIR,  
The Grand Division of North Carolina met at Columbia, on Wednesday the 30th ult., and continued in session three days. The attendance was large, and much important business was transacted. The exercises and proceedings of the body were conducted in the most harmonious and orderly manner and great unanimity of sentiment prevailed among the members.

Several delegates from other jurisdictions were present, among whom was Dr. A. W. Cummings, G. W. P. of North Carolina, and Col. Wm. Grier, P. W. P., and brothers Vance, Blackstock, and Edwards, all from the Old North State. Col. Thos. J. Evans, G. S. of Virginia, and John Moffatt, M. W. C. of the National Division, were also present, and Wm. G. Whiddy, G. W. P. of Georgia, all of whom made able and eloquent speeches, and gave cheering accounts of the progress of the Order in their various jurisdictions.

A public meeting was held at Kinsler's Hall, on Wednesday night, and the large and attentive audience was addressed by brothers Jas. Tupper, of Charleston, Evans, of Virginia, and Vance of North Carolina. We have not time or space at present to give our opinions of the relative abilities of the speakers, or the points on which they touched. That they were able and eloquent, the spell bound attention of the large audience which was held for more than two hours, can more fully and satisfactorily attest.

On Thursday night we had a meeting of the Order, at the Old Fellow's Hall, which was numerously attended, and some three hours were consumed in short pithy speeches from some dozen speaking members of the Order. It was a kind of lore feast, or experience meeting, in which each spoke his mind freely and fully. Cheering accounts came up from various quarters of the State, and the occasion was one of peculiar interest to every true and devoted member of the Order.

On Friday night another public meeting was held at Kinsler's Hall, which was addressed by Judge O'Neal, and John Moffatt. The Hall was more densely crowded than it was on Wednesday night, and the interest and expectation were, if possible, more animated and intense. The Judge, the leader of the Old Guard—the Chevalier Bayard of the Order in South Carolina—led off in one of his most powerful and telling speeches, which was listened to with undivided attention throughout. His Damascus blade is never adrift and keen from constant use, and he never deals a blow that does not tell upon the scattered and discomfited ranks of his adversaries.

But what shall I say of Moffatt, the inspired orator who hails from the classic land of Wallace, Bruce and Burns, and whose Anglified Scotch accent indicates a descendant of those "wha ha Wallace had, and those whom Bruce has of ten led." He followed the Judge, and for an hour and a half held a thousand minds by the charms of his oratory, and made a thousand hearts beat responsive to his will.

His inimitable acting, playful wit, withering sarcasm and irresistible logic, opens at once a highway to the hearts of all, and claims the rumseller, the moderate drinker, the drunkard, the snoring sot, and the bigoted gain-sayer, willing victims to the triumphal wheels of the car of his matchless eloquence. We expect soon to have him with us in Bennettsville, when our people will have a chance to hear and judge for themselves.

We might enlarge upon the subject of our late annual meeting, and the cheering prospects it opened up to view, but as we intend to publish the proceedings in full next week, we will desist for the present.—It was generally conceded to be one of the largest and most harmonious meetings of the Order ever held in the State. The members will go home with renewed zeal and courage to fight the battles of the glorious Temperance reform, and hasten the welcome dawn of that happy day when our tricolor flag of "Love, Purity and Industry" shall float in triumph over the last social remnant of the empire of King Alcohol.

TERRIBLE DOMESTIC TRAGEDY.  
The Cincinnati Enquirer, states that a landscape gardener in Warren county, Ohio, having led a dissipated life for some months, ceased to provide for his