

The Watchman and Southern.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24.

THE HAND HE LOVED BEST.

Chicago Tribune. "No longer trifling may I stand; The lodge night as you know; O'ing no with the hand; I'm sorry, but must go."

So spake the club man at the door, No need for wifely arts; To keep him home—said this and more— Ungallant of her words.

Woman Suffrage and Temperance.

The following is the article of Mrs. Chapin which is rejected by the S. C. Advocate, and which has occasioned some stir in the State growing out of comments of that paper:

Ye fearful men fresh courage take, These votes you so much dread; Be big with mercy, and will break, In blessings on your head.

Mr. Editor: In your last paper you copy from the Nashville Advocate, an article about "The Woman's Christian Temperance Union." A society which the Editor kindly admits is "composed of the wisest, and Best Women in the land," and is a power for good. But he "deprecates some mistakes; he thinks we are in danger of making."

Well now brother Editors (both of you) 'tis nothing new for our doings to be "depreciated." We have been warned by the "wisest and best of men" against every single step we have taken in the path that has made us the "power for good" you are compelled to acknowledge we have become.

"We are a power," but have become so, in spite of "deprecations, and warnings," and not because of any helpful words. "We are a power," because we have dared to do the right, as God gave us the right to see.

The editor thinks woman's ballot would be "disastrous to the country." If it had not been for the self-denial of a woman, we would have had no country. The priests said the expedition of Columbus would be "offensive to God," but Isabella of Spain, with woman's God-given instinct, thought differently, and pledged the jewels of the castle to enable the great discoverer to make the voyage.

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In a letter to the Temperance Worker, and which was published in the last issue of that paper, Mrs. Chapin makes the following additional remarks: I think it would be a great deal more manly for some Editors to fight with than to be fighting women, whose one aim it is to help poor fallen humanity, and it is nothing less than arrant cowardice, to take shelter under an editorial "We" and attack women, unless they feel the attacked to defend themselves.

Of course, as a W. C. T. U. woman, I am entitled to think as I please, and I please to think it would be a great blessing to the nation if the ballot could be taken from a great many men who do not deserve it, and given to a great many women who do.

I believe in qualified suffrage, irrespective of sex; but I don't ask our women to endorse suffrage, or break up their unions because of it. I have never endorsed suffrage in a single speech, but I don't believe it is disgraceful and blasphemous, and all that sort of thing. If a woman can rule over the British Nation, surely an American Woman, ought to be allowed to say whether or not a saloon keeper shall put his miserable pit-fall, where her boy will fall into it. And they will have the privilege before very long, for the broadest viewed men, all over the nation, say as Rev. Atticus Hagood, did, after one of my talks. "Mrs. Chapin, you must ask that the women be allowed to say by their ballots whether the saloon, or the home shall exist; it is snowed under, by the pure white ballots of women; and the sooner you women recognize this fact, and ask for the ballot, the better it will be for the nation."

clear the way for her respectfully. I have been much more rudely jostled, and crowded, when I went to pay my taxes. When she returned to the carriage, she said with much emotion "I am so grateful for the privilege of doing something, towards getting the saloon out of the way, before my three little fatherless boys are old enough to be enticed into them; for they inherit the fearful appetite, and I am very anxious."

Do you think that ballot, cast for that purpose, by that mother whose heart had been torn with anguish because of the ruin (through alcohol) of a once noble and scholarly husband was an "offense to God"? Nay, verily not the God I worship—I am sure.

After the voting, we drove out into the country. She was a model house keeper, and had promised to instruct me in making some delicious pickles. We went to obtain our materials, and spent the day afterwards in preparing them.

That night, the Chatsanooga Circle, connected with our W. C. T. U. met. Every lady of prominence in the city was present, every one had that day voted against liquor, and yet they looked as lovely and as womanly as any ladies I ever met, and it was decidedly without a single exception, the most intelligent company, I ever had the privilege of being in. Although perhaps some might have called them more womanly, if they had spent the day embroidering pink dogs, with green eyes, and been so fatigued by the exertion that they had to take lager, or morphine to tone them up. There is no accounting for taste, and there are women to supply that demand, but you cannot find them in the W. C. T. U.

The strongest and broadest men, all over the South, say woman's ballot is the only hope for the homes of the nation. I rarely make an address, that some distinguished man does say to me "Prohibition will never become national, until woman has the ballot."

Read your Legislative, and Congressional reports, and see how entirely home interests are ignored, and saloon interests legislated for. During the session of the Legislature, some member from the opposition offered a bill that would prevent the sale of tobacco in any form to boys. Some other States have passed it. But a Senator thought it impracticable, because in order to distinguish boys from men, it would be necessary for them to carry around with them the family register. Amazing! not to be able to tell a boy from a man without the family register.

To belong to the W. C. T. U. you may, or you may not believe in woman's suffrage. Some northern States in their constitutions oppose it. The majority never bring it up for discussion. We have our individual opinion on that subject, as on any other. I myself, think there is too much suffrage and it is too unequally distributed. I think an educational qualification should be required, and only people who can intelligently vote, whether they be male or female, should be allowed to do so.

I believe too, that women ought to be put on school boards in South Carolina, as in some other States. They know far better than men, the possibilities of children, it is really pathetic to see children in our primary schools, weeping over some of the books given them to study. Why, they do not even appear in the "Congressional report of the books, supplied to Congressmen" they are so "Talley-ish" and yet children are expected to study them.

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excited now? We all understand that no State nor local union is compelled to take up any department adopted by the National, unless they so desire.

Article VII, Sec. 1, of the National Constitution says: "Co-operation with any department shall be discretionary with the State." Not until the State Convention of South Carolina adopts a woman's suffrage department, are we in any way committed to it, and even when a State Union adopts lines of work, any local union is perfectly free to select only such lines as suit its need and strength, rejection of any line by one member causing in no case any forfeiture of privileges or auxiliaryship to the State Union.

Miss Willard in her last annual address says: "We cannot ask the South, with its different population and rearing, to take up this case at present."

In reply to my special inquiries, Mrs. Z. G. Wallace, the Superintendent of the franchise department in the National Union writes: "There is no organic connection whatever between the Franchise Department of the National W. C. T. U. and any suffrage association, but some members of our W. C. T. U. work with the suffragists."

We hope these statements will set at rest the fears of those friends who fill vacant ranks in other organizations. There is no existing cause to justify either course.

Let our W. C. T. U. stand firmly side by side in the courage of their convictions, with no break in its ranks, no ununions, no aspersions, no careless tyrannical or cruel judgments, but the tenderest and most persistent endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit (if not the method) in the bond of peace. In all the turmoil of those toilsome days in which motives we never dream attributed to us, may the law of kindness still dwell upon our lips and in our hearts, and let us remember the "divine charm in the grand words that have quelled many a justly ruffled spirit. 'Hath any wronged thee? Be bravely revenged. Slight it, and the work's begun; Forgive it and 'tis finished.'"

In behalf of those of our members whose individual opinions have been so ungenerously criticised in some of our papers, permit me to remind you of the golden words spoken by one of the clearest philosophic minds of our own or any age. They may cheer them in their trial as they have strengthened me for many years: "Whoever hesitates to utter that which she thinks the highest truth, lest it should be too much in advance of the time * * * must remember that while she is a descendant of the past, she is a parent of the future; and that her thoughts are as children born to her which she may not carelessly let die. She, like every other woman may properly consider herself as one of the myriad agencies through which works the great first cause; and when that cause produces in her a certain belief she is thereby authorized to propose and act, out of that belief."

Not as adventurists, therefore, will the wise woman regard the faith that is in her. The highest truth she sees she will fearlessly utter, knowing that let what may come of it she has acted her right part in the world.

We are slowly but surely attaining to the grandest mastery in our own spirit. God has set the W. C. T. U. for a grander confession and defense of the faith, than we have dreamed as yet; one which would blanch our cheeks, perhaps, and make our hearts heavy with fear, could we to-day know all it involved. But if we are true and tender-hearted, holding fast the hand of Christ we shall be equal to the emergencies as they arise, no matter how perilous or great. You remember one of our favorite mottoes: "Life is neither a pleasure nor a pain. It is a serious business to be entered on with courage and a spirit of self-sacrifice."

Editorial in W. C. T. U. Department of the Temperance Worker. THE G. W. PATRIARCH OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE. Extracts from a Letter to the W. C. T. U. Convention held at Greenville, Oct. 8, 1885.

To Mrs. F. A. Walker, Corresponding Secretary of the Union: "I would afford me the most intense satisfaction to visit you, to noble a band of workers as your Union. I am one of those who have ever held that the influence of our noble women has accomplished infinitely more for the growth of our temperance cause than all the noisy work of the men."

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Yes, Mrs. J. M. Neblett is a reinforcement for any cause. Letters were sent to her in regard to Mr. Edward Carroll's lecture in Greenville, because of her fiery energy, and because she is the Treasurer of the Greenville W. C. T. U., and it now appears that while the G. W. Patriarch of the Sons of Temperance, and editor of the Aiken Recorder was in his saug sanctum plotting for the disbanding of the W. C. T. U., Mrs. Neblett, through rain and storm and many discouragements, was bravely trying to rally the dispirited and make it possible to organize a Division of the Sons of Temperance in Greenville. If Mrs.

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