

given at the time, carried him home. I was, from the moment of recognition, unconscious of storm or darkness. Alas! when I laid him upon his own bed, in his own room, and looked eagerly down into his face, that face was rigid in death. If I am a cold water fanatic, friends, here is my apology! Is it not all-sufficient? And he sat down amid low murmurs of feeling.

For a time the silence of expectation reigned throughout the room. Then one of the audience stood up in his seat, and every gaze was turned towards him. It was the young man, Parker. Fixing his eyes upon the still disturbed countenance of the speaker, he said slowly and distinctly:

"Yes, the apology is more than sufficient. I take back the words unwisely spoken. With such an experience, a man may well be pardoned for enthusiasm. Thanks! my venerable friend, not only for your rebuke, but for your reminiscence. I never saw my danger as I see it now; but, like a wise man, foreseeing the evil, I will hide myself, rather than pass on, like the fool, and be punished. This night I enlist in your cold water army, and I trust to make a brave soldier."

Parker sat down, when instantly a shout went up that startled the far-off, slumbering echoes. Stargess, yielding to the impulse of his feelings, sprung from the stage, and grasping the young man's hand, said in a voice not yet restored to calmness—

"My son—born of love for this high and holy cause; I bless you! Stand firm! Be a faithful soldier! Our enemies are named legion; but we shall yet prevail against them."

Here drop we the curtain of our narrative. Parker, when the hour of cool reflection came, saw no reason to repent of what he had done. He is now a faithful soldier in the cold water army.

If we knew all that some advocates of temperance have suffered, we might well pardon an enthusiasm, that, at times, seems to verge on fanaticism. They have felt the cause—they have endured the pain—they know the monster vice in every phase of its hideous deformity. No, we need not wonder at their enthusiasm; the wonder should rather be, that it is not greater.

TEMPERANCE ANECDOTE.—The following anecdote was told of a very clever fellow, who had been somewhat frolicsome, but who had recently joined the Sons of Temperance. After becoming a "Son," he went to Mobile on business, and was taken ill there. The physician was called, and after examining him, pronounced him in a very dangerous position, and prescribed brandy. The sick man told him he could not take it. The Dr. insisted that it was the proper remedy, but the patient told him he would not take it. The Dr. said he must, or he would have spasms. Well, said the Son of Temperance, I will try a couple of spasms first! He did not take the brandy, nor did he have the spasms, but went on his way rejoicing.

It is a mighty shame and dishonor to employ excellent faculties and abundance of humor to please men in their vices and follies.

LONGFELLOW has written a line of poetry, that is worth fortunes to those who practice it:

"Learn to labor and to wait."

Energy, combined with patience is the secret of success. There is quantum sufficient of these qualities in the world, but it is rarely that they go hand in hand. Energy without patience would never have built the pyramids. Patience without energy may make a saint, but never a hero.

Proceedings of the State Temperance Convention.

The Convention met in Wesley Chapel, in the City of Indianapolis, at 9 o'clock, P. M., on Wednesday the 12th of January, 1853.

Elder Knuch G. Wood was chosen Chairman, and J. W. Gordon, Secretary, for the purpose of a temporary organization of the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Smith, it was ordered that Messrs. Johnson of Cass, Pomroy of Marshall, Boylan of Carroll, Osgood of Dearborn, and Fletcher of Marion, be appointed a committee to nominate permanent officers for the Convention, and to prepare business for its deliberations.

The committee retired and in a few moments reported the following officers, who were unanimously elected:

For President.—Capt. R. B. MILROY.

For Vice Presidents.—I. N. DUNN, Rev. J. L. SMITH, and Rev. Mr. CARNAHAM.

For Secretaries.—J. W. GORDON, SETH PLATTE, and S. R. JONES.

For State Central Committee for the ensuing year.—Rev. JOHN A. McCLUNG, Rev. WM. WILSON, Rev. JOHN O'KANE, Rev. JOHN C. STREBLE, WM. HANNAMAN, CHARLES WOODWARD, and J. W. GORDON.

The committee further reported the following gentlemen to act as a corresponding committee, viz:

Rev. N. SHUMATE, Mt. Vernon, Ind. ELIJAH SABIN, New Albany, Ind.

J. Y. ALLISON, Madison, Ind.

Rev. J. W. SULLIVAN, Aurora, Ind.

Rev. W. STOUT, Kingstown, Ind.

Dr. WM. C. THOMPSON, Indianapolis, Ind.

Hon. JUDGE KINNEY, Terra Haute, Ind.

—HOWE, Montgomery, Ind.

—SHERMAN, Plymouth, Ind.

Rev. C. W. MILLER, Fort Wayne, Ind.

STERNES FISHER, Wabash, Ind.

A committee of three on Memorials, viz: Messrs. Hall, Scott, and Wright were appointed.

The business committee then brought forward resolutions, which were discussed, amended, and adopted separately, as follows, to wit:

1. **Resolved,** That the cause of Temperance is the cause of the people; that upon its prosperity and final triumph depend the prosperity, virtue, and happiness of the community in which we live, and that it becomes the duty of the people acting as the guardians of their own dearly purchased rights, and defenders of their own permanent interest, to prosecute their efforts in the cause with earnestness, till every opposing obstacle and every conflicting prejudice shall yield.

2. **Resolved,** That the evils of intemperance affecting not only the guilty, but the innocent, and extending not only through the family and social circles, but into the business, judicial, political, and religious worlds,—corrupting morals—influencing legislation, and tampering with justice—all for the axe at the root of the tree, and for heavy and continued blows till no vestige of the poisonous *upas* is left to plague our soil.

3. **Resolved,** That as the love of money is the root of all evil, and that we recognize the worship of Mammon by depraved men, the greatest obstacle to our advancement as a temperance organization. It is the profit on the poison sold by which the seller is enabled to employ a part of his investments to influence legislative action through the elections, to procure license for his work of destruction; or if refused, to risk capital in defiance of the penalty for selling and resort to methods of illegal traffic, which appetite alone never suggested or sanctioned.

4. **Resolved,** That to remove intemperance we must remove its cause; to eradicate the appetite we must drive out and annihilate that which creates and nourishes it—the whisky shop, fashionable saloon and social circle, where intoxicating drinks are permitted.

5. **Resolved,** That the right of the State to prohibit the manufacture and sale of any article producing in its common use pauperism, crime, misery, disease, and death, cannot be properly questioned in a land of liberty regulated by law; and the right to seize and destroy, under proper constitutional and legal restrictions, intoxicating liquors, which we deem ten thousand times more destructive of the happiness and interests of the people, than counterfeit plates, dies, and spurious bank notes, or obscene pictures and books, can only be doubted by those who resolve society into anarchy, and peaceful government into the despotism of mobocracy.

6. **Resolved,** That the present law now in force, which assumes to vote affirmatively for license at the April election, for all voters who omit to express their preference for or against the liquor traffic, is anti-democratic, and only suited to an arbitrary government, where the crowned sovereign claims to answer for his subjects; and we challenge the exhibition of a more tyrannical law since the days of the Revolution, where the legislative power expressed many years past, now assumes to vote for a free citizen against his own will.

7. **Resolved,** That the Legislature should be solicited to repeal all existing laws of State regulating the liquor traffic, and urge to pass a law prohibiting the making and selling of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, accompanied with suitable penalties to secure its observance.

8. **Resolved,** That the raising of revenue by licenses to sell intoxicating drinks, is behind the moral sense and sober judgment of the age, sure to increase the tax burthens of the people; shocking to humanity and destructive of individual and public prosperity.

9. Inasmuch as the tax-paying community are not generally aware that about half the county revenue originates directly or indirectly from the traffic in intoxicating drinks, *be it therefore further Resolved,* That the orders and friends of Temperance in the several counties of the State be requested to procure from the Auditors of their respective counties, the following items of expenditures for the last five years: 1. Expenses for poor houses, farms, and taking care of paupers. 2. Expenses of county jails, keeping criminals, &c. 3. Expenses of grand and petit jurors, fees, &c. 4. Court expenses, including bailiff's fees, coroner's inquests, and charges with sums paid Attorneys for prosecuting or defending criminals. And also that they procure the amounts received, during the same period for licences, fines and costs in criminal cases, and deduct the same from the aggregate of the foregoing items; and forward the same to the Chart for publication, and procure its publication in the newspapers of their respective counties.

10. **Resolved,** That in all cases of death caused by the use of intoxicating drinks, it is proper that the public should be so informed by the coroner's inquest, and who it was that furnished the same, as it is to give the public the name of the individual who causes death by the rifle, *stiletto*, bowie-knife, arsenic or other poison; and all friends of humanity who are called to sit on such inquests, are earnestly requested to see that the monster who administered, or furnished the poison is not screened from the gaze of an indignant community, and that they furnish the Editor of the Chart with the same.

11. **Resolved,** That it is recommended, and earnestly requested that temperance camp-meetings and celebrations be held, by all the orders and friends of temperance, during the coming spring, summer and fall; and that the time of holding the same and the results be published in the Chart and local papers.

12. **Resolved,** That as we respect the right of petition, so we should so far esteem the representative worthy to present the wants of his individual constituents; therefore, we recommend new efforts to procure additional memorials urging the Legislature to abolish the liquor traffic; and that the same should be forwarded to the representatives of the district or county in which the petitions are obtained; and although the full measure of the wishes of the friends of temperance may not at once be realized, yet we will not therefore abandon our position as the advocates of entire prohibition; nor abate our zeal as advocates and supporters of any legal protection that may be afforded. But looking to an intelligent moral community to sustain a cause, which good men everywhere pray for, and heaven has greatly blessed in many quarters of our beloved country, we will renew our battle with increased energy, till called to rest from our labors, or to witness the triumphs of so glorious a cause.

13. **Resolved, lastly,** That we recognize God as the author of the Temperance enterprise, and that we look to him for wisdom, grace and strength to aid us in this blessed work.

The following preamble and resolutions were introduced by Dr. Samuel Grimes, and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The experience of the past has clearly demonstrated, that Temperance laws can only be expected through the agency of open and avowed friends of such legislation; Therefore,

Resolved, That we are determined and hereby solemnly pledge ourselves not to vote for any person hereafter as a member of either House of the General Assembly or any other officer, who is not the known and pledged friend of prohibitory laws fully adequate to the total destruction of the whole business of making, vending or using intoxicating liquors as a beverage in our State: and that we will vote for and support the known and pledged friends of such legislation under all circumstances, against those who are not—disregarding all party organizations.

Resolved, That we will not support men in any avocation of life, who make or traffic in intoxicating liquors in any form, as a beverage.

Rev. J. W. Bishop offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a healthy Temperance Literature is essential to the prosperity of the cause in which we are engaged.

Resolved, That the Temperance Chart, published in Indianapolis, and edited by Dr. J. W. Gordon, is worthy of our confidence and support, and this Convention would urge the friends of Temperance to liberally patronize said paper.

Seth had just dined, and stood picking his teeth on the Tremont House steps, when a beggar asked alms, saying that he was hungry. "You hungry," said Seth, "why I aint hungry, a mite."

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