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For Church People.

(By Rev. W. J. Roof, of Chapin.)

The same old question of drunkenness that has been in vogue ever since Noah came out of the ark and Lot planted his vineyard is still bobbing up before us. An election is pending to vote "wet" again or to keep it "dry." Every person is deeply interested in this election. It is a matter of no little interest to the church people of our county. Our vote determines the election, and our vote should be determined by the Word of God. Now friends, let us reason together about this vote. I have no right as a citizen of this county to dictate to you how you must vote. The dictator shows his small sense of reasoning when he tells you to "hunt up your tax receipts and go to the polls and vote for the Dispensary." Men are not to be driven like brutes but reasoned with. Too, if advice is to be sought out by church people it is not more reasonable to go to your pastors, your spiritual leaders, those whom God has called and you have chosen to feed you on the bread of life rather than to take the advice of people who have not the love of Christ and the interest of His church in their lives? Now if it's God's will to have a Dispensary in Lexington county, then let's vote it in; but if it's not His will let's vote it out. And God's will should be done in all things, civilly, morally and religiously.

Suppose we determine what God's

will is. Has whiskey ever uplifted the morals of humanity? Has it ever influenced anyone to become a Christian? Has it ever added any new names to the church roll? Has it ever brought happiness to a home? Has it ever been used as an anointing oil to make the world better? The indisputable answer to these questions is no. Does God approve of the staggering brute on the street corners? No. Then what is His will? I don't claim any superior gift of intellect but I do claim common reasoning and I have studied this question from a standpoint of God's Word and I fail to find any place where the Holy Spirit tells me to vote for whiskey. But I do find where it tells me, "No drunkard has eternal life abiding in him." "No drunkard can enter the kingdom of God." I also find that one of the fruits of the spirit is temperance, another sobriety, and I also hear Paul saying: "Whether therefore ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." I can't glorify God and vote to place whiskey in the pathway of my weak neighbor. Liquor is the greatest curse of the age. It's the monster menace to church progress. It's the biting evil of business. It's the sneaking fiend of politics. It's a rock of offense to all that is good. I have never been able to see how any true consistent church member can be in favor of its sale in any shape or form. Neither do I stand alone. I stand with the best

Notice Voters

On account of a misunderstanding about the time the Registration Books would be opened, a great many of the voters waited until Monday the 4th to come for their certificates.

The books were not open on that day and will not be open again until after the 19th of August, although there is an advertisement to the effect that the Books will be open at different precincts before that time.

Because of this fact, a great many people will not be allowed to vote, and every supporter of the Dispensary who has a registration certificate is urged to go to the polls and vote. Let nothing keep you away. The opposition is strong and organized.

N. P. SHIPP.

element of the age.

When I became a member of the church, I promised God that "I would forsake the devil and all his works and ways. I promise the same and so does every parent when I bring my children to God in baptism. No, is the Dispensary a product of God? Do you believe that is pleasing to your Maker to see thousands filling the drunkard's grave? And this happens daily. You say no. Whose work and way is it then? The devils, the father of all evil. And this is the greatest way he has to send souls to hell, and his work is to get church members to lean on him for advice instead of God's chosen people.

The big argument, if there is any at all, is that it will help up in our public schools, it will help us build roads and a number of other things. I would rather bring my child up in ignorance and let him tread the pathway of thorns all his life than to educate him or build roads for him with money taken from the lips and naked backs of poor drunkard's families. As soon as your boy becomes a drunkard then you will become a prohibitionist. The liquor traffic must have material to work on—your sons are the material. You place liquor before your weak brother, he drinks it, gets drunk, is placed in the lock-up, goes before mayor and is charged a fine to get free. The county grabs his money, runs and places it in schools, etc. Such actions should be a blushing shame to christian citizenship. Keep the influences, the temptation or the "stumbling block," as Paul puts it, from before him, wrap him up with christian influences and make a man out of him instead of an empty pocket slave.

God has blessed us in the past few years. I claim that prohibition has not been an "ignoble failure," and every true church member knows this. Those who only look at the dollar are not supposed to know better. Church work has never made such progress in the history of our State as it has with in the past four years, ask your pastor. Place a Dispensary back here and this noble work is crippled. Ask the drunkard what is his doom, he replies eternal suffering in hell—this is the true answer. You shudder at the thought, but go to his heartbroken wife and hungry children, see them in their poverty, and you fill your eyes with tears of sympathy for them. Oh, how innocent you are! But listen! Who made him a drunkard! Yonder is the Dispensary, the nursery of blind tigers, you say, "I didn't put it there," yonder is the law, "well I didn't make it," yonder is the Dispensary politician, "Oh, well, I voted for him."

(Continued next week)

Jail News.

Monroe Williams shot Mack Hill at Mr. Dave Rawl's saw-mill Sunday night and seriously wounded him. Williams forbade Hill to enter his house and when Hill attempted to force an entrance he was greeted with a bullet. Sheriff Miller was notified and had Williams safely lodged in jail in a few hours.

Monday morning a "trustee" convict of the county changing walked off from near the Supervisor's home where he was working on the road and made for Columbia. Sheriff Miller was phoned for and in a short time had the negro, John Goodwin, back on his job.

Charlie McNure, white, was arrested by Sheriff Miller and lodged in jail last Monday, charged with attempted assault upon a white girl.

Sheriff Miller carried three convicts to the gang Monday. He still has in jail seven prisoners awaiting a hearing at the next term of court.

The sheriff is a proficient officer and when he goes after a prisoner he gets him.

Mrs. Alice Argoe.

Mrs. Alice Argoe was born May 18, 1874, and died July 28, 1913, hence she was 39 years, 2 months and ten days old. In early life she united with Florence Baptist church and was a faithful and active member of the Baptist church up to near the time of her death.

Mrs. Argoe is survived by a husband and four children, a father and mother, four brothers and four sisters, one child and one brother having preceded her to the grave and one child was buried in the coffin with her.

The interment was at Harmony church. The burial service was conducted by the Rev. P. C. Harlow.

Farmers' Institutes.

Dear Mr. Editor:—There will be held in your county farmers' institutes on the following dates and at the following places: Hilton, S. C., August 19th and James E. Dunbar's, near Pelion, S. C., August 20th.

There will be present practical farmers in the demonstration work, and experts from Clemson College to address the farmers on subjects relative to their every day work on the farm. These institutes are held in the interest of the farmers. The salaries and expenses of these men are paid by the taxpayers of the State and the farmers owe it to themselves to attend these meetings and derive all the benefit possible from hearing the lectures. These men are public servants, anxious to serve the farmers. It is no easy task to travel from county to county, day after day and deliver addresses and to meet hundreds of people. Therefore, these men are entitled to be encouraged when they are endeavoring to perform a public service that is filled with so much promise, provided that the farmers will simply cooperate by attending the meetings, and seek information by asking questions that will be cheerfully and gladly answered by all the lecturers. It is gratifying to know that the prejudice that was once held by the farmers against scientific men is passing away. All of the great discoveries that have been made in the interest of agriculture we owe to scientific men. It was the scientific man who discovered that leguminous crops are able to take nitrogen from the air and deposit it in the soil and save the farmer the most costly of all fertilizer ingredients; it was the scientific man who made it possible for us to overcome to a large degree the ravages of hog cholera by the use of hog cholera serum; it was the scientific man who enabled us to secure a seed corn that would give a greater yield per acre by reason of careful selection and breeding; it is to the entomologist and plant pathologist that we go to when insects and plant diseases are destroying our crops; it was scientific men who invented and manufactured all of the improved implements for the preparation and cultivation of the soil and the harvesting of the crop.

Surely when we realize these facts we must respect and be willing to heed the instructions of these students of plants and the soil. So I plead with the farmers of South Carolina to attend these meetings.

Respectfully,

W. W. Long,

State Agt. and Supt. of Ext.

At Hilton a basket picnic dinner will be served on the grounds and at Pelion a barbecue will be served by that master of the culinary art, Mr. J. E. Dunbar, at his home. Everybody is cordially invited to attend both meetings.

Mr. Mike S. Wingard.

Mr. Mike S. Wingard, a well known citizen who resided just below Lexington, died Sunday morning at 7 o'clock, after an illness of about five weeks.

Mr. Wingard was one of Lexington's oldest and respected citizens, and had resided on the farm near here for many years. For a number of years he faithfully carried the mails on the Star route between Lexington and Rishes store.

Mr. Wingard married Frances M. Roof, daughter Mr. Jesse M. Roof, who survives him, besides eight children, viz: Mrs. Abram Stork, Jr., Columbia; Miss Katie Wingard, Jesse O. Wingard, Quincy Wingard, Van M. Wingard, Frank Wingard, Mrs. M. P. George and Reedy Wingard, all of this place.

The funeral services were conducted Monday morning at 10 o'clock at St. David's Lutheran church and the interment was in the cemetery nearby, Rev. R. E. Livingston officiating.

Action on Cotton Crop.

To evolve some definite plans for marketing the cotton crop gradually, that losses incidental to sporadic sales may be averted, resolutions were adopted at a recent meeting of the Farmers' union in Sumter county with this end in view, and a committee appointed to bring this matter to the attention of all unions throughout the South and to invoke the aid of all bankers, boards of trade and commercial organizations. The feature of the resolution is that for every bale sold another be held off the market, either at home or stored in the nearest warehouse.

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