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**Reminiscences of Frances E. Willard**  
 Written for the Palmetto White Ribbon by Mrs. R. C. Hoyt

Your editor has asked me to recall the beginning of W. C. T. U. work in Greenville. I have no definite data and only a very poor memory to guide me, but I think it was in 1880 that Miss Frances Willard came to Greenville to make an address on temperance. The meeting was held in the Methodist church, which was filled with interested people. The majority, we all thought, came through curiosity, to hear a woman speak before a mixed public assembly. As far as I know, such a thing had never happened before.

I did not hear Miss Willard's first address, but my husband, who disapproved of such a performance gratified his curiosity by listening to Miss Willard. Instead of coming home disgusted however, as I expected him to be, he was pleased and so convinced by her arguments, her womanly charm of manner, and her eloquence, that he insisted on my going to hear the second lecture. This I did, and was not surprised to find that a woman with a fine education, a trained mind and a heart overflowing with loving kindness to fallen humanity could well express her thoughts before all the people.

At the close of this meeting an organization was proposed and the next morning all whose names were recorded for membership met with Miss Willard at her hotel. The organization was perfected, officers elected and the W.C.T.U. of Greenville was formed. Many of the most influential and prominent women in the city became active members. Mrs. Dr. Walter was elected president; Mrs. Gridley secretary; Mrs. Hoke, Mrs. Donaldson, Mrs. Fannie Bestie, Mrs. Neblett, Mrs. McDavid, Mrs. Hoyt and others were among the officers, and formed the executive committee.

The first work undertaken was the effort to change public sentiment as to using wine as a beverage, and it was not long before there was a decided change in this respect.

Sunday afternoon prayer meetings were arranged to be held in the various churches. The W. C. T. U. had charge of the music and invited the speakers. These prayer meetings soon became very interesting and were well attended. They were often led by the pastors of the different churches. The influence from these Sunday afternoon services, attracted the young people of the city and went a long way in influencing public sentiment. Serving wine at social affairs was soon banished entirely. In a short while a rest and reading room was established in the historic old court house. This was made very attractive and was nicely furnished. The valuable library of the late Gov. B.

F. Perry was loaned and greatly enjoyed.

Sometimes musical or other social gatherings were held in this room, where the young people gathered for social enjoyment, and sometimes a temperance talk was made.

As time passed, public sentiment was greatly strengthened and to belong to the W. C. T. U. meant to be busy and helpful in the cause of temperance. On election days the women served coffee and hot lunch.

About this time, unfortunately, a false impression was circulated to the effect that the W. C. T. U. was circulating the Woman Suffrage planks. This was entirely wrong. The executive board met every Monday afternoon in my parlor and this subject was never mentioned, but because of a strong opposition to this phase of the work by our men, some women withdrew and interest flagged. Just at this time also, some of the most efficient leaders were called out of the work and some out of the city and so the work became disorganized. I am sure of this much, the influence and impressions of these few years work for temperance was felt, and left a wholesome impression.

Let me say here that I do rejoice in the growth and strength of the South Carolina W. C. T. U. at this time. There never was a time when temperance workers were more needed. Our prayers have been answered and now we should work. The fact that South Carolina is really now under prohibition rule is a subject for great rejoicing and thanksgiving, especially to those of us, who, in the years passed, have borne the brunt of the battle.

The seed sown by those who toiled and prayed, and fell by the wayside, in the effort to redeem their country from the curse of liquor, must have taken root to bear fruit in this generation. It is a consolation to know that those who toiled for "God and Home and Native Land" now rest from their labors, and to believe that "their works do follow them."

The Palmetto White Ribbon is a welcome visitor to my desk. I do pray God's richest blessings upon those who are young and strong and privileged to carry on the fight. What a wonderful work for humanity was accomplished, through the efforts of Frances E. Willard. Her crown must be bright with jewels.

**Cigarettes and Character.**

We were visiting a school not long ago in one of New York's suburban cities, and noticing especially one likely-looking boy about ten years old, pointed him out to the teacher.

"Yes," she said, "he is an exceptionally bright boy, but there is a very sad story about him. His mother is dead. He has a younger brother. The father drinks heavily. About two years ago this little fellow in my class contracted the cigarette habit. For a year afterward he continued to look after the house, and kept well up to the head of his classes; but a few months ago his school work began to drag, and on looking into the matter we discovered the cigaret habit. We talked with him about it, showing him where he was heading and he set himself to break the habit with a grim determination quite beyond his years. But the habit had got a terrible hold on him, and only last week he came to me with tears in his eyes, to tell me that he could not let the cigarettes alone; that he had tried every way he could think of, but the wish to smoke cigarettes proved stronger than the will not to."

And the teacher added: "We will find some way yet to help this boy win his fight, although he is well nigh hopeless for himself. But isn't it a shame that so many of these bright little fellows get this terrible habit before they know what they are doing?"—Everybody's Magazine.

**Statement From Mr. R. J. Moultrie.**

To all Voters of Edgefield County: As announced in the newspapers two years ago, I am now a candidate for the office of county Supervisor, with which you honored me for one term—serving you two years—several years ago. I ask you again to place your confidence in me for the same position by giving me another chance to fill this most important office, the duties of which I believe I know as good or better than any man in the county.

To let you know exactly what I now advocate and stand for, I will here give you a brief statement, so that you may know just for whom and for what you are voting.

I am in favor of two chain gangs—one to go over the county, clean out the ditches, fill impassable mud holes; the other to widen the roads, pull down the hills, and do permanent work.

As to the bridges, I am in favor of building by contract, if the county funds will admit. If not, build by gang, and will frame bridges myself, as I am a carpenter by profession, and would not have to go out of the county to find a man to do this work.

When I was your supervisor, I built nine bridges, framing practically every one with one exception.

You can easily see considerable money can be saved the county with such a hard-working economist as I know I would make if you see proper to again elect me.

Respectfully,  
 R. J. Moultrie.

**The Birth of a Nation.**

This eighth wonder of the world comes to the Grand-Augusta, for three nights beginning Monday matinee Feb. 14, with a matinee every day during the engagement. The seat sale will open next Friday at 10 a. m., at Theatre box office. Money order or checks on Augusta banks will have immediate attention. Curtain will rise at 8:30 nights, and 3 p. m., matinees. This will be the last time this wonderful spectacle will be seen within 160 miles of Augusta this season. The prices will range from 25c to \$1.00 at matinees and 50c to \$2.00 at all night performances.

"The Birth of a Nation" brings forth D. W. Griffith's wonderful new art of pictorialized spectacle with music. The first half of the production, which was suggested by Thomas Dixon's "The Clansman," exhibits the salient events of the war between the States. The formation of the Confederacy; Lincoln's call for troops, Sherman's march to the sea, the Battle of Petersburg; Lee's surrender to Grant; and the awful tragedy of Lincoln's assassination at Ford's Theatre, April 14, 1865, live before the spectator of the Griffith Drama. In the second half the South's "Second Uprising"—this time against the carpet-bagger regime—is shown in a thrilling story of Reconstruction days. The romance of the "Little Confederate Colonel," Ben Cameron with the Northerner Elise Stoneman, and that of the Unionist Captain, Phil Stoneman with Margaret Cameron, the South Carolina lassie, maintain two threads of a continuous love interest throughout the story.

But the great out-of-doors is Mr. Griffith's special field. Tremendous battle scenes and the wild rides of the Ku Klux Klansmen are staged with thousands of participants. Eighteen thousand actors and three thousand horses were employed in making of the picture, which cost half a million dollars and took eight months to produce. Some idea of its immensity is gained from the fact that there are no less than 5,000 distinct and individual scenes.

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**Candidates' Column**

**FOR SUPERVISOR.**

To the Citizens of Edgefield County: I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for Supervisor of your county, and if elected will try to serve the people as near right as I conceive, pledging myself to abide by the results of the election, and support the nominees of the democratic party.

W. G. WELLS.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Edgefield county and solicit the support of the people, pledging myself, if elected, to serve the people to the best of my ability and to abide the results of the Democratic primary election.

J. W. HUDSON.

Morgans, S. C.

I respectfully announce to the voters of Edgefield county that I am a candidate for the office of supervisor and pledge myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary election.

R. J. MOULTRIE.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the supervisor of Edgefield county and solicit the support of the people, pledging myself to abide by the result of the primary election.

J. O. SCOTT.

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Mrs. C. A. Zeagler, Farmer's Wife, Speaks to Troubled World.

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