

THE ARKANSAS METHODIST.

SATURDAY, AUG. 16, 1884.

Temperance.

The Saloon Business Defined.

DEAR DOCTOR:—Within find a leaflet which we are circulating in this county, with a view of increasing the vote against license in the state election. I think it would be well to publish in the next issue of the METHODIST, and urge the friends and workers in the good cause to have them printed by the thousand and circulated in the different counties. There are printing presses in almost every county. It don't cost much to print a thousand. They can be circulated just before the election, and will aid in checking the terrible curse of intemperance.

A. HUNTER.

It is a business which is opposed to every clergyman in the country.

It is a business which is the standing dread of every mother.

It is a business which is the constant fear of many fathers.

It is a business which is the horror of nearly every wife.

It is a business making ninety per cent. of the business of the criminal courts.

It is a business which makes ninety per cent. of the pauperism for which tax-payers have to pay.

It is a business which keeps employed an army of policemen in the cities.

It is the business which puts out the fire on the hearth and condemns wives and children to hunger, cold and rags.

It is the business which fosters vice for profit, and educates in wickedness for gain.

Drunkenness comprises all other vices. It is the dictionary of vice, for it includes every vice. Drunkenness means speculation, theft, robbery, arson, forgery, murder—for it leads to all these crimes.

At the election vote as you pray. "Save the boys." "Strike for God, and home, and native land."

VOTE AGAINST LICENSE!

DEAR METHODIST:—When there is anything which involves the interest of a country or community, or the prosperity of the Church, I suppose all lovers of the truth should be ready and willing, so far as it lieth within his strength, to banish it from our midst, let it be whatever it may. I am very much astonished at the actions of some of our secular papers, in more ways than one, and especially with reference to two of the most vital questions which are at the present time engaging the attention of the best class of people, in and out of the Church.

The two particular things which I desire to speak of in this article are Prohibition and the terrible abuse of our Christian Sabbath.

Some of our secular papers advocate in a way, Prohibition, and then turn around and advertise the very thing they would have the world believe they are trying to banish from our land.

What result can we expect from such as this, so far as aiding us to banish from the country, that which all true men and women would have banished from our midst—whisky—in all its intoxicating forms? This way of acting by these secular papers will bring reproach and an everlasting stain upon secular journalism.

Unworthy men occupying a worthy place in our state and nation. Following after such journals are classes of men from both wings of the great political parties—men who would forego all principles of a moral character, much less of Christian principles, in order that the party which they have been affiliating with may be kept in power, give everything up. Some of these men, when it suits them would have you believe they are strong Prohibitionists; but when the time comes that they must give up their Democracy or Republicanism they cry for a pretense to the Prohibitionist, to frighten him if possible, "you will ruin Prohibition." It surprises me. Ruin Prohibition by working for it? Never! Never!! Never!!!

If they fail in this, their last ignoble effort is, to say, we will vote for whisky in the coming election. I say, let these Judas' in Prohibition go and do as Judas did—hang themselves.

Dear Doctor—It behooves every man to vote as he prays: "Lead us not into temptation."

The second point in this article is on Sunday Excursions. How frequent they are getting. One of the most disgraceful one's, perhaps, was participated in by a large number of persons on the M. & L. R. railroad, on Sunday, July 27th, 1884, that has ever come within the knowledge of the author of this article, if my author be a reliable one. It is too dark and appalling in its nature to speak of if there were any other way to correct it. I have been informed by a man who was along with the excursion, that the like of drunkenness and profanity was never seen or heard by him before.

This same eye-witness informed me that it was reported that four men were run over by the train before it reached the town of Brinkley. As to the truth of this, I am not able to say. And further, I am informed that as the train was passing through the above named town, several pistol shots were heard coming from the train. In this train were four coaches full of ladies. What did they do with their modesty? leave it at home, so that they might enjoy the excursion? When did they have their polish?

What became of a father's energies, a mother's love, in trying to make something out of a degenerate offspring? What kind of an opinion have they of Christianity when they abuse the Christian Sabbath, one of its grand institutions? Christianity—the principles of which brought women out of slavery, elevated her, and made her the equal of the ruder sex. But I must stop, for the present.

May our next Legislature take this matter in hand, and forever put to rest excursions and base ball playing on the Christian Sabbath.
Yours in the work,
"PROHIBITIONIST."
July 28, 1884.

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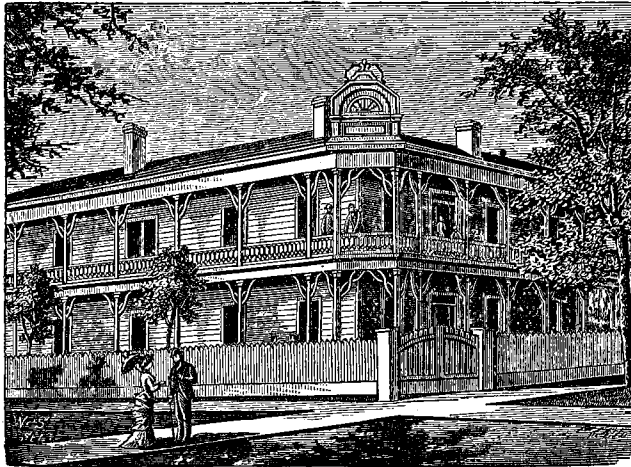
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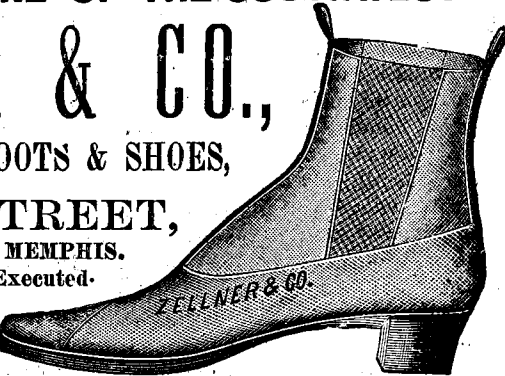
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