

Educational Department.

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ESSAY.

Read by A. W. BENEDICT, Esq., before the Huntingdon County Teachers' Institute, December 22, 1854.

Subject—THE LAW OF SUCCESS.

(CONCLUDED.)

The teacher must exercise an inflexible will to love the school, the scholar, the book, and the hours of toil.

Like the vase in which roses have once been distilled, you may break, you may ruin the vase if you will.

With that all pervading love for the several objects of your care and guidance, and the instruments of your labor, with a manifest pleasure for the hours you spend in a never ending round of lessons and toil you impress upon the tender tablet of the child's heart a kindred love which assumes and asserts its power; and the wayward, the thoughtless, the stupid, the indolent and even the mischievous and rebellious are carried captive by the law of love.

Every where, and at all times you must present unmistakable evidence that you have but one aim in all your study, toil and love, and that aim, the present and future happiness, well being and prosperity of those you love.

When the teacher shall have attained all these ends, and when he shall have made himself master of himself, of his books, and pupils, he has used the means, and success will wear her proudest chaplet for his crown.

Have I convinced you, that you are all directed to your destiny by imperative law? Have I made apparent the importance of obedience to those laws which secure progress and prosperity? Have I showed you that this you are measurably the arbiters of that destiny?

There is a divinity which shapes our ends, rough hew them as we may. And it is that rough hewing of life I would by the law of success, make a co-worker with that divinity, so that our ends should be sharpened to secure the largest measure of complete success for the teacher, and pupil, and I would convince the listless and careless teacher that there is no "divinity" that will command success to them, while they remain careless and listless; and of the willfully dull, the idle, the selfish, the ignorant and the self-wise, whose pride of opinion spurns the counsel and care of his companions in the profession.

Know Nothing Reform.

When the present Know Nothing Legislature assembled we were informed that various and extensive reforms were digested for the formal enactment of that enlightened body—reforms that would materially lessen the expenses of government, and proportionately lighten the burthens of the people.

The Harrisburg Herald of Saturday says, the most strenuous effort has been made this week for the pardon of Dr. Beale.

From the Clearfield Republican, Feb. 28.

KNOW-NOTHINGISM EXPOSED.

The following communication from a highly respectable citizen of this county, is published at the request of the author. The statement is voluntarily made, and we hope will put to rest the doubts heretofore existing in some minds as to whether this secret organization were bound together by oaths.

Who will deny the truthfulness of the following statement? Is not the word of an honest man sufficient? Other political parties, we have no doubt, will be satisfied with it—churches will be satisfied with it; every association except that of the Know-Nothing alone, will be satisfied with it.

A CARD.

Burnside Tp. Feb. 21, 1855.

Messrs. MOORE & WILSON: Gentlemen, I must ask the liberty to appear before the public, for the first time in my life, in the columns of a newspaper. To vindicate my own character, and to expose the corruption of a secret oath-bound political combination in our midst is my only object.

The meetings so far as I attended them were generally occupied in initiating members. They have no object as far as I can learn, but that of controlling the politics of the country, and grasping the offices.

The question here arises in my own mind—have I done my whole duty in merely freeing myself from their unallowed influences? Do I not owe it as a duty to my fellow men to expose this combination, and to warn them against what I conceived to be the most dangerous political movement that has ever existed in this country.

ster and expose its iniquities to the public gaze.

The organization of the secret society to which I allude, is after the following form.—In the beginning it was called a society of "Know-Nothings," and I may be allowed to say the name was peculiarly appropriate.—So soon, however, as that name became generally known, they changed it for another, and then another, until during the short period of their existence they have been known by several appellations, the last of which known to me was the "Sons of the Star Spangled Banner."

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The following is a copy of the oaths, and examination which every member must undergo, and subscribe to before becoming a member, as nearly as I can recollect. That they are substantially true, I pledge myself to prove in a court of justice if the opportunity be afforded me.

ber of the Order, to the Council without his knowledge. Three negative votes ball him him.

I do solemnly swear upon this sacred volume (or cross) before Almighty God and these witnesses, that I will not divulge any question proposed to me here, whether I become a member of the Order or not, and that I will never under any circumstances whatever, mention the name of any person I may see present during any of the proceedings, or that I know such an Order to be in existence and that I will give a true answer to any question asked of me, so help me God.

Which being taken by the candidate, the officer proceeds to propound the following interrogations, before reporting to the Council his fitness for initiation :

1. What is your name? 2. What is your age? 3. Where is your residence? 4. In your religious belief are you a Roman Catholic? 5. Where were you born? 6. Where were your parents born? 7. Is your wife a Roman Catholic? 8. Did either of your ancestors take part in the American Revolution? 9. Are you willing to use all the influence you possess in favor of Native born American citizens, for all offices of honor, trust, or profit in the gift of the people; and do you promise to vote for them to the exclusion of all aliens and foreigners, and Roman Catholics in particular, for all State or Government offices? 10. Who invited you to be present on this occasion?

If the candidate's answers are satisfactory to these questions, he is taken in the Council by two officers, led up to the President of the Council, who administers the following oath in the first degree:— "I do voluntarily and freely do solemnly promise and swear before Almighty God and these witnesses around me assembled, that I will not under any circumstances whatever, divulge or make known to any person or persons, either directly or indirectly, or to any human being other than those I shall know to be good and true members of this Order, the name, secrets, mysteries, or objects of the same, or cause or allow the same to be done by others, if within my power to prevent the same.

The President then addresses the new members as follows:—"My Brothers—The Order which has now received you as members, may with all propriety be considered a secret organization.—It is so secret in fact, that if you were placed before a legal tribunal, and there sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, you could not for your lives reveal the name of that band of brothers among whom your name now stands enrolled: and further than this, when you retire from this meeting, you will return to your family and friends as ignorant as when you came, so far as the name of this order is concerned.

In common with ourselves you "Know Nothing," and let it be your stern resolve through life, to "Know Nothing" that will at all conflict with the high and exalted duties you owe to your God, your country and yourselves, so far as regards the preservation of American liberty, which alone can be secured to ourselves and our children by the entire and absolute exclusion of all foreign influence in those matters which appertain to our government policy."

After the delivery of this address, the candidate is referred to the Instructor, who traces him the signs and grips and in what manner to obtain entrance into the Council. He is then Master of the first Degree, and signs his name to the register, after which the following oath is taken:— "I do solemnly promise and swear before Almighty God, and these witnesses, that I will not under any circumstances, divulge or make known the name of this Order, or its objects, to any person or persons in the world, unless to those whom I may know to belong to this Order, in good and regular standing.

And I furthermore promise and swear that I will neither write, print, paint, cut, carve, engrave, emboss, stamp, stain, or mark any secrets of this order on anything moveable or immovable on the earth or the sea, whereby said secrets, or any part thereof, the name of the Order, its operations, the names of its officers, or the names of its members or its places of meeting, may become known to those who have not received the first and second degrees of this Order in due form; nor will I cause or permit the same to be done, if within my power to prevent the same.

And I furthermore promise and swear that I will always conform to the will of the majority of the members of this order, in the selection of candidates to fill every office of honor, profit or trust, within the gift of the people; provided such candidates shall have been born on American soil, and shall have been educated in American institutions, and that I will use all the influence I may possess to elect all such candidates whom I may know to be opposed to all foreign influence, Popery, Jesuitism, and Catholicism, without any hesitation on my part whatever.

I have thus given the forms as far as the second degree. I never went further. It will be a matter of regret all my life that I ever went so far as I did. I have now, however, done all I can to atone for it.

I may add before closing this communication that the exposure published in the Pennsylvania last summer, is substantially correct, and was so considered at that time in the Council. I was then a member, and heard it discussed.

Yours Respectfully, THOMAS MAHAFFEY.

Petition for License.

TO THE Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Huntingdon county, now holding and composing a Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, at April Term, 1855. The petitioner James Chamberlain, of Warriorsmark township, in said county, respectfully sheweth that he occupies and still continues to keep that well known tavern house in the said village of Warriorsmark, which has heretofore been used and occupied by him as a public house of entertainment, and is desirous of continuing to keep a public house therein; he therefore prays your Honors to grant him a license to keep a public house at the place aforesaid for the ensuing year, and he will ever pray.

The subscribers citizens of the township of Warriorsmark, in the county of Huntingdon, would respectfully recommend the above petitioner, and certify that the inn or tavern above mentioned is necessary to accommodate the public and entertain strangers and travellers, and that the petitioner above named is of good repute for honesty and temperance and well provided with house room and conveniences for the lodging and accommodation of strangers and travellers.

Jacob Wyant, Samuel Culp, D. B. Money, Wm. Thompson, Lewis Edmondson, Isaac Thompson, Sam'l Shank, Joseph Brunstetter, P. L. Sackett, H. K. Neff, Marlain Utzinger, John Shank, William Wray.

Petition for License.

TO THE Honorable the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the county of Huntingdon. The petitioner James Fleming respectfully sheweth: That your petitioner occupies that well known tavern house in Manor Hill, Barree township, on the Public road leading from Petersburg to Lewistown, which has heretofore been used and occupied as a public house of entertainment for several years last past, and is desirous of continuing to keep a public house therein; he therefore prays your Honors to grant him a license to keep a public house at the place aforesaid for the ensuing year, and he will ever pray.

The subscribers, citizens of Barree township, in the county of Huntingdon, recommend the above petitioner, and certify that the inn or tavern above mentioned is necessary to accommodate the public and entertain strangers and travellers, and the petitioner above named is of good repute for honesty and temperance and is well provided with house room and conveniences for the accommodation of strangers and travellers.

Richard Brindle, John Greenwalt, Jacob Harman, Reuben Duff, John Conner, James Carmont, John Harper, James McMonigle, Moses Robison, John Hirst, Joseph Gilliland, James McGregor, John Houck.

Petition for License.

TO THE Honorable the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Huntingdon County. The petitioner Gratias Miller respectfully sheweth: That your petitioner occupies that old and well known brick Tavern House, near the Railroad depot in the borough of Huntingdon, known as the Exchange Hotel, heretofore used as a public house of entertainment, and is desirous of continuing to keep a public house therein; he therefore prays your Honors to grant him a license to keep a public house at the place aforesaid for the ensuing year, and he will ever pray.

The subscribers, citizens of the borough of Huntingdon recommend the above petitioner, and certify that the inn or tavern above mentioned, is necessary to accommodate the public and entertain strangers and travellers; and that the petitioner above named is of good repute for honesty and temperance, and is well provided with house room and conveniences for the lodging and accommodation of strangers and travellers.

Geo. Gwin, William A. Saxton, B. E. McMurtree, Thos. Adams, John H. Africa, C. A. Newringham, Wm. Stewart, A. B. Crewit, R. C. McGill, S. S. Wharton, A. P. Wilson, Geo. M. Barr, J. S. Stewart, Robt. Kyle.

Petition for License.

TO THE Honorable the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the county of Huntingdon, April Session 1855.—The petitioner Christian Coats of the borough of Huntingdon, in the county of Huntingdon, respectfully sheweth, that he still continues to occupy the house well known as the Franklin house, for many years kept as a public house, in Market square, in said borough, and that he is desirous of keeping a public house in the same for the accommodation of strangers and travellers—and that he is provided with house room, stabling and the necessary accommodations for keeping a house of public entertainment at said stand. He therefore prays your Honors to grant him a license to continue to keep a house of public entertainment at the said place for the current ensuing year, and as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

C. COATS.

TO THE Honorable the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the county of Huntingdon, do hereby certify that the above named petitioner, Christian Coats, is a man of good repute for honesty and temperance, and is well provided with house room and conveniences for the accommodation of strangers and travellers, and that the inn or tavern proposed to be kept is necessary to accommodate the public and entertain strangers and travellers.

Geo. Gwin, William A. Saxton, Michael Feuterhoff, Enos H. Kulp, Jacob Snyder, Thos. Adams, A. B. Crewit, Edm. Snare, T. K. Simonton, A. Carmon, Lewis Meredith, A. L. Smith, Robert Stitt.

Petition for License.

TO THE Honorable Court of Quarter Sessions of Huntingdon county, Penna. The petitioner R. F. Haslett, of Spruce Creek, Morris township, in said county, respectfully represents:— That he is well provided with house room and conveniences for the lodging and accommodation of strangers and travellers, at the house now occupied by him as an inn or tavern, in said township; he therefore prays the Honorable Court to grant him a license for keeping a public inn or tavern, and he, as in duty bound, will &c.

R. F. HASLETT.

The subscribers, citizens of Morris township, in which the above mentioned inn or tavern is to be licensed, is proposed to be kept, do hereby certify that R. F. Haslett, the above applicant, is of good repute for honesty and temperance, and is well provided with house room and conveniences for the lodging and accommodation of strangers and travellers, and that such inn or tavern is necessary to accommodate the public and entertain strangers and travellers.

R. Kinkead, Edward Beigle, William Davis, Henry Black, Samuel Harnish, John Davis, Job Plympton, Wm. Cromwell, Robert Tussey, Casper Waight, Adam Bryan, Benjamin Sprankle.

Petition for License.

TO THE Honorable the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the county of Huntingdon at April Term, A. D. 1855. The petitioner John P. May respectfully sheweth: That your petitioner having leased that well known Tavern stand, situated in the township of West, and county aforesaid, on the great road leading from Petersburg to Bellefonte in Centre county, known as the Green Tree Hotel, formerly kept by James McMurtrie, dec'd, is desirous of keeping a house of entertainment for the accommodation of strangers and travellers, that he is well provided with conveniences necessary for the accommodation of strangers and travellers as aforesaid, he therefore prays your Honors to grant him a license to keep a tavern or inn as aforesaid, and your petitioner will ever pray, &c.

We the subscribers do certify that John P. May, the above named applicant, is a man of good repute for honesty and temperance and that he is well provided with house room and other conveniences for the lodging and accommodation of strangers and travellers generally; also that the above public house or inn prayed for is necessary for the accommodation of the public and strangers and travellers, and we therefore recommend to your Honors to grant him a license agreeable to his petition.

Robert McCracken, John Huxett, David Ramsey, William White, John Henry, James Myton, Jr., John Hurst, John Henry, Jr., J. M. Oaks, John Eberle, Jacob Eberle, John Henderson, Thomas Newell. [mh 6 55.]

Petition for License.

TO THE Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Huntingdon county at April Term 1855. Your petitioner George Randolph having rented that well known tavern stand in the village of Sansburg, Barree township, situated on the great leading road from Lewistown to Petersburg, now occupied by John G. Stewart. The petition of George Randolph respectfully represents that he is well provided with house room and conveniences for the lodging and accommodation of strangers and travellers, and we therefore prays your Honors to grant him a license for keeping a public inn or tavern and he will ever pray.

The undersigned subscribers, citizens of Barree township, in which the above mentioned inn or tavern is to be licensed, do hereby certify that George Randolph, the above applicant, is of good repute for honesty and temperance and is well provided with house room and conveniences for the lodging and accommodation of strangers and travellers, and that said inn or tavern is necessary to accommodate the public and entertain strangers and travellers.

Samuel Coen, Thomas Stewart, Jas. Carmont, John Houck, John Harper, Reuben Duff, John Conven, Joseph Forrester, John G. Stewart, Richard Brindle, James Fleming, R. J. Massey, John Peighal, Peter Livingston.

Petition for License.

TO THE Honorable the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the county of Huntingdon: the petitioner John Montgomery respectfully sheweth that he has purchased the well known stand known as the Jackstown Hotel, and is desirous of continuing to keep a public house therein; he therefore prays your Honors to grant him a license to keep a public house at the place aforesaid for the ensuing year and he will ever pray, &c.

We the subscribers, citizens of Brady township in the county of Huntingdon, recommend the above petitioner and do certify that the inn or tavern above mentioned is necessary to accommodate the public and entertain strangers and travellers, and the petitioner above named is of good repute for honesty and temperance, and is well provided with house room and conveniences for the lodging and accommodation of strangers and travellers.

Andrew Wise, John Vandevanter, Adam Warfel, Philip Holler, Samuel Sharer, Francis Holler, Daniel Gray, James Simpson, J. K. Harnison, James M'Donald, John M'Donald, James A. Simpson, Samuel G. Simpson, Richard Meredith, Jesse Youcum. Feb. 6, 1855.

Petition for License.

TO THE Honorable the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the county of Huntingdon: The petition of Ezekiel & Nathan White, respectfully sheweth: That your petitioners occupy a commodious house, situate in the town of Coalmont, in the township of Tod, which is well calculated for a public house of entertainment, and from its neighborhood and situation is suitable as well as necessary for the accommodation of the public, and the entertainment of strangers and travellers. That they are well provided with stabling for horses, and all conveniences necessary for the entertainment of strangers and travellers; they therefore, respectfully pray the Court to grant them a license to keep an inn or public house of entertainment there: and your petitioners will ever pray &c.

EZEKIEL WHITE, NATHAN WHITE.

Coalmont, February 28, A. D. 1855. We the undersigned, citizens of the township of Tod aforesaid, being personally acquainted with Ezekiel & Nathan White, the above named petitioners, and also having a knowledge of the house for which the license is prayed do hereby certify that such house is necessary to accommodate the public, and entertain strangers and travellers; that they are persons of good repute for honesty and temperance, and that they are well provided with house room and conveniences for the lodging and accommodation of strangers and travellers. We therefore beg leave to recommend them for a license, agreeably with their petition.

Andrew Donelson, Samuel G. Miller, James S. Reed, David Tluet, James P. Reed, Joseph Barnett, Jesse Cook, Thomas Cook, George Horton, William Carr, John W. White, Enoch Shore, Levi Evans, Samuel B. Donelson.

Petition for License.

TO THE Honorable the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Huntingdon: The petition of McDonald Stewart respectfully sheweth: That your petitioner occupies that well known tavern house at McAuley's Fort, in Jackson township, on the public road leading from Petersburg to Lewistown, which has heretofore been used and occupied as a public house of entertainment for several years last past, and is desirous of continuing to keep a public house therein; he therefore prays your Honors to grant him a license to keep a public house at the place aforesaid for the ensuing year, and he will ever pray &c.

We, the subscribers, citizens of Jackson township, in the county of Huntingdon, recommend the above petitioner and certify that the inn or tavern above mentioned is necessary to accommodate the public and entertain strangers and travellers, and the petitioner above named is of good repute for honesty and temperance, and is well provided with house room and conveniences for the lodging and accommodation of strangers and travellers.

W. G. Bigelow, William Mitchell, Thomas Ozburn, John Irvin, Samuel McCord, Samuel Powell, Samuel Mitchell, Solomon Hainer, William Talley, Henry Selfridge, J. J. Ozburn, Thomas Huston. Feb. 28, 1855.