

Ladies & Gentlemen
Bro & Sis

It becomes my duty, to offer you a few remarks at this time; & I would say that through the workings of providence, we have met here to night in honor of the 19th Anniversary of Union Lodge. we come here to night conscious that one more volume, in the history of our lodge, has closed, & that the work is done and our history is written either for good or evil. And while we for a moment glance over our work during the past year, we are happy to say that our labors have not been in vain, we have accomplished some little good. Although our efforts have not met with the success that we hoped for

at the outset, can we say
that we have ^{each} done our duty
unflinchingly, I hope we
have, & that our labors have
prepared us for ^{still} further use-
fulness in the labors & toils
of the year just dawning up
on us. our work is the work
of men and women, and not
child's play, as some un-
experienced persons give it
credit. our cause is a
just cause, & is deserving
the assistance from all the
people in the community who
are in favor of good morals,
and sobriety. from all who
are friends of temperance, &
who look upon intemperance
as an unnecessary evil.
When we look around us

and see the sad havoc that intemperance is making in our midst, ought it not open our ideas to a greater sense of our duty as citizens and as Christians + give this great temperance reform our hearty support, which it so richly deserves. There is no evil in our land that the masses of the people seem to be so afraid to oppose as the evils of intemperance. neither is there any greater evil that is sapping the life blood out of our nation. There are a great many people in our community who ought to be ready + willing to sacrifice a little time + labor, to rid our community from the curse of intemperance

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I ask of you, those who are not connected with our order, to come & join hands with us in this great work, and help us to fight this giant evil, for our cause is your cause, & you ought to be willing to ^{with} bear the burden, and while you are compelled, by law, to bear the burden of taxation caused by intemperance those who are opposed to it ought to be ready to stand up & be counted as such.

We know that the rum traffic is tearing down, what the Church & education is trying to build up, we see the laws regulating the traffic being trampled under foot day after day. homes are