

generation. In conclusion, we feel that if temperance is taught by example and precept in the home, the great evil of intemperance will soon be swept from the land.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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The report of the Committee on Social Life was read by Bro. Hepinstall, and, on motion, was adopted.

SOCIAL LIFE.

Our first thought is home ties or no ties. It is impossible to ignore home influences. There is a nucleus formed in every family, to bless the world or curse it.

Confucius said, to rule the world, he would begin with the family; let each family be well trained and the world is trained well ruled and the world is ruled.

The word Social suggests friendliness shown by association of at least two; but may extend to many. One home may be social in its own limits and largely ignore others. That is a limited sociality not designed for the human family. Several families may unite and form a neighborhood, a Province or a Nation, and ignore the rest of the world; but if so, it is not as designed by Him who formed us, for we find a want in our nature, that another hand besides our own must supply, if it is supplied. And what is true of the individual, is equally true of neighborhoods and nations.

The word Social also suggests power of attraction to each other individually. We may be drawn together by a common interest and when the object in which we are mutually interested is accomplished, our interest in each other ceases, but sociality has a power of attraction, drawing us together personally making the grand pleasures of life not to exist simply in the business we are in; the wealth we accumulate; the honors conferred upon us whether by educational institutions or Governmental patronage, or otherwise; but in making others happy. In making whatever pleasure arises from happiness imparted to others our own; and making our business, wealth, honors or whatelse, subversive to social purity and comfort. Sociality is not selfishness, only so far as it is selfish to take pleasure in what pleases others for their good.

Sociality cannot exist long without purity. "Blessed are the pure in heart," is a principle written as legibly in nature as in the Bible. If we put the basis of Social Life as above indicated, then we run it into every honorable business of life. It touches every individual, and consequently every home. That which in-