

THE BIBLE TEACHES TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

We promised in our first number to write an article on this subject, but have been unable as yet to fulfill the promise, we annex the following article cut from a paper that fell into our hands. This is an incident alluded to, which goes far to support the theory, that God looks with displeasure upon the use of alcohol as a beverage. It has reference to a beautiful passage in the book of Daniel. Alcohol is a poison and acts as such on the nervous system. How can our Maker then look with pleasure on the use of that which abuses and injures His handiwork? It blunts the feelings; it silences the voice of conscience; and it darkens the light of the mind; and weakens the power of the brain!! How can our Maker then sanction the use of a poison that works against His will, which is to increase benevolence and intelligence?

THE BEAUTIFUL TOTAL-ABSTINENCE BOYS.

Ancient history tells us of four boys, of great beauty and intelligence, that were carried captive from their native country and presented to the King, a mighty monarch, to stand before him as his most honored servants. These favored youths were provided with every means which the court of this great monarch could furnish for making them skillful in all wisdom, cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, beautiful in person and accomplished in manners. The richest fruits and most delicious wines were given to nourish them. But they were lads of greater wisdom than even those persons who were set to perfect and polish them. And when the wine was brought them to drink, they decided among themselves, "none for us."—It is not said that they signed a pledge, but they formed a total abstinence society, and it was impossible for those that were set over them to break their rank. "If you nine away," said they, "we shall endanger our heads to the king." "But," said the boys, "give us water to drink ten days, and then if our countenances look not better than the countenances of those who drink wine, deal with us as you see fit." The experiment was eminently successful. Their countenances were fairer than all the children who partook of the king's delicacies.

For the character of these youths, when they became men, look into your Bible, in the book of Daniel.—*Bombay Temperance Advocate.*

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

We are gratified by the receipt of a communication from Fergus, intimating the institution of a Division of the Sons of Temperance on the 26th ult. The following are office-bearers:—

John Watt, Esq., W. P.	Robert Johnston, T.
John Wilson, W. A.	Wm. McCowry, C.
Andw. Lightbody, R. S.	Joseph Small, A. C.
Jno. Thompson, A. R. S.	Joseph Fanning, I. S.
Robert J. Wylie, F. S.	John Morrice, O. S.

The Fergus Division, organized by Mr. James Ferguson, D. G. W. P., on the 26th ultimo, is No. 213, making an increase of 74 Divisions since that in Guelph (No. 139.) was instituted in July last, which, at the moderate average of 50 members each, marks an increase of 3,700 in the Order in the course of eight months. We warmly recommend the new organization to the sympathies and support of the citizens of the model township, especially of "such aware more spiritually minded," feeling assured that they will speedily approve themselves beneficial to the locality. We understand a Division of S. of T. is already, or about to be organized in Sydenham, and we hope soon to announce the formation of Divisions in Puslinch and Elora.

DEDICATION OF THE TEMPERANCE HALL.—On Thursday evening last the Hamilton Division of the Sons of Temperance duly dedicated their spacious and lofty Hall, according to the imposing forms and ceremonies of the Order. The room was densely crowded with the Sons and spectators; the latter numbered about 300, and were principally ladies, and all appeared highly interested and impressed with the proceedings.

After the dedication, in which appropriate prayers and singing formed a part, the Rev. H. Wilkinson addressed the auditory in an animated strain, on the origin of the Temperance movement, its present position and future prosperity; the speaker's sentiments were warmly applauded by all present, and at the close an amateur band choir favored the company with a new but admirably adapted version of "The Old Granite State," which elicited loud and continued plaudits.—The Hall is situated in the stone block belong to D. McKerlie, Esq., and admirably adapted for the purposes intended, being commodious, well proportioned, tastefully finished, and beautifully illuminated with Gas.—*Hamilton Gazette.*

BROTHER J. M. ROSS'S LETTER.

We noticed in our last number that we had received a letter from Br. J. M. Ross, accompanied by a circular from the G. W. P., both of which we now insert with pleasure. The circular we called attention to on the 11th instant. The G. W. P. has thought proper to caution all divisions and brothers in the order generally against this lilliputian attempt at schism. The usefulness of our order will depend greatly upon three things which ought to be religiously observed throughout Canada. That is to keep sectarian religious disputes and politics out of division rooms, and thirdly, to preserve a unity of action in our order everywhere. What possible occasion can there be for a small division in Kingston to set up for themselves as an Independent Order? All will say none whatever. We have corrected most of the errors alluded to by brother Ross in our last.—They are such as would naturally arise in discussing a new subject and getting out the first number of a work. There is one thing however that we call attention to in the letter. It is that a division of the Sons of Temperance was formed in Montreal by Br. P. S. White, in 1846. We are inclined to think this an error although we do not positively state it to be such. The minutes and proceedings of our Canadian Grand Division say nothing of it; but on the contrary say the first division was formed 21st June, 1848. There may have been an attempt to form a division in Montreal, in 1846, which proved unsuccessful.

(For the Canadian Son of Temperance)

Every lover of his race must sympathize with suffering humanity, and therefore cannot but hail with pleasure any attempt that is made to diffuse the principles of temperance in this otherwise highly favoured country; and certain I am, that the temperance community wish your new advocate of our cause every success, not only in doing much good, but also in remunerating yourself for your praiseworthy enterprise. As a few typographical errors crept into your first No., I hope you will allow me to note some of them. In your notice of the formation of the First Division of the S. of T., in Canada West, you state the first instead of the twenty first day of June, 1848, on which day Brockville Division, No. 1 was organized by a noble band of brothers numbering only 18 members. It is but reasonable to expect that that Division will have the pleasure of seeing the Sons of Temperance good and true men, multiplied into eighteen thousand or more, on the 21st June, 1851, their third anniversary: thus progressing at the average rate of 6,000 members per annum. At the present time the increase is at double that rate at least. Take for instance, the number of new members initiated

by the Ontario Division, No. 26, the parent division in this City, who at their last regular meeting added nineteen new members to their prosperous division. In noticing the time of instituting the Grand Division of Canada West, you or your compositor make it the Canadian National Division. The Sons of Temperance have only one National Division, whose jurisdiction has no limits. The N. D. is to hold its next Annual Meeting on the 17th June next, when 40 or 50,000 Sons of Temperance are expected to be present.

The Grand Division of Canada West was instituted on the 12th day of April, 1849, by that learned and zealous advocate of our good cause, Hon. P. S. White P. M. W. P. You mention "the order to be increasing in all the British Provinces (in one of which, New Brunswick,) it is already incorporated,"—you should say in *all of which the Order is already incorporated*. And although we take the New Brunswick Act as our guide, the acts of Nova Scotia, P. E. Island, and Newfoundland is just as good, being, I believe, a stereotype of each other.

From that faithful Pioneer of Temperance *The Canada Temperance Advocate* I take the following notice:—"1846—First Division of Sons of Temperance, in Canada, was opened in Montreal by P. S. White. This is two years previous to the Order being introduced into Canada West.

The new Division instituted in the West end of the City under the name of "St. John" had its name changed to *Coldstream Division*, No. 212; this was necessary in consequence of "St. John" being previously adopted by another Division.

Yorkville Section, No.—Cadets of Temperance, was organized on the evening of the 6th inst. The Toronto Section, No. 15, marched to Yorkville in procession with their beautiful banner, and giving very efficient assistance in the ceremonies of the evening.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN M. ROSS

D. G. W. P.

Ontario District, No. 47, S. of T.,
Toronto, March 10, 1851.

INCORPORATION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 47 S. of T.
Toronto, 24th February, 1851.

J. McNab and W. McDougall, Esqs.,
Barristers, &c., Toronto.

GENTLEMEN.—

An impression having gone abroad among the Sons of Temperance, that our order is incorporated under an Act (known as Mr. Notman's Act) passed by the Parliament of Canada at its last Session, professing to incorporate benevolent Societies, I beg leave to call your attention to said Act, as well as to an Act now in force in New Brunswick, incorporating the Sons of Temperance located in that Province and published in the *Examiner* newspaper of the 20th November last, herewith sent, that you may be pleased to give your professional opinions on the merits of both these Acts, and their respective applicability to the Order of the Sons of Temperance, so as to put all doubt on this important measure at rest, and if possible prevent many of the members of the Order from depending on a false hope, at a time when the most active exertion is needed to procure for the Order in Canada, the same advantages as our Brothers in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island now enjoy. Your opinion at your