

Auxiliary, said—"As to public opinion on the subject, they need not fear on that ground, as there was reason to believe that public opinion was coming over to them. His tee-total father, who was present in that meeting, had told him that a gentleman who was at the head of a large public establishment in which some clerks were needed, was so partial to regularity and punctuality, that he has said if he knew of three suitable persons who were tee-totalers, and would send them to him, he would find employment for them."

A POCKET PISTOL.—Dr. H. G. at the above meeting, said, "He knew a physician who was lately travelling in Wales, and wished to ascend the heights of Snowdon. When he reached the peak he found it very cold. He had what is called a pocket pistol with him;—a very suitable name for such an article, for its contents often got into the owners' heads, and knocked them down;—instead of powder and ball it was filled with fine cogniac brandy. The gentleman offered a glass to the guide, but he rejected it; and why? Because he was a Welsh tee-totaler. Thus they held a little tee-total meeting on Snowdon's mountain height."

CONFESSION OF A REFORMED DRUNKARD.—At the last Anniversary of the Louth Tee-total Society, an old gentleman stood up and made a few remarks on the nature of intemperance; he compared it to an overflowing tide that inundated and carried away everything that attempted to stop its progress. "I was," said he, "once a zealous Local Preacher in the Methodist connexion; but alas! the tide of intemperance rolled against me and speedily brought me down to the depths of folly; it washed away my reputation, my farm, my furniture, my domestic comfort, nor did it stay its devastating influence until it had washed me into prison, wretched, and poor, and miserable. But tonight, he added, I stand forth before you a staunch advocate of tee-totalism. I am by grace restored to the favour of God, and to most of my domestic comforts; I have regained my reputation, my health, and all through the instrumentality of Total Abstinence Societies, and the blessing of God."

Communications addressed to the Editor.

MILITARY TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

SIR,—We sincerely thank you for your cordiality in wishing us God speed, as a Military Temperance Society; and at the same time we ask permission, like Mr. Douglass, "to add the weight of our experience and testimony, that intoxicating drinks are not necessary to enable us to bear cold or fatigue." On seeing you publish the names of two or three of the Royals, who abstained from ardent spirits during the expedition against St. Charles, we thought it might be gratifying to your numerous readers to learn, that Temperance principles have been embraced and acted upon by Military men to a much greater extent than they are, perhaps, aware. There are Military men in this Garrison, who are devotedly attached to the Temperance cause. It has gained a great triumph amongst us, by the uniform, steady, and consistent walk of many of its Military members, at present in Montreal and Quebec; especially by their having travelled, uninjured, in the very depth of winter, from Halifax to New Brunswick and from thence to Quebec and Montreal without touching, tasting, or even handling, their ration of liquor. They have thus shown an example, unprecedented

in modern times, amongst Military men, and we would hope it will be attended with the best results.

Probably, Sir, you would wish a brief view of the Branch Society now in connection with yours; but which was formerly in connection with the Halifax Temperance Society. Its origin is simply this. In the month of February 1835, at Halifax, a notice was published that a general Temperance meeting would be held at the National School Room. A few of the soldiers of the different Regiments, then in Garrison at Halifax, belonged to this Society (there being at that time no Military one), and of course were punctual at the time and place of meeting; but they were not a little surprised to find that none of the inhabitants attended except Mr. Ward (who may be properly stiled the Apostle of Temperance in those parts.) This gentleman took the hint of forming a Branch Society, purely Military. The thing was proposed and agreed to, and with the countenance and encouragement of the Garrison Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Twining, who was declared President of the Society, the cause went rapidly forward. The novelty of the thing caused a good deal of talk and excitement; and like all other good causes it met with the sneer and ridicule of a great many, but its friends were not to be baffled out of their purpose. Their patience and perseverance were abundantly blessed. Many of the soldiers were not only reclaimed from dangerous and sinful habits, but received more important benefits still. I have no doubt, Sir, that many of our comrades were thus led "from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God."

The first pledge adopted by the Society was, to abstain from ardent spirits; and the immoderate use of wine, ale, porter, &c. We very soon discovered that this was a very bad foundation; however, as the friends of the cause were desirous of doing good in some shape or other, and not wishing to give our enemies an opportunity of so soon seeing us disputing, the old pledge was allowed to stand. At the same time we introduced the pledge of Total Abstinence, and we invariably found that ten who adopted the moderate pledge were expelled for one of those who preferred Total Abstinence.

On our leaving Halifax we numbered about 180 in all; about one third of whom were pledged to total abstinence. On our arrival at Montreal the true friends of Temperance were determined to lay the axe to the root of the tree. And it was very gratifying to see the members cheerfully uniting to banish the old, and adopt the new pledge of total abstinence. Though our work is slow it is sure. We are now sixty in number; all pledged to total abstinence.

Surely if the members of the 34th and 85th Regiments, with some of the men of Major Pringle's Company of Artillery, have travelled twenty-one days in the depth of a Canadian winter without using intoxicating drinks, others may make the same experiment under less trying circumstances. While the Temperance flag has been unfurled in so many parts of the world; and thousands and tens of thousands have flocked to take shelter under its protecting influence; shall not the British soldier and British sailor participate in the general good? We trust they shall, and then we may expect the time shall arrive when our gallant commanders shall receive, day after day, with the smile of exultation, the reports of their Regimental Guards without a single defaulter's name. Many of those who have been induced to join the Temperance Society, (by those who wish all men well) have been for a time, as good and regular as other men; and their Officers have approved of their conduct, and been happy at their reformation; but the moment they have yielded to temptation, or given way to the ridicule of their moderate comrades, they have sunk as deep as ever in ruin; while those who have stood firm to their pledge have redeemed their character, replenished their purses, have had happiness and comfort restored in their families, and have been enabled to assist a needy parent at home. The Savings Bank book has been brought from the box two or three times in a month to record the various deposits made. But the greatest blessing of all is, that we have known persons addicted to all kinds of iniquity, become reformed men after joining this Society, and give every reason to hope that they had known the grace of God in truth.

Thus, Sir, I have feebly attempted, for the first time in my life, to say a word on the subject of Temperance. I am conscious of my utter inability to advocate this noble cause as it deserves, but as a man connected with the army from my infancy, I take this