

power against license-seekers in our own Province ; the one-seventh of total prohibition already accorded throughout the Dominion. If they are beaten in all these contests, let them take not only the same trouble, but a vast deal more, next year, and the year after that. Even the unjust judge was moved by the wearying of the widow. Let us endeavour to make every community divinely uncomfortable. Let us give the liquor sellers and their votaries, no rest. We believe their fire to be infinitely more destructive than the burning of houses : let us use the well-directed courage of the firemen in fighting it out. Let the mere political members among us subside into the political parties whose principles they think uppermost : but let us, who see that temperance outweighs all these divisions, *unite in the great work* of shutting-up the dram-shops, extinguishing the fire of hellish passion, and enthroning Christian Temperance as our Ruler, in our legislative halls, at our social feasts, in the mansion, and in the lowest hovels of our land.

As the Lord blessed the cup of cold water, so will He bless every vote given for helping the right and restraining the wrong ; every signature, every earnest protest, against one single house of temptation ; every word spoken, out of a full heart, for righteousness, temperance, and preparation for the judgment to come.

SUGGESTIONS FOR TEMPERANCE ELECTORAL ASSOCIATIONS.

These may consist of all voters (whether or not they be members of other temperance societies,) who subscribe one or other of the following declarations :—

“ We, the undersigned voters in the ———, hereby promise not to vote for any candidate, for either the Provincial or Dominion Parliament, who will not promise to vote for the Restriction and Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic.”

Or :—“ We, the undersigned voters in the ———, hereby promise to make the Temperance Question paramount to all ordinary party objects, in voting for candidates for the Provincial or Dominion Parliaments.”

N.B. Fifty names to the first of these declarations would probably weigh more than five hundred to the second. The latter however may be of service in the first education of a constituency.

For Municipal Officers, a different pledge may be signed, thus :—

“ We, the undersigned Burgesses of ———, hereby promise to support such candidates only as stand pledged to administer strictly all laws restricting the Liquor Traffic.”

The most reliable and influential men having been chosen as the executive officers, it should be their duty to wait on all gentlemen nominated as candidates, or seeking nomination ; to obtain from them an exact avowal of their views and intentions on the temperance question ; and to convene a meeting of all the members, to discuss and decide upon the action to be taken.

An active canvas, and careful enrolment of the names not only of members, but of those (either favourable or hostile) whose opinion is known, is of essential service, and should be begun without delay ; in order that the Association could be called into prompt action, at unexpected emergencies.