

You think "a little does you good." And he thinks that "a little does him good." But you seem, sir, to have forgotten what you first stated: you then would have me believe that you were very friendly to the temperance cause: but now, you think "there is a great deal of priestcraft about it." However, this is no more than I expected. Temperance has many such friends among "the temperate drinkers." Capt. Littlesoul, the retailer, though he drinks none himself, is another such friend.

*Squire T.*—Then you think that I approve of intemperance, do you? No, sir I abhor to see a drunken man—no sight is more disgusting.

*Joe.*—I think just so, Squire. I see'd Jack Hubbard drunk as a fiddler t'other day, and I couldn't bear to look at him—his breath smelt so strong of rum that it made me sick.—(Hiccough.)

*Squire T.*—Mr. Blubberlip, didn't I request you to be silent?

*Mr. A.*—As you have, Squire Take-a-drop, thrown out some hard words about my motives in striving to establish a Temperance Society upon the principles of entire abstinence will you please to inform me on what you ground your suspicions? Why do you think "there is priestcraft about it?"

*Squire T.*—Well, sir, I will explain myself; a great many ministers are engaged in this undertaking; and I believe that they want to get the power into their own hands. They wouldn't be so active if they didn't expect to gain something by it.

*Mr. A.*—I must acknowledge that you possess a very jealous spirit; but, supposing that there is priestcraft about it (which however, I do not admit), does that prevent your joining the society? Should you not rather join it, and thereby be enabled to expose any wickedness that you suppose to be there concealed?

*Squire T.*—But I have told you that I can leave off drinking without pledging myself.

*Mr. A.*—You are then just such a member as we want. We want those that have a command over their own appetites, so that they can exert a good influence upon others. Our object is not merely to refrain from drinking ourselves, but, by setting a safe and good example, to induce the intemperate to become sober, and all others to remain sober for ever.

*Squire T.*—Well, here comes Capt. Littlesoul himself; if he approves of your object, I don't know but I'll join with you.

(Enter Capt. Littlesoul.)

*Cap. L.*—Good evening, gentlemen; you seem to be quite engaged in conversation. (Looking round.) You've got Joe here, too.

*Joe.*—Yes, I'm hère on the spot, Cap'n. (Hiccough.)

*Squire T.*—We are having a great talk, Capt. Littlesoul. Here's a gentleman who wants to have all the people leave off drinking ardent spirits if they drink ever so temperately. I'm hardly willing to come to such terms myself, though I can do without well enough.

*Cap. L.*—His head is as full of projects as Boston folks are of notions. He has been trying for some time to persuade me to give up my license, when he knows by such a step I should lose a great share of custom.

*Mr. A.*—But, Capt. Littlesoul, is there not some reason in my request? Have you not repeatedly told me that you drank none yourself, and that you was a friend to temperance? Might I not of course, expect that you would show your good principles by relinquishing such an abominable traffic?

*Cap. L.*—But do you know, Mr. Abstemious (if you don't I do), that if I should relinquish the sale of ardent spirits, I should lose much? Besides, if I do not sell them others will, and then how much better off would the people be?

*Squire T.*—I think that the Captain's argument is conclusive. If there is reason in anything, there is in this consideration, "that if he don't sell, others will."

*Mr. A.*—So, for fear that others will do that which is wrong, he will prevent them by doing it himself. A conclusive argument in indeed! I have thought that possibly I might persuade you, Squire, to join with me, as you sustain a high standing among the people; but, alas! I find you love the bottle too well. And you, Capt. Littlesoul, have one thing about you which I thought might avail something, if brought to view. You are a professor of the Christian religion, the spirit of which wholly disapproves of such an abominable traffic as that in which you are engaged. But no, I cannot bring anything to bear upon you. You not only refuse to hear or read anything on the subject, but you also sin against the light of your own conscience. Gentlemen, it is vain to expostulate with you so I will leave your company. (Exit Mr. Abstemious.)

*Joe.*—(Rising from his seat and approaching them.) I think, Squire and Cap'n, you've done pooty well I don't think I could express'd my mind better myself than you did for me. I think cold water is bad stuff, don't you, Squire? Cap'n, you know how it makes me have they hiccups when I take it clear. (Hiccoughs.) Come, Cap'n, aint you goin' home? I want somethin' to drink.

## PROGRESS OF THE CAUSE.

[The insertion of a number of the following communications has, through inadvertency, been too long delayed.—Ed.]

**GOSFIELD.**—Our society numbers 240 members. We have five intemperate persons. We have held seventeen meetings, and the good results are generally visible in the orderly and decorous conduct of the inhabitants.—P. GIBBY, Pres., THOMAS JONES, Sec.

**GRANBY.**—Our society numbers 500 members, and has done great good in this place.—H. B. VIROND.

**HUNTINGDON.**—This society is designated the Huntingdon Union Total Abstinence Society, and numbers 160 members. Although literally surrounded with groceries, such is the influence of our society, that liquor has been banished from within our limits, for ordinary purposes, such as bees, &c. &c.; nor have we had reports of a single delinquent during the past year. By a vote of the society, we have quarterly meetings for the addresses, and monthly for consultation, &c. That great good has resulted, through the Temperance Reformation, to the churches, is beyond all question both as to increase and character, and so great has been the reformation, that some that were sots have been reclaimed, and are now giving satisfactory proof of a sound conversion, whilst, in many instances, domestic happiness, before unknown, has been measurably consummated, and the moral character of the country changed. We feel ourselves greatly at a loss at times for proper speakers, not having had the assistance of our ministry (the Wesleyan Ministry) that we had expected. We hope, however, that it will be otherwise hereafter. In consequence of political, sectarian, and other causes, many practical temperance persons have not recorded their names with us as yet.—ISAAC DERRICK.

**RALEIGH.**—Our society has ninety members, and has held six meetings within the past year. We reckon sixteen intemperate persons within our bounds. I am pleased to say that the Temperance Reformation has had a very good effect in the settlement in the first place it has in a great measure retarded the progress of intemperance, stopped the mouths of its opponents; it has also had a very good effect on the members of the church in this place, that whereas the most of them were its violent opposers at first, but whose views and principles are now changed, and become its warmest friends and advocates.—J. SNEPLEY.

**NEW GLASGOW.**—A temperance festival was held in New Glasgow on Thursday the 20th inst. in a neatly enclosed field belonging to Mr. Robert Lloyd. The friends of temperance in New Glasgow and the adjoining settlements assembled about 10 o'clock in the forenoon with banners and music; the entrance to the field had been previously ornamented with green boughs. The whole was picturesque, novel, and exciting. After making public display by marching through the most public parts of the