

want them to do, and when, perhaps, the men themselves are too drunk to know either? If they would, I think I'll complain, but perhaps they would only beat the horses more; what do you think about it, Sir? Let me know; and, if mother will let me, I'll go right up to the Police Court with the "number" of these carters, next time I see the thing done.

Yours, very respectfully, ALFRED.

[We thank Alfred for his letter—it shows that his heart is in the right place, but we fear that the unsupported testimony of one boy would not be enough. If any grown-up persons among his friends were witnesses to such cruelties, he could perhaps induce them to do what he so very humanely wishes should be done. We have no doubt Alfred will be a first-rate fellow when he does get big, and we advise him to grow as fast and as strong as he can; meantime we think fighting may as well be let alone.—ED. LIFE BOAT.]

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS, AGENTS AND FRIENDS.—This number of the *Life Boat* completes the half year, and we therefore beg to intimate that upon the principle of "fair play" we are entitled to payment of the subscription price, viz., 2s. 6d. We have advanced the first half, and given, we trust, sufficient proof of the quality of our work to warrant us in expecting this ordinary token of confidence.

Of the success of our little Book we have every reason to be satisfied; its subscription list is steadily increasing, and if we may estimate its character by the unsolicited opinions of the press generally, we must conclude that it is remarkably good; indeed we have ample proof of its having become a very great favorite.

We have been solicited to double the size of the *Life Boat*, and it is alleged that the Temperance public of Canada will heartily sanction the improvement. Our own opinion is favorable to such a step, and as we could (if the price were one dollar instead of one-half) supply many original illustrations and embellishments, besides entering more fully into the discussion of questions which the extent of our stowage-room cannot at present

accommodate, we beg our Agents to ascertain from the subscribers to their several lists, whether the change would meet with general approbation, and to report to us within the next three months. If the alteration should take place, the adaptation of at least one-half the *BOAT* to its present patrons would be strictly adhered to, and the rest might address itself to the children of "larger growth." While we make this distinction, we are, nevertheless, impressed with the conviction, that clear and pertinent reasons, worthy of the attention of mature minds, are not thrown away upon the intelligent youth of Canada, many of whom are quite competent to seize upon, and appreciate, strong and telling argumentation, especially upon the subject of TEMPERANCE.

What say you CADETS? What say you SONS and RECHABITES—and last, not least, what say you ye fair and faithful DAUGHTERS?

Should not the united Temperance interest of Canada sustain a handsome and well conducted Magazine, exclusively devoted to the great and noble cause? We answer for ourselves and for many others in the affirmative; let us however have the opinion of all our friends.

The change would of course commence with the second volume, six months hence, but we are desirous of knowing at least three months in advance, in order that we may have ample time to make every necessary arrangement for doing justice to the *BOAT*.

TO CORRESPONDENTS AND CONTRIBUTORS.—We cannot find room for one-half of the contributions sent during the month, most of which are well deserving of a place in the *BOAT*. From among those left out, we shall select for next issue.

We had mislaid two excellent effusions in verse from our valued correspondent "Hy. Kemptville," but as they have lately come to light we purpose giving them hereafter.

Short and pithy sayings and anecdotes, telling facts, well authenticated and briefly narrated, but not worn-out by previous publication, will be gladly received. A little fun will not be objected to, providing always for the absence of vulgarity in both the ideas and the language.