

Rev. Mr. Boyce, also several well selected Dramatic and Descriptive pieces will be recited by members of the Order. An efficient Choir will be in attendance. Chair to be taken by E. M. Morphy, Esq., at 8 p. m., precisely. Tea served at seven o'clock, sharp. Double Tickets, 50 cents; Gent's Tickets, 30 cents; Ladies Tickets, 20 cents.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Temperance procession in King's County last week was upwards of eight miles in length. There were over 1500 carriages and waggons, and between 6000 and 7000 people. When the head of the procession had driven over about seven miles, and returned to near the starting point, there were as many people and vehicles on the ground, waiting their turn to join in, as would make a procession two miles in length. It was a grand demonstration, notwithstanding rain was falling throughout the day. Some twenty-four Divisions of Sons of Temperance and Lodges of British Good Templars in King's County were represented on the occasion.—*Abstainer*.

For the *Abstainer*.

THE KINGS COUNTY MAMMOTH TEMPERANCE PIC-NIC.

CANNING, Sept. 8th, 1865.

MR. EDITOR.

Amid multiplied engagements, I would not forget the relation your valued *Abstainer* sustains to the great temperance reform in this Province, and that your readers may justly expect some particulars respecting the Mammoth Temperance Pic-nic held in this County on Wednesday last. As most of your readers are aware, this Pic-nic was held under the auspices of the two principle temperance organizations in Kings County,—the Sons of Temperance and British American Good Templars. The idea was first suggested by a worthy Brother of Canning Division, S. of T. Immediate steps were taken to carry that suggestion into effect. Deputations from all the Divisions and Lodges in the County were requested; at that conference of Deputations, not only was the holding the Pic-nic decided upon, but the day was named, preliminaries arranged, a managing committee of seven appointed and the whole matter left in charge of that committee.

Four Sons of Temperance and three British Good Templars composed that committee.—

Their meetings have, without exception, been characterized by the most perfect order, aim and effort, and it is worthy of remark that from the very first conference of deputations to the final session of the committee with a single exception, which occurred on a motion to wear no regalia at the "Pic-nic, every resolution passed unanimously. Long may the two sister orders thus labor side by side for the accomplishment of their common noble purpose!

This much as to the inception of the demonstration brings us to the day and gathering, the time when ideas ripen into realities. The day proved not the most favorable—dark and threatening in the morning and quite rainy in the afternoon, but as this was in strict accordance with nearly all former precedent temperance gatherings, people appeared little surprised and paid less heed.

According to the programme of proceedings heretofore placed in your hands, the procession formed at the Parade Ground, Canard; Divisions and Lodges, with their guests, taking positions alternately, by seniority, and, under the direction of the Grand and Deputy Marshalls, proceeded thence to the grounds. The display of hunting was most creditable; beautiful and appropriate banners; flags of various designs and dimensions, decorated nearly every team and carriage—giving to the whole a gay appearance. But the matter of remark was the length of that procession. Upon this point many opinions have been expressed, but having been particular to obtain accurate and reliable information, I am well convinced the procession was fully eight miles long, numbering fully one thousand carriages, and that the total number of carriages on the grounds was about fifteen hundred, and the number of persons participating, 6000. The procession itself was something which, to be realized, must be seen; it beggars all description, for no words can express that sense of solemn awe, mingled with exceeding joy—that peculiar feeling of sublimity—that inward realization of the power of the living, moving mass—that strange amazement, made up of all these varied feelings—and much more which takes possession of most persons upon viewing such a scene.

When this vast line of life had entered the grounds, and persons witnessed the admirable manner in which the halt was made, the horses and carriages secured and arranged so that any carriage could easily, at any time, be driven away without difficulty or confusion, the systematic entrance to the groves and tables and

all effected with ease and grace, why, our demonstration was at once pronounced a success. The spot selected for the spreading of tables was a grove, ample in extent and beautiful in appearance, in the centre of which stood a high *estrade*, while the entire circumference was occupied by tables spread in the usual liberal style of the Kings County ladies, with every delicacy of the season.

The following Prologue from the Committee was read:—

PROLOGUE.

Time in its onward march hath brought to us the day when, by arrangements and preparations made, we have come together in a Grand Mammoth Pic-nic to celebrate the Temperance cause in Kings County. The plan and arrangements by which, in this Pic-nic, the two Temperance organizations are brought together for a great demonstration of the forces and powers that now exist in the field, in this place have been successfully carried out, and we now call your attention to the *object* and *design* of this Mammoth meeting—this coming together of Marshalled Divisions and Lodges—this grand procession, and the display of banners and flags bearing different devices, emblems and mottoes,—this great assemblage on this favored spot in the Garden of Nova Scotia.

We have the good fortune, under the blessing of a benign Providence, to live in a country which we are proud of for many things,—for its benevolent institutions, for its public spirit, for its enlightened patriotism, but we are proud also—and it is among those things we should be most proud of,—we are proud of its sound faith, of its substantially correct morals, and of its temperance principles.

Life is not what it was fifty years ago. It then justified its old similitude of a journey,—it quickened with intellect into a march, it is now hurling with science and speculation into a flight. Space is contracted and shrivelled up like a scroll. Time disdains its old relations to distance. The interval between the "slighty proso" and the "deed" are almost annihilated, and the public mind must either glow in generous excitement or waste in fitful fever. How important then is it that throughout our land the temperance agencies should be brought together upon an occasion like this, and give evidence to the people of the onward strides they are making in the march of progress, of the harmony and union (of feeling) which exists between them (here), and of their determination to carry on the work with a united effort,