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LICENCES:

The Grand Jury of this County have done a noble
deed—have saved many an inebriate from the too
tempting public bar-room, where, without thought he
would wander, as was his daily custom, in quest of
that pollution called rum; and if he had no means to
buy, wait at the counter, staring like an idiot at the
row of miseries, whose hard earnings were lavishly
squandered in payment for the past and present indul-
gences, too eagerly dealt out by the worthy proprietor
while lauding his poisonous liquors as the very best
town; but inwardly acknowledging them fools of the
lowest grade to be so easily imposed on. The loafer,
for many of that class are always at hand—received
a chance glass of the same—out of pity—from the
crowd, which with a craving appetite he greedily
swallowed. What a state of degradation? What con-
tempt must have been felt for the poor loafer? This
is no fiction; there have been such wretched characters
and perhaps there still are some of this class. But
thanks to the Grand Jury of 1870, a case of the
above description is rare at the present day. The
public bar-room is no longer openly resorted to, the
loafers occupation is at an end, and the hard working
man has not the temptation as heretofore. The worthy
proprietors of grog shops must turn to some more
honest calling and endeavour to enjoy the gains of a
business, they must have known was disreputable and
unchristian like. Their day of plunder is at an end,
and the argus eyes of the Clerk of the License are
guarding the welfare of families who have long suffer-
ed through the facilities afforded by grog shops and
gambling tables to entrap their chief supporters.

A drunkard is now unknown in Sydney, at least
publicly. Formerly a bar-room was never empty,
except when too late for decency sake to keep it open
longer, or when the cash was ascertained to be at a
low ebb. The working man now sees into his folly,
and having time for reflection, will no longer disgrace
himself by resorting to such dens of misery and vice.

How visible is the improvement in the morality of
our hardy laborers? Witness the last pay-day of the
the Railroad laborers. The poor fellows who received
their small pittance in cash, had no open public grog
shop to resort to, consequently they husbanded their
wages and added to their comfort and respectability by
leaving the town as sober men—confident in the recti-
tude of their conduct.

It is to be hoped that much happiness will result
from the step now taken, and if any person dare to
violate the law, clandestinely vending poison to his
neighbor, he will meet his just deserts from the magis-
trates, notwithstanding the privilege of an appeal—the
last resort of the guilty.

SPECIFIC WORK OF BRITISH TEM- PLARS:

Our Temperance organizations are to have each a
specific work. As men in an army have their prefer-
ences, selecting the Cavalry, Infantry or Artillery—
each working where he can serve the cause best, so the
many Temperance Associations show that there are
various tastes to be consulted, and that people work best
where there affinities and sympathies are the most fully
met. In a work where there is room enough for all,
quarrels with our brethren, who do not chose to do the
work in our specific way, would be as absurd as it
would have been for Noah's children to have quarreled
over a big gin of water in the ark when the flood was
at its height. It was a wise arrangement in the great
reform with which we are connected, to have associa-
tions adapted to the peculiar temperament, intelligence
and social status of all classes. Whether we have
chosen wisely or not, we have chosen; whether our
field is superior to others, or our modes of action bet-
ter or not, we have our field assigned to us, and our
success will be found not in copying or contending with
others; but in pursuing our peculiar work to the utmost
and in doing our labor in our own way.

The claims of our order need only be known
to be accepted. They commend themselves to the
sympathy of the friends of religion, intelligence, and
refined culture, the simplicity and beauty of our Ritual,
the decided religious tone of our ceremonies, the devo-
tion that hallow our gatherings, which for beauty and
simplicity of utterance, are not exceeded by any liturgy.
The refining and softening influence of our sisters, who
in office are our equals; the solemnity of our pledge,
the marked social character of our Lodges, which hold
the grade of a well-ordered household, the grouping of
families together, are some of the characters which
meet a general want. Our meetings shun the two ex-
tremes—moroseness and gloom are banished, and rude-
ness, coarseness, and grovelling past times cannot enter.

The intemperate are to be recalled; every induc-
ement should be held out to the fallen to reform. But
we have other work to do. The British Templars
have claims upon those who are socially known as the
upper classes. Many of these are practically friends
of temperance. Many of them have not united with
any public organization. Men were especially com-
missioned by the Apostles to preach the gospel to those
who were of "Reputation."

Some temperance organizations must carry the
claims of temperance to the higher social circles. Here
drunkenness begins; here the power of women can
banish the wine cup from the social board. There are
professional men in this county, men of talent and po-
sition; merchants, men who touch the pulse of
thousands, of whom the great cause hath
need. Our Lodge-room, with the cheer, the genial
glow, and the social refinement of home, would prove
a cordial place for such. There are thousands of
heroic women battling against sin, oppression, suffer-
ing; many of them visit homes of wretchedness and
want; daily they carry relief to the chambers of sor-
row; they feed the hungry, they cloth the naked, they
know the ruin and wretchedness wrought by intempe-
rance.

We, British Templars, throughout the Dominion,
need their talent, refinement, and pious consecration in
our order; we need their spirit of doing good; their
deep sympathy with the fallen and suffering. They
need to know the power of organized effort against
gigantic wrongs; a power recognized in the bible, where
it instructs us that while one can chase a thousand, in
a good cause, two can put ten thousand to flight.

P. P.:

The letter over the above initials, which appeared
in our last issue, has proved satisfactory to many of
our readers. We congratulate the inhabitants of
Catalone on having such talent in their midst, as the
letter alluded to exhibits. The style and diction be-
speak the gentleman and scholar. We will with plea-
sure receive communications from the same pen, in
support of the TRUMPET.

We have to apologize to our subscribers for the non-
appearance of the TRUMPET on Monday last. The
delay was occasioned by press of business. We
promise that such shall not occur again.

The Weather continues fine and summer-like.

To the Trumpet Committee.

WORTHY BRS.,

I congratulate you on the return of our County
Lecturer, whose absence we all missed from our weekly
meetings, and rejoice to learn from him that he was
so well received by the members of the Lodges he visit-
ed in Richmond County. He also mentioned the genu-
ine hospitality he experienced from the residents of
Saint Peter's, New Dublin, and L'Ardoise, many of
whom are not members of our order. As time was
pressing, he referred me to his journal, which he kindly
allowed me to peruse and make such extracts as I
thought worthy of insertion in the columns of the
Trumpet, and conducive to the satisfaction of all British
Templars.

Having Copied some of his remarks, I enclose them
to you *verbatim*, for consideration:

"Left Sydney by mail on the 26th Feby; reached
New Dublin Sunday evening; kindly and generously
received by my old friend, Mrs. Kelly, at the Hotel,
where real comfort is to be met.

March 1.—Lectured at Lodge-room; a tolerable fair
audience; a few members from "Sea Board" Lodge
attended. Br. Joseph Matheson in the chair; audi-
ence attentive and respectful.

3d.—Attended St. Peter's Lodge; a thin meeting.

7.—Visited L'Ardoise, 9 miles from St. Peter's;
lectured at "Sea Board" Lodge; Br. Neil Shaw in
chair; well received. Br. Joseph Matheson made an
excellent address; several members from St. Peter's
Lodge attended; some of whom addressed the meeting
social conversation followed, and much harmony pre-
vailed.

10.—Again visited St. Peter's Lodge; a fair meeting,
5 candidates proposed, balloted for, elected, and in-
itiated; one member reobligated; officers for ensuing
quarter elected: two candidates proposed; Lodge im-
proving; members determined to more punctuality.
The officers chosen are intelligent and every way
worthy; took leave of the members, parted with warm
feelings on both sides.

The inclemency of weather prevented my proceeding
to Grand River and Loch Lomond; will visit those
thriving settlements next summer; hopes held out of
organizing Lodges in both places.

Communicated with Port Hastings and Arichat
Lodges; for reasons assigned by both, prevented my
visiting them.

[Here the Lecturer speaks in glowing terms of his
old friends and new acquaintances, their hospitality
&c.]

"Have no doubt but the cause of Templarism will
firmly take root throughout the portions of the Island I
have visited. Energy in the members is required and
occasional public lectures will greatly benefit the cause.
Some misunderstanding exists in the minds of the
principle advisers of the inhabitants of Richmond Co.
injurious to our order, which has caused several to
withdraw from it; but I trust when a full explanation
is entered into, the difficulty will be removed, and the
once-worthy members again enrol their names on our
list.

11.—Introduced to a young gentleman, Dr. McDon-
gald, son of Lt. Col. McDougald. The Dr. intends
practising his profession in Richmond County, and will
reside at the residence of Mr. D. Urquhart, New
Dublin, close to the S. Peter's Canal. What argue
strongly in the young Doctor's favor is, that he belongs
to our glorious order of British Templars. In such
men confidence can be placed. Those professional
characters who style themselves M. D.'s, should never
indulge in the enebriating cup, they are not to be
trusted."

I only met one solitary case of drunkenness du-
ring my sojourn (3 weeks). King Alcohol very sickly,
his demise expected.

14.—Left for home, by stage, weather cold and
threatening."

* Such, worthy BRS. are the remarks of our County
Lecturer, who no doubt will afford your Lodge an ac-
count of his *periphrations*. I hope when the fine
weather opens, he will resume his exertions and fulfill
the expectations of his friends. Should he succeed at
Grand River and Loch Lomond in organizing Lodges,
we will have a body of Brethren not to be surpassed
throughout the Island, for general good conduct and
intelligence.

Heartily wishing him success and a continuance of
the health he enjoys,

I remain, Brethren,

ONE OF YOURSELVES.

Sydney, April 20, 1870.

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