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The Canadian Son of Temperance.

TORONTO, TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 1853

My son, look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last, it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.—Proverbs, chap 23.

HEAR THE WIFE'S APPEAL.

'Twas a cold autumn evening, when care worn and weary I turned my steps home from the toils of the day; I passed by a cottage, all lonesome and dreary, That bore the rude marks of neglect and decay. As I travelled onward in deep meditation, A voice met my ear, from an unhappy wife, In tones of despair, making sad lamentation For him who was once the chief joy of her life. Her once loving husband, her kind-hearted husband, Who promised to love and protect her through life.

How dear to my heart, is the fond recollection Of days, when my husband was and faithful true; For then, I enjoyed all his love and affection, And not but contentment and happiness knew. How often, at evening with heart ever flowing With joy, at his coming and free from all strife, I went out to meet him, when fondly bestowing His smiles, and his caress, on his thrice happy wife. My once loving husband, my kind-hearted husband, Then loved his sweet babe, and his thrice happy wife.

But led on to ruin, by friends hollow-hearted, The sun of his glory has set at noon day; And all my bright visions of bliss have departed, Those scenes of enjoyment have vanished away. Neglect and abuse have become my sad portion, In want and despair I must drag out my life, While ruin and vile company, claim that devotion. That once was enjoyed by his heart-broken wife. My once loving husband, my kind-hearted husband, Has almost forsaken his heart-broken wife.

His children with gladness once went forth to meet him And welcomed his coming with accents of glee; With sweet smiling faces, did joyfully greet him, And claim his fond kiss, as they climbed on his knee. But now, when their father his threshold approaches, With wrath on his visage, they flee for their life; While all his unkindness, and cruel reproaches, Are poured on the head of his heart-broken wife. My once loving husband, my kind-hearted husband, Now treats with abuse, his poor heart-broken wife.

O ye friends of the drunkard, behold our condition! And reach forth your hands a lost brother to save: Oh hear, I beseech you, my earnest prayer, Oh save! ere, he sink to a drunkard's cold grave. My poor erring husband! oh kindly entreat him, To leave his old habits, and lead a new life; Place friendship, and health, and bright prospects before him, And, Oh! lead him back to his heart-broken wife. My once loving husband, my kind-hearted husband, May yet be restored to his heart-broken wife.

And then shall rejoicing be heard all around us, And love be restored to our desolate cot. Then, joy, peace, and plenty, shall once more surround us, And all our past sorrows, shall then be forgot. And then shall our children, all rise up, and bless you, And all my best wishes, attend you through life. That each may have sweet, smiling babes to caress you; And that each may be blessed with a kind-hearted wife. That temperate husbands, that good, faithful husbands, May be the blessed lot of each kind-hearted wife. —Easton Life Boat.

OPEN MEETINGS FOR THE PUBLIC.

The Order of the Sons is now thoroughly rooted and established in every part of Canada, and experience has proved it the best organization ever formed amongst us for the promotion of temperance. This institution must be moulded and used to suit the wants and exigency of the public, and to meet the various phases of the temperance movement. For this reason many Divisions are now holding on every alternate night Open Meetings, wherein the public are invited to attend with their families and acquaintances, and speeches are made or lectures given. Society is awakened more than it would otherwise be by meeting only in secret Session. The Division room is visited every other week to transact financial business, and during the two last and two first weeks of each quarter it is visited every week. If despatch be observed all the financial business, and election of officers may be attended to in two evenings in the month, or three at the outside, and the other two weeks may be given to the

holding of open meetings. At these the Sons and Cadets may attend as drilled soldiers, with the harmless weapons of speech and argument, and invite their fellow men, women, or boys to join the temperance ranks. Thus the Division room may be recruited; and there we may meet on the following week to talk over the good done at the Open Meeting. There we can sharpen our wits for a renewed combat with the vice of drunkenness. There we can agree to stand shoulder to shoulder in argument. The Divisions in this vicinity are adopting this course—among them Ontario Division has adopted it. Of course if any special business requires to be transacted five members can always call a special meeting. We don't want to see any OTHER MOVEMENT take the wind out of our sails of TRUMPH. The day was dark when we began, and it is light now. The heavens became brighter, what was thought far off is near by, and has been partly accomplished. To our Order, working like the beaver, knowing at the root of intemperance, may be chiefly attributed the triumph of the liquor law in Maine, Vermont, and Massachusetts. Our beaver Sons are building dams, (DIVISIONS, BRANCHES, AND SECTIONS,) in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, California, Connecticut; and away down among the poor slaves in Virginia, Alabama, Kentucky and New Orleans, to stay the waters of vice and drunkenness, and they are knowing too, successfully. See what has been done in Canada! The recommendation of the Grand Division has built a wall of petitions to storm the citadel of old Quebec with 80,000 names praying for the downfall of alcohol. This is the fruit of the MYSTICAL LITTLE BROTHERHOODS—only about six months work. Give us more of such MYSTICAL LITTLE BROTHERHOODS say we, with their passwords of TRUTH and BENEVOLENCE, and their tricolored badges. He who decries them (he must be a LIQUOR advertiser) knows little how to advance true temperance in Canada. We have yet to learn where better organizations are to be found than those of the Sons, Daughters and Cadets.

FRIENDLY UNION MEETINGS.

Then in connection with the above plan let there be formed friendly union meetings of Divisions. That is, several divisions agree at a certain time to hold a meeting, first in one locality, than in another, and so agitate each township. At these social union meetings let all turn out and invite speakers, &c. During the summer they can be held, with music, in the woods.

IN ADDITION TO THIS WE WANT TO SEE COUNTY BOARDS OF CONTROL ESTABLISHED, such as we recommended last December. That is to say, let the most influential Sons and pledged temperance men organize County Boards similar to that existing in Frontenac. To meet once a month, or perhaps every six weeks to promote the general interests of Divisions, and secure lecturers, raise money by subscription, and use other means to carry out temperance principles. These temperance Boards should act in unison with Divisions, and with the Grand Division. Nothing definite was done in the movement in this county, because a majority of the Divisions did not cooperate, although some twenty-four approved of it, and it may yet be carried into effect this spring.

THE VOICE OF THE ORDER.

As a Son of Temperance, connected with one of the oldest and with the largest Division in Canada, we have striven for nearly three years to carry out the rules and principles of the noble order to which we belong. It has grieved us to see Sons, like those of Hamilton, trample into the dust cherished ideas of consistency, and the following letters are, we trust, but an echo of the great voice of Canada and the United States.—[Ed. Son.

TRAFALGAR, April 11th, 1853.

MR. EDITOR & BR.—I regret to perceive that the brotherly feelings which we as Sons of Temperance profess to cherish towards each other, are greatly diminishing in the hearts of the brethren who are endeavoring to support the inconsistent and unprincipled conduct of the editor of the "Spirit of the Age," (he professing to be a Son of Temperance) in advertising to the public spirituous liquors for sale. By endeavoring to "advance the interests, promote the harmony, and to preserve unsullied the reputation of the Sons of Temperance," we cannot assent to such publications; striking as they do at the very fundamental principles of our noble order. THE CANADIAN ESTABLISHES WHERE LIQUORS ARE TO BE HAD, AND ALSO SPEAKS OF THEIR GOOD QUALITIES! With the same consistency, may a preacher in his pulpit publish the road to Hell and the glories there to be found, (as did Satan when tempting our Saviour). Now sir, we believe the assertion as utterly false that LIQUORS ARE GOOD, as the latter, that there are glories in the regions of eternal perdition. The very fact of the editor alluded to, being a NEWS ADVERTISER OF ALCOHOLIC DRINKS, from which so many imprecations arise, should be a sufficient proof to every TRUE SON OF TEMPERANCE, to convince him of his inconsistency, and require him to put down the "SPIRIT," since it is not "OF THE AGE" in which we Sons wish either liquors or their ADVERTISEMENTS to be presented to our fellow men.

I am happy to see that you have challenged a fair discussion on this matter, which, if the supporters of the "Spirit" are sincere in their asserted consistency, they cannot surely object to accept.

I beg leave to corroborate your statements regarding the conduct of our Grand Scribe. At the late session of the Grand Division held at Oshawa, I submitted a resolution (which can be found on the 34th and 35th pages of the G. D. proceedings) regarding the payment of all communications "whether from the G. or S. D., as S. D.'s have had to pay postage for documents not connected with the Order, but just the speculation of private individuals." Now sir, the very cause of such resolution being

submitted was, the fact of the Trafalgar Central Division, having received from the G. S. the communication you have referred to, recommending the "Spirit of the Age" to Divisions, and "as being sanctioned by the G. W. P."

The G. S. should consider, that as the prothonotary of the G. D. it is not his prerogative to use the SEAL THEREOF IN THE PROMULGATION OF ANY THING NOT IN CONNECTION WITH OUR ORDER, much less, in things which are derogatory to our principles, and reprovable by the scope and tendency of our motto, "Love, Purity, and Fidelity." I feel assured, that the Sons of Canada West can find many efficient members of our Order who are capable of performing the duties of said office without giving offence, and in a manner worthy of the applause of every Son. But Mr. Editor, I cannot conceive how our G. S. can afford time for such communications. When I moved in the G. D. for the reduction of the salary for that office, it was asserted that his whole time was occupied in performing its duties, and that the sum was not too much. It appears to me, however, that some of the communications might be dispensed with, and the salary reduced accordingly.

I regret very much that the effects of party politics should in any degree retard the circulation of a strictly Temperance paper, especially in our Order, in which we profess to know no politics. I may here mention that I am a strict Conservative, and consider it my duty to support a paper which advocates unflinchingly the true principles of our Brotherhood, although its editor's politics be the reverse of mine, so long as political editorials are not to be found in its columns.

I am, Mr. Ed. and Br., Yours in L. P. and F., H. A. GRAHAM, D. G. W. P.

TRAFALGAR, ONTARIO, April 5th, 1853.

MR. ED. & BR.—Sir, the following resolutions were moved, seconded, and carried by Trafalgar Central Division, No. 377, S. of T., which you are at liberty to insert in the "Gem."

By Order of the Division, H. A. GRAHAM, R. S.

Resolved, That the course pursued by the editor of the "Spirit of the Age," is inconsistent with the pure principles that ought to actuate the bosom of every true Son of Temperance, and is detrimental to the best interests of our Order, proving to a demonstration, that his philanthropy vanishes the moment it comes in contact with self-interest. He will give sound advice and point out the evils of intemperance in the columns of the "Spirit," but, ask him not to give up what he considers to be his privilege, to publish LIQUOR ADVERTISEMENTS, as it will interfere with his financial affairs. His system of defining a way to succour the needy, and reclaim the lost, is publicly to display in letters of gold, (purloined from many poor degraded and miserable creatures) where they can find the best liquors. If this is considered consistency by a majority of our members, we would like to hear their opinions publicly expressed by resolutions, so that all may know how many of our 20,000 members approve of such a fallacy. And to show in what light we view the subject, that unless the "Spirit of the Age" can bring forward in his defence something better calculated to make an impression than he has done, we would recommend that his name be erased from the constitution of our order.

Resolved, That this Division highly approves of the conduct of the editor of the Son of Temperance, in exposing the inconsistency of the editor of the "Spirit of the (dark) Age," in publishing liquor advertisements in the "Canadian" being proprietors of the same.

CUMMINSVILLE DIVISION SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

To the Editor of the Son of Temperance.

SIR AND BROTHER,—We did not intend to interfere in the controversy between you and the editor of the Spirit about liquor advertising, but in consequence of the receipt of several SCANDALOUS HAND BILLS and CIRCULARS, sent to us with some of the Spirits, we thought it time for this Division to take some action in the matter. A copy of our resolutions are forwarded to you in reference to liquor advertising; and, also, as to the conduct of the Grand Scribe—Br. Jackson.

Resolved by this Division, that we will not support the Spirit of the Age, on account of the inconsistency of its editor in ADVERTISING SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS in the Canadian newspaper, he being a SON OF TEMPERANCE.

Resolved further, 6th April 1853.—That the thanks of this Division are due, and now tendered to Brother C. Durand, Editor of the Son of Temperance, for the straightforward course he has pursued in exposing to the world the inconsistent conduct of the editor of the Spirit of the Age, in opening the columns of a paper owned by him to liquor advertisements; and we consider that the Division to which he belongs should erase his name from their books.

Resolved further—That we consider it wrong in the extreme, and having a tendency to injure the Order, if persisted in, for our GRAND SCRIBE to sign circulars, not appertaining to his official duties, and send them forth as FEELERS through the country. We hope that the case will be brought before the Grand Division.

JAMES TYNER, W. P. SAMUEL CARR, R. S.

NELSON, 7th April, 1853.

Oxford Mills Division Room, April 7th, 1853.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At our last meeting it was moved by Brother H. Hutchins, W. P., and seconded by Brother R. Lindsey, W. A.,—That, in the opinion of the Members of this Division, the conduct of the Editor of the Spirit of the Age is inconsistent with the principles of our Order—Carried.

By order of Division, No. 383. AUGUSTUS CHRISTIE, R. S. To C. DURAND, Esq., TORONTO.

THE ORDER QUESTION is agitating some Divisions. We advise all Divisions to leave this question in abeyance until it is settled by the Grand Division or on appeal to the National Division in June next. We shall be prepared to speak on it in the Grand Division. Let each Division instruct their delegates as to its views on this and other matters. In our next issue we will give a synopsis of what we consider likely to come up at the approaching Session, and as to which delegates should be instructed.