

SUPPLEMENT TO THE

TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE,

DEVOTED TO TEMPERANCE, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE & NEWS.

PLEDGE.--We, the undersigned, do agree, that we will not use Intoxicating Liquors as a Beverage, nor Traffic in them; that we will not provide them as an article of Entertainment, nor for persons in our Employment; and that in all suitable ways we will discountenance their use throughout the Community.

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OUR SUPPLEMENT.

A Supplement is something new in the history of the *Temperance Advocate*, and will not, we hope, be regarded with disfavor on the part of our subscribers. Our principal reason for its issue at present, is to enable us to give insertion in our columns, to the numerous communications with which we are favored at this season of the year, without encroaching upon the space usually allotted for that department in the *Advocate* itself. No doubt our friends will appreciate this renewed evidence of our determination to give them full value for their money.

Great Times in Old Pelham!

Dear Sir,—It is, doubtless, now a long time since you have heard either good or evil report from the good old township of Pelham; and if yourself and those better deserving to occupy the columns of your noble paper, will excuse the innovation, I will now give you a brief account of the doings of the Temperance folks in this vicinity, from the time I last wrote, to the present time. But here I see a difficulty, and am almost persuaded to lay down my pen. Before this letter can possibly appear in print, or even before it reaches the office of the *Advocate*, we shall be so advanced in numbers and influence, that it will be a statement of things that *have been*, but not of things that *be*.

In April last, I told you that we had a great Temperance meeting—that we were about reorganizing our old society—expected to do a great deal of good—and sundry other things, “too numerous to mention.” And I can now tell you, that we have kept up our monthly meetings, with one or two exceptions, from that time to this. Our meetings have been generally well attended, and a deep and growing interest has been, and still is, clearly manifest. But the zealous teetotalers of Pelham, never willing to be behind the times, must go the whole figure. They could not think to remain inactive, while Division after Division of the Sons was being organized all around them. They could not rest satisfied without knowing all about the dreadful “secrets” of the Sons. Accordingly, they petitioned the Grand Division for charter after charter, until there are now two Divisions in the interior of the township, and one on the southern boundary, in connexion with the township of Wainfleet. The first two, are “Bethlehem Division” and “Pelham Division,” the latter is “Evening Star Division.” Besides these, there is a Division at St. Johns, known by that name, just beyond the eastern limits of this township, which also has several members in Pelham. The aggregate of these four Divisions is now about two hundred; all organized since the first of April last.

The Sons are doing great good here—for themselves—for each other—and finally, for everybody. Everybody says so; and “what everybody says, must be true.” We have those amongst us, or rather we are amongst those, who know what it is to drink moderately and immoderately, and its consequences; true, there are those who do not feel an interest in our success, that say it is all very well now, but it will not last long—this one will not stick to it, and that one will be drunk before six months—and so on to the end of the chapter. But, thank heaven, they have been disappointed; and I hope they will be, as long as they thus prophesy. There are many hundreds and thousands of once drinking men now in union with the Sons, whose

zeal and integrity are not to be questioned by the most rigid teetotalers; and they are exerting an influence that cannot be overrated, and certainly is not imitated by any other class. And well they may; they have the theory and the practice both of a drinking and a sober life, hence their free access to all classes. But their *ability* to do good is not all; it is their *interest* to do so. No sooner does a drinking man take the pledge, and show by word and deed that he is in earnest, than he is restored to the good-will and confidence of all, the tavern and the shop-keeper may look side wise, but they would think none the less of his word or his note for all that.

The Pelham Division of the Sons, like many others, has come up to a degree of importance amongst new institutions, that seems to attract the attention of the ladies; and on Monday evening, the 13th January, they did themselves the honor to present a very nice copy of the Bible to that Division, at a public meeting held by the Division, in the Presbyterian Church. The services of the Rev. J. F. Ryerson, of St. Catharines, had been obtained, and he addressed a large audience with great power and telling effect. Small meetings are out of the question, when Mr. Ryerson is to be speaker. The Rev. S. King, presiding minister of the church in which the meeting was held, was also present, and not only present, but one of the most active in arranging and conducting the meeting, and acquitted himself nobly in addressing it. Mr. A. W. Taylor, W. P. of Bethlehem Division, as well as a large number of that Division, was present, and spoke with his usual ease, pointedness and ability.

The presentation address was delivered by Mrs. Chamberlain, and it is due to her, and those of the ladies who took part in the ceremony, to say that it was well conducted, and was neither least nor last of the interesting exercises of that impressive meeting. [Since we received the foregoing, we have been favored with an account of this presentation from another quarter, and take the liberty of inserting the address and reply, referred to, with which our correspondent has furnished us.]

ADDRESS.

WORTHY PATRIARCH,—We, the Ladies of the Northern part of the Township of Pelham, and friends of the cause of Temperance in general, but of the Order of Sons in particular, do here present your Division with a copy of the Word of God, as a token of our high respect for you, and our anxiety for the prosperity of the enterprise in which you are embarked; being fully persuaded that no organization can prove a *lasting* good to mankind, only as it is based upon the principles drawn from this precious Book.

In your badge, we discover three colors,—red, white, and blue, which you inform us, is emblematical of Purity, Fidelity, and Love; to the Bible you must have gone for these graces—and from that Sacred Volume we hope you will draw all your principles—and by it regulate all your actions.

“Though small the gift, we here bestow,
And trifling to the sight;
What vast, stupendous changes show
The wonders of its might.
Then engrave its precepts on your hearts,
Its counsels on your minds:
And may your future lives impart
A blessing to mankind.”