

of proper attention to and care of his affairs and family, or who is dangerous to himself or others."*

Let us as individuals, and as an association, endeavour to obtain Inebriate Asylums for those who will voluntarily become inmates; and Houses of Detention for the habitual drunkard; and let us in our demeanor to these two classes manifest that charity which becometh christians.

THE DUTY TO OUR COUNTRY.

I have appealed to you as christian young men to consider your duty with regard to the evils of intemperance. I would press the matter upon you on the ground of patriotism. We each and all owe a duty to the State as well as to our individual families, to the community in which we live, and to the Church. I would appeal to you as Canadians by adoption as well as by birth. In our New Dominion we have a vast, magnificent, and goodly heritage. Do we wish well to its future? Do we desire to see laid foundation stones of a new nationality, which shall be immoveable and imperishable? Do we desire to see erected a superstructure which neither time nor tempest will have power to disturb? Do we wish to have that edifice beautiful in design, in proportion, in symmetry, and chaste in ornament? Do we hope to have the structure within so arranged that the comfort, the happiness, the prosperity of all will attain to the highest possible point of excellence? If so, then never forget that the principles of Temperance must prevail among all classes, high and low, among those in power and those who place in power.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I beg to invite anyone present not a pledged total abstainer to come and enrol his name on the book kept by this association for the purpose. I am not a very old total abstainer myself; but let me urge one and all to come with me that we may together assist in the great struggle against the greatest curse to the human race. Remember that total abstinence is the only position of safety against inebriation.

* While this is in the press Mr. Bethune has introduced a Bill into the local Legislature entitled "To Interdict Habitual Drunkards."