

selves, who are amongst the greatest sufferers in many respects; and I need hardly say that it would tend more than any other remedial measure, to lessen the miseries of our fellowmen in this Province.

One word more—let the people of Canada abandon at once and for ever, the use of *intoxicating drinks* and *tobacco*, and we can build our Great Trunk Railway, with a branch to each county town, without being under any other obligation than a loan for a few short years, at the liberal per centago offered by the Imperial Government. We can do more,—we can make all our roads, and support all our schools, without Government aid. We can go farther still,—and pay all our religious teachers, sustain our colleges, and give a donation of £1000 a-year to each missionary society occupying posts in heathen lands.

Now, let no one deny the correctness of the foregoing bold statements, until he has examined the matter, and counted the cost of the articles, the waste of time, loss of labor, habits of laziness and idleness induced, law-suits, doctor's fees, &c. &c.

I am, yours faithfully,

R. D. WADSWORTH.

Clarence, July 28, 1851.

Sir,—After long silence of our doings here in the good work of reform, it may be interesting to you to hear somewhat of our progress. Although quiet in our operations these have not been few, nor their result discouraging. Temperance continues to hold a prominent place in the affections of our people, and there exists a hearty co operation in spreading its principles throughout the land. Meetings have been continued, and the ordinary efforts employed to strengthen the already pledged, and enlist recruits, and encouraging success has followed.

Although we have neither the Sons nor Daughters of Temperance here, we have fathers and mothers in the cause in great numbers. Our organization continues on the ancient model: the innovations of modern invention not having yet invaded the precincts of our forest homes; but, in all the varied schemes, orders and organizations which exist for the suppression of intemperance and the advancement of the peaceable fruits of Total Abstinence, we "Rejoice, yea, and will rejoice." The work to be done is a great work, and it is a pleasing feature connected with it, that the tastes and circumstances of people may be so variously consulted in externals, and the design and beauty of our enterprise in no ways marred. The order of march, the style of uniform, or the assumed name of the separate divisions, are of minor importance, and need produce no confliction of interests. On one point we are all agreed, and let our agreement strengthen, and that is "to go to possess the land." In the present year, the Clarence Temperance Society has reached its majority. It had its origin twenty one years ago, seven persons composing its first membership. Of these, six survive, and all have remained true and felt amply repaid for the scorn endured at the outset.

Our majority was celebrated on the 10th inst. by a Temperance Festival, in which our friends from Lochaber united. The spot chosen was a projecting point on the banks of the noble Ottawa, a place famous as having been for ages a favorite encampment for the Indian and North Western, and more recently for religious and other meetings. Mr. Wright, Methodist, and Mr. Edmonds, Baptist Ministers, with Messrs. Campbell, Holms, and others, advocated the cause with zeal and life. Mr. Sherriffs and his band discoursed sweet music, and the committee of management supplied in ample abundance the good things prepared for the occasion. And thus our birth day celebration passed off in

grateful recollections of the past, pleasurable feelings on the present, and pleasing anticipations of the future. For the fond hope we would cherish that this great and beautiful country will progress morally as well as in other respects, and that the time will soon come when its inhabitants will no longer "hurt nor destroy" themselves or others in all our borders by the use or sale of alcohol.

Having arrived at ripened years, it occurred to us that the vitality of our existence should be evinced by fruitfulness that a living tree shews branches. Consequently, availing ourselves of the presence of Mr. C. P. Watson, favorably known in Montreal for his decided advocacy of temperance, we determined on forming a Juvenile Branch Society, which was done on the 22nd inst. The meeting was addressed by Messrs J. Edmonds, Watson, Shirreffs, Holms, and others, and resulted in engaging the young folks very heartily in the good work. From the character of the beginning we look for beneficial effects. By a separate organization, young persons are more likely to join, and they have a better opportunity, from taking a share in management, to prepare themselves for efficiency in the working of Societies generally. Our desire is that this shoot may excel the parent stem in its efforts and success, and that future generations may have occasion for thankfulness that this juvenile institution was formed.

Thus, Sir, I have given you a sketch of our doings in this outpost. We have nothing whereof to boast—much to be thankful for, a great deal of work yet to do, but are not without a disposition to undertake it.

The *Advocate* continues to be a favorite with us, and we trust the Teetotalers of the Province will not let it go down. It has nobly stood the "tear and wear" of many years, and amidst good report and evil report proceeded forward in its labor of love, doing good service for the cause it was established to promote: a cause deserving the support of every press, and in which the highest and most sanctified talent might be worthily employed. The time has passed when temperance may be laughed at—Statesmen now speak respectfully of it. The Minister who shuns it by no means magnifies his office. The trade in alcohol is at a discount, those who sell and those who sip, do it uncomfortably. A great reform is in progress, and who that impedes it can feel at ease. Let us go forward, the weapons of our warfare are indeed mighty to the pulling down of the enemy's strong-holds; and in dependence on Divine aid, we shall come off more than conquerors.

Yours respectfully.

W. E.

Review.

THE GUIDING STAR, OR THE BIBLE GOD'S MESSAOR. By Louisa Payson Hopkins, author of "the Pastor's Daughter," "Henry Langdon," &c. Boston: Gould and Lincoln. Montreal B. Dawson.

The esteemed authoress of this book must be already known to many of our readers. The present work is intended to be an illustration of the doctrines, taught in the second and third questions, of the shorter Catechism of the Westminster Assembly. It is an exposition of the arguments for the Inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, presented in such a form as to be intelligible and attractive to children. We think the writer has succeeded in giving a clear and comprehensive *resumé* of the Christian Evidences, both Internal and External, and especially in accommodating herself to the capacities of children, without descending to childishness either in thought or expression. The difficulty of doing this is known only to those who try it, but is evident to