

## ADDRESS

OF THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN TEMPERANCE UNION, TO EMIGRANTS LEAVING THEIR NATIVE COUNTRY FOR AMERICA.

FRIENDS:—At a National Temperance Convention held at Saratoga Springs, in the State of New-York, in the summer of 1836, it was made our duty to do all in our power to persuade all classes of men, for their own benefit and the good of others, to abandon all use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

That Convention, composed of numerous delegates from almost every State, and from the British Provinces, unanimously resolved, that intoxicating drinks are never beneficial for persons in health; and the experiment of entire abstinence in the performance of all labors, made for more than ten years by thousands amongst us, has proved highly favorable to all who have tried it.

We regret to say, that while our own American population are generally well informed respecting the poisonous nature of intoxicating drinks, and the destructive tendency of even their moderate use in any form, the stranger coming among us is not always so. He leaves his country, full of hope and high expectation with regard to this land of promise; but alas! this expectation is often blasted; not because the country does not afford every advantage to the industrious and sober, but because a large proportion of emigrants landing on our shores, soon find their way to the drinking shops, where the means of intoxication are obtained at a rate so low, that, in this, they seem to find all the good they anticipated in our land, while they are gathering its most fatal curse. We know that to be true which we speak, when we say, that this early resort to the tavern and the dram-shop, is one of the principal causes of failure and blasted hopes to the poor emigrant.

The object of this brief appeal, is to place you on your guard before you land on our shores, and to give you some few directions, which, if followed, will, we think, in most cases, ensure you all you may have anticipated in leaving the old to become inhabitants of the new world.

1. Resolve, from the moment you read this document, never again to use ardent spirit, beer, ale, cider or wine, as a beverage in health; since it is well ascertained that they do not allay thirst, but increase it, and since their use never gives any permanent strength, but diminishes it; and the most laborious occupations can be conducted with more ability and to better advantage upon pure water, the beverage provided so abundantly by the Almighty, than upon any other liquid whatever.

2. Either before leaving your native shores, or on the passage, let this subject of total abstinence from all that intoxicates be fully discussed: and let all who wish to secure themselves from temptation, and strengthen their resolution, sign the pledge attached to this document.

3. On your arrival in the country, request some individual to direct you to the Secretary of a Temperance Society, that you may have your name recorded as a member. There is scarce a city or town without one; and should you, after locating in one place remove to another, take a certificate of membership with you, and unite with the new society where you may fix your residence. Our Secretary, John Marsh, New-York, will advise you.

4. If you wish employment, seek it without delay after your arrival. If you are known to belong to the Temperance Society, there will be little difficulty in obtaining it. Even those who continue to drink themselves, prefer employing those who do not to those who do, and will often give them better wages, and repose in them more confidence.

5. Avoid, as you would the plague, the business of selling strong drink. After the most careful examination, it has been found that a large proportion of those who enter into this business, either come to poverty, losing all their little capital, or become drunkards.

6. Avoid as places of resort the tavern and the grog-shop. They are as fatal to their victims as to their keepers. They are the avenues leading to misery, degradation and death.

7. When you are on the look out for a purchase, seek a temperate and industrious population, and a place where liquor is not sold. You will, on inquiring of temperance men, find many such.

8. Be frugal of your earnings. Our winters are severe; and then labor is scarce and provisions expensive. Be careful and save during the mild months, for good warm clothing, and plenty of

fuel and good food when the pinching season commences. We have been informed by a highly intelligent Catholic priest, that full one-third of all the male Irish emigrants who arrive in this country in the opening of spring, are in their graves before the following spring, for the reason, that as they arrive in the mild season, and are generally thinly clad, as they spend from day to day all their earnings, either in liquor or other things, when the winter approaches, it finds them without proper food, or clothing, or fuel, or the means of procuring any; the consequence is, great suffering, disease, without the means of procuring medical aid, and premature death. The country is condemned, while, in most cases, strong drink is at the bottom of all the trouble and disappointment.

9. Too many emigrants remain in the large cities. The country presents by far the fairest prospect for them. There they can find employment. Living is cheap, and temptations to evil are few.

10. America is a country where all denominations of Christians have liberty to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. It is a country where the Sabbath is respected, and generally observed. If you wish to prosper, keep this day sacred. Always attend, if practicable, some place of worship. You can never establish a fair character here, if you habitually break the Lord's day.

Our advice, then, is, avoid the grog-shops; give up, at once and forever, the use of all liquors that can intoxicate. Remember that all intemperance, and all the evils that flow from it, originate in moderate drinking, and that there is perfect safety only in entire abstinence. It has been found, that about one-third of our adult male population have died intemperate, and that their lives have been cut short, upon an average, about twelve years. It was the first glass that did it. Avoid; then, the FIRST GLASS. Our motives in giving you these directions, are a sincere wish to promote your welfare, prevent disappointments, and make you and your children a blessing to our country. Follow them, and we can assure you that all your anticipation with regard to our land will be fully realized. But remember that success depends on effort. If you would reap, you must sow. America is a land of promise to the sober and industrious, but not to the dissipated and idle. For the virtuous and temperate, here is room for millions to prosper.

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## 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, or for persons in our employment; and that, in all suitable ways, we will discountenance their use in the community.—*Albany Temperance Recorder.*

## INFORMATION FOR WINE DRINKERS.

It is stated in the *London Times*, that large establishments exist in Certe and Marseilles, in the south of France, for the manufacture of wines, where they furnish to order, the natural products, not only of France, but of all other wine-growing countries. Some of these establishments are as large as the largest breweries of London. Speculators purchase and ship imitation wines to Madeira, where, by collusion with persons in the custom house, the wines are landed in the entrepot, and thence, after being branded with the usual marks of the genuine *Madeira vintage*, reshipped, principally, it is believed, for the *United States*. On one occasion, 70 pipes were thus surreptitiously passed, at a charge of 1000 dollars. *Collusion* must certainly be a very profitable occupation. Other parcels from the same manufactory are sent to Oporto, where the same process of landing, branding and reshipment as *genuine port* is gone through; the destination of this spurious article being most generally to the *United States*. One individual alone has been in the habit of despatching four times in the year, 25,000 bottles of *Champagne* at each shipment—of *Champagne fabricated in these same factories*;