

Society is general, not confined to any particular place, person, or nation, and is framed to extend itself wherever needed to assist in the great moral reform, to the remotest corners of the globe, for the establishment of Total Abstinence principles to the latest ages of posterity. It is indeed one neighbourhood, within which every British Templar is at home in the farthest parts of the world; and such is the mechanism of the Association, that while its operations are thus extended, its every movement is alike felt and answered in every part. In short, British Templarism, like a glorious moral luminary, is intended to pour its refulgence not on one part only of the ample circumference of the British dominions, but simultaneously on every portion, equally enlightening the whole periphery. Not unfrequently have both the foes and friends of Temperance charged the Temperance Societies of this country with being under the control of foreign elements, and that they therefore tend to diminish British Loyalty and influence among the people of our land, while they strengthen a disposition to favour foreign Institutions; and this charge, whether well or ill founded, has unquestionably retarded the progress of the Temperance Cause in this country. But by the establishment of British Templarism, a Society has been instituted, which will answer those objections; and while the fullest confidence is manifested in the adequacy of the Order for the purposes contemplated by its organization, it is in nowise designed to supersede or diminish the highly useful operations of other Temperance Associations, which cannot, from their peculiar organization, or from the conscientious views of their members, unite with us, but seek by their own means and in their own way, to further the common object.

In conclusion, British Templarism calls on the sons and daughters of the British Empire to lay aside political and religious feuds, and sacrifice every private consideration for the great moral reform—Temperance—till every subject of the British Crown shall become a sober being, and this British Temperance Society has found a permanent abode in every city, town, village, and neighborhood in our land.

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