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## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. B., Tyrone—Received for four.  
 T. M., Malvern—Will do so.  
 J. B. S., Etobicoke—Sent paper as directed.  
 W. H., Aranton—Have sent No. 6. Received remittance for Volume ix.  
 J. A. McC., Wooler—Sent back numbers to those whose names I received.



## The Weekly Visitor.

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## TO THE TEMPERANCE MEN AND WOMEN IN TORONTO,

Whether belonging to the Sons of Temperance, Independent Order of Good Templars, British, or British American Good Templars, Band of Hope, or belonging to yourselves, we have a word to you. An effort is now being made in this City by the Temperance Reformation Society, to promote the cause of Temperance. A zealous and efficient City Temperance Missionary has been employed. Sabbath afternoon meetings free to all are held in the Temperance Hall from 3 to 4 o'clock. Public weekly meetings, addressed by efficient and tried Temperance men, will be held every Friday at 7½ p. m., to which you are all earnestly invited. Brethren and Sisters, you desire to see Intemperance, the scourge of Canada, suppressed,

and your fellow citizens of every grade, from the magistrate on the bench to the poor out-cast on the street, giving up the use of the intoxicating beverage. You wish to see your fellow citizens convinced that intemperance is an evil; that they, as good citizens, are called upon to allay that evil: that they must discountenance the traffic in the article producing the evil; and that they must deny themselves for the good of their fellow men. *You desire this*; well then, do your duty; bring them to the temperance meeting; be there regularly yourselves; let it be an open lodge-room meeting to you, in which you are interested. Strengthen the hands of the Missionary and the speakers; become Associate Members of the Society; help it in every way you can; and if you do this, intemperance, vice and crime will be diminished, while temperance, morality, and religion will flourish. May this word to you urge you to duty.

Next Tuesday evening the Chester Temple, I. O. G. T., intend holding a Concert in their new Hall, Don Mills, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred in fitting up the same. The admission is only 10 cents, and as an excellent staff of amateur singers have tendered their services we hope there will be a large attendance. Concert commences at 7.30 p. m.

The first of a series of Weekly Public Temperance Meetings, under the auspices of the Temperance Reformation Society, will be held in their Hall, Temperance Street, on Friday evening first, commencing at 7.30 p. m. Rev'ds Hoyes Lloyd, D. Pomeroy, and others, will be the speakers. A select choir will also be in attendance.

We are requested to state that the members of the "Great Eastern" Temple, No. 85, I. O. of G. T., intend holding their Third Annual Soiree on Thursday, Feb'y 8th, 1866, in their Hall, Leslieville. Rev'ds Messrs. Pomeroy, Wardell, Gillies, and others, will be in attendance and address the meeting. A splendid Glee Club is engaged for the occasion. Recitations, Dialogues, &c., &c., will also be given by the members of that and other Temples. Tickets, 25 cents each. Tea on the table from 6.30 to 7.30. An Omnibus will leave the Albion Hotel at six o'clock on the evening of Soiree, and return at close of entertainment, for the accommodation of parties in the city.

## THE BEGINNINGS OF EVIL.

How vast the number who have fallen victims to the ruthless destroyer—intemperance! It is heart-rending to trace its blighting, desolating influence; to see the promising and youthful of our land fall beneath its iron grasp.

How many have sacrificed all their earthly joy and happiness on the polluted altar of Bacchus! How many hopes have been blasted in their early budding! How many have gone forth, in the morning of life, with bright and cheering prospect, but, alas! have sadly fallen ere the noon-day of their manhood, and gone down to fill a drunkard's grave!

But why is it that so many, beholding the downward career and fearful end of the drunkard, follow so closely on his footsteps as if anxious to accomplish their own destruction as speedily as possible.

The soldier, seeking rank after rank of those who preceded him in the assault swept away by the murderous fire of the enemy, hesitates, sometimes, and recoils from the certain death that awaits him.

The traveller, when warned of swollen streams and dangerous precipices stops short, in his course, to avoid the threatening danger. The man, who, seeing another borne away by the current of the raging stream and then deliberately follows in his footsteps, would be called a fool or a madman.

But men stand calmly by and see their fellow-beings sink down beneath the dark tide of intemperance and then plunge in themselves and disappear under its fearful waves.

Again we ask why is it thus? Why will not men be warned by the fearful fate of others and escape the dreadful doom?

The answer is this:—Few who perish by intemperance, know its first advances. It comes, with a noiseless step, and binds its victims with cords too tight to be felt. The danger of this great evil is in its almost imperceptible approach, and not unfrequently do men become irreclaimable in their habits without a suspicion of danger to themselves.

The youth and lover of social pleasure little