

What is true of merchants is true of everybody. A great lawyer will be sought after, wherever he establishes himself. People will employ the best mechanics, no matter how far they have to go for them. There is but one exception to this rule. It is that even first-rate adepts, whether in law, commerce, physic or mechanics, must make their merits known to the public. If men hide their lights under a bushel, of course the world will not recognize them. A prominent business location is of value as an advertisement, but no farther; and fortunately for those who cannot afford high rents, it is not the only means of advertising. But the finest of stores, or the most central of offices, will not give permanent success to either the merchant or professional man, unless personal merit accompanies it. Young men who would rise in the world, must depend principally on themselves. The only way to get to the top of that pyramid is by climbing.

This brings us to the secret why so few sons of millionaires ever add to their fathers' wealth, even if they continue in business; for they depend on the reputation of the old store, and not on their own exertions, or they rely on capital instead of sagacity. Take as your golden rule, in beginning life, the maxim, "it is not the place, but the man."—*Phila. Ledger.*

READING.

Of all the amusements that can possibly be imagined for a hard-working man after his daily toil, or in its intervals, there is nothing like reading an interesting newspaper or book. It calls for no bodily exertion, of which he has had already enough, or perhaps too much. It relieves his home of its dullness and sameness. It transports him into a livelier and gayer and more diversified and interesting scene, and while he enjoys himself there, he may forget the evils of the present moment fully as much as if he were ever so drunk, with the great advantage of finding himself the next day with the money in his pocket, or at least laid out in the real necessities and comforts for himself and family—and without a headache.—Nay, it accompanies him to his next day's work; and if what he had been reading be anything above the idlest and lightest, gives him something to think of besides the mere mechanical drudgery of his everyday occupation, something he can enjoy while absent and look forward to with pleasure. If I were to pray for a taste which should stand me instead under every variety of circumstances, and be a source of happiness and cheerfulness to me through life, and a shield against its ills, however things might go amiss and the world frown upon me, it would be a taste for reading.—*Sir J. Herschell.*

EDUCATION OF FARMERS' BOYS, LABORERS, &c.

How often do farmers direct their sons and helpers to do what is necessary, without ever giving their reasons for so doing, and thus neglecting to instruct others in what they understand themselves? Is this fair play? Should they place their son with a mechanic to learn a trade, would they not desire that he might be made to understand all the mysteries of his craft? And why not so with the art of farming? Many things are habitually done on every farm, the reasons for doing which are seldom or never explained. Are there not many farmers who do not themselves know

why they plow? They certainly know that their crops are improved by plowing, but why? If the soil is once loosened, why does it not always remain loose? What has the admission of atmosphere to do with the growth of plants? Does it benefit them, and how? If aye, should not the sub-soil receive the same benefit, and if so, by what means can it be disintegrated? If by the sub-soil plow, should it be used in wet as well as in dry soil, and if not in the former, why? Would under-drainage fit the sub-soil so that sub-soil plowing would benefit it, and why? After soils are once thoroughly disturbed by plowing before planting, should they be disturbed during the growing of row and hill-crops, and why? Why are soils more productive when manured? Are all manures equally efficacious, and if not, why? Thousands of pertinent questions suggest themselves, every one of which, if fairly discussed at an evening circle, would outwork the latent energies of the minds of children and working men, adding the observations derived from practice to the registered truths of books, and thus chastening both into useful certainties.—*Working Farmer.*

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

OFFICIAL.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 30, 1857.

The Grand Division S. of T. of the Province of Nova Scotia will meet in Quarterly Session at Chester, Lunenburg County, on Wednesday, 15th day of July, at 10 o'clock, A. M., of which officers and representatives will please take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

As the representatives appointed to attend the meeting of the National Division at Providence are expected to make a report of the proceedings of that body, it is hoped there will be a large representation from the Subordinate Divisions.

The Session being held earlier than usual, the Grand Scribe would earnestly request the D. G. W. P.'s to be punctual in forwarding the returns and *per capita* tax.

The D. G. W. P.'s will please forward their quarterly Reports to the G. W. P., at Pictou, without delay.

The following resolution passed unanimously at the Quarterly Session of G. D., held at Nictaux, on 23rd April:—

"Resolved—That those who have acted as Agents for the late *Athenaeum* Newspaper be requested to ascertain and collect all sums, or arrearages due on the said paper in their respective agencies, and to forward the same to the Grand Scribe at their earliest convenience."

The attention of all parties indebted to the late *Athenaeum* paper is requested to the above resolution.

PATK MONAGHAN,
Grand Scribe.

TEMPERANCE WATCHMEN.

OFFICIAL.

NEW GLASGOW, May 23, 1857.

Clubs will please remember that the Annual Convention will take place at Durham, Pictou, on the *Third Tuesday* (21st) of July, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The several Committees appointed at last semi-Annual Convention are hereby remind-

ed that their Reports will be called for at the opening of the Convention.

Clubs are requested to express their opinions upon the subjects referred to them by last Convention previous to the time of meeting; and to instruct their representatives accordingly.

As the Ritual and Constitution of the Order will come up for revision, it is expected that Clubs shall have instructed their delegates respecting the alterations or amendments they deem necessary.

It is hoped that every Club will see the propriety and duty of being represented in Convention. All delegates must be duly certified.

A full attendance is particularly requested. S. O.'s that have not yet sent in their Returns and *per capita* tax for quarter ending March 31st are requested to do so without delay.

D. McDONALD,
Sec. Pro. Con. Com.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

Form of Application for a Charter for a Division of the Sons of Temperance.

The undersigned, inhabitants of ———, believing the Order of the Sons of Temperance to be well calculated to extend the blessings of Total Abstinence, and promote the general welfare of mankind, respectfully petition

THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA,

to grant them a Charter to open a new Division, to be called the ——— Division, No. —, Sons of Temperance of the Province of Nova Scotia, to be located in ———, and under your jurisdiction.

We pledge ourselves, individually and collectively, to be governed by the rules and usages of said Grand Division, and also by those of the National Division of North America.

Enclosed is the Charter fee, \$5, Books, &c., \$2. Address Mr. P. MONAGHAN, Grand Scribe of Grand Division, Halifax.

TEMPERANCE WATCHMEN.

FORM OF PETITION FOR NEW CLUB

TEN SIGNATURES ARE NECESSARY TO FORM A CLUB.

To the Temperance Watchmen Club of ———.

WE, the undersigned residents of ———, being desirous to promote the good cause of Temperance, and believing your organization efficient, respectfully request your honorable body to visit us on ———, and assist us in establishing a Temperance Watchmen Club in this place.

As in duty bound will ever pray.

Dated at ———.

When a Club has instituted a new Club, the acting S. C. will immediately report to Central Com. the name of Club, date of institution, the number initiated at opening, and the name of Officers.

S. P. C. COM.

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