

How IT WILL WORK.—Laws predicated upon sound moral principles must gradually work out desirable results. Let the public mind settle down in the conviction that making and vending of intoxicating drinks is an immorality, and it will not be long before all men with consciences, who wish to preserve an honorable standing in community, will abandon the business; more especially will they do so, when the law makes the traffic an offence, to be visited with penalties. When all such men get out of the traffic, it will be left in the hands of the reckless and unprincipled. Their hand will be against the law, and against their neighbor's rights: the good and law-abiding will be against them and their wicked traffic. How long, then, can it stand?—*Ed.*

Original Correspondence.

The Cause in N. and S. Dorchester.

Some of the friends of temperance in this locality, while the cause they espoused was, comparatively speaking, but yet, in its infancy, with that ardent, patriotic and benevolent zeal for the diffusion of their principles that characterises all the true friends of the glorious cause, and that desire which always exists in a benevolent heart, after coming to the knowledge of some good—in wit, that all should be partakers of it, the better to wield the influence they might be able to exert over the community, organized themselves into a society under the name of the "North and South Dorchester Total Abstinence Society."

This Society had stated meetings at which its supporters endeavored to have some men of talent and standing to address the numbers that flocked to them, either to approve or find fault, or with better motives. The laudable and judicious efforts thus put forth by the pioneers of the cause here, amidst disadvantages and discouragements of which no one can form an idea except such as experienced them, were not without their effect. For, independent of the knowledge diffused, and the correct ideas suggested, and the influence for good that talent employed in this way, cannot fail to exert over so many as come within its sphere. Independent, too, of the odious light in which the traffic in intoxicating liquors was made to appear, the Society, so small at first, increased in a short time to over one hundred staunch members, among whom were the most influential and respectable in the community, all ready, hand and heart, to do all they could for temperance. But in consequence of the difficulty of procuring men regularly that could keep up an interest at such meetings, which is so necessary to insure their success, and the lukewarmness of some of those engaged in its management, the Society, once so prosperous, began to languish, and at last was totally neglected.

But, while it is to be deplored that such a noble enterprise should fail, merely for want of energy and steady perseverance in its supporters, we are not to infer that the laudable attempt was productive of no good. The fact is, that it is almost impossible to estimate what it has been the means of doing. It might have been the means of rescuing many men, not only from the odium of being called "drunkards," but also from the very jaws of hell itself. Without surmising, however, what it has done in this respect, we pass on to remark the effect it had on a part of the

rising generation—the hops and promises of our contemporary—those on whom the duties of life are soon to be devolved—those who are to be our future councillors, assessors, wardens, and members of Parliament; those, too, who shall be the teachers of another generation yet unborn, and who shall carry civilization to an extent it has never reached before. We see, then, the young men in this neighborhood are such as have imbibed the principles of temperance from their worthy sires, and to whom these principles are now part and parcel of their nature, yea, as much so as their knowing right from wrong, falsehood and fraud from truth and justice, and to whose nature it is as foreign to engage in anything connected with the sale of liquors as in any other business that is now universally looked on as base and unprincipled.

Among such a class of youth as this, then, it is evident that they only required some individuals of maturer years once more to take the lead, when they were ready, to an individual, to stand forth in the ranks of total abstinence, arrayed, united, and determined against the enemy, armed with true benevolence and love. All that is necessary to add now, is, that these young men got leaders—leaders, too, worthy of the name; that the Society is once more started; that the field is now before us, and that the Society is putting forth efforts stronger still than its predecessor; and it is hoped that it shall continue to bear an honorable hand in the great warfare now carried on against the most flagrant of evils and the most pregnant of the causes of crime.

I might have particularly referred to the great good this Society has done already, in reclaiming many on the road to ruin and dishonor, but enough of your valuable space is occupied already. I may write again.

F. C.

Another Standard-Bearer Fallen.

Died, on the 5th August, in the city of Hamilton, Mr. John Scholesfield, one of the firmest friends of the Temperance cause, and an eloquent advocate of its claims. He was a useful and shining ornament of the church of which he was a member and local preacher. Brother S. was the first W. P. of Victoria Division, in which he was honored with office (which he always magnified) up to the time he left for the city of Hamilton. His duties were firmly and ably discharged; and he was also a member of the Grand Division of Canada East. Among his brethren his name is as ointment poured forth, and will long be remembered by those who admired his talents and virtues, and were benefited by his counsels. His urbanity and gentlemanly bearing was an example of love, purity, and fidelity, worthy of imitation.

T. W. C.

[Being personally acquainted with this deceased, we cannot allow this notice of his death to go to press without adding our tribute of affectionate esteem. Our dear Brother Scholesfield was all our correspondent describes him to have been, and we deeply sympathize with his surviving friends in their irreparable loss. The ways of God are mysterious, but they are also gracious; we bow before the Supreme in a submissive spirit, but mourn that so good a man is called away in the prime of life, and in the midst of a career of godly zeal and usefulness.—*Ed. C. T. A.*]