

To the Editor of the Son of Temperance.
RISING STAR DIVISION.

MR. EDITOR:—Permit me again to occupy a small space in your Gem.

The anniversary tea meeting of the Primitive Methodist Sabbath School, came off on the 30th Dec., at the Primitive Methodist Chapel; the day was very unfavorable. However, about 100 of the Sabbath School children marched in procession, with the Sons and Cadets of our division. The Richmond Hill division and Cadets being present. Likewise, after the cloth was removed, several interesting dialogues commenced between the children of the school. We noticed especially the one between Miss E. Savage and Miss M. J. Edwards; and there were several recitations, likewise very good. After an excellent address, delivered by the Rev. Mr. Gledhill, the meeting separated until 7, P. M., when the temperance lectures commenced.

The W. P., Bro. Lever, being called to take the chair, the meeting was first addressed by the Rev. Mr. Nichols, P. W. P., of our Division; after which an interesting dialogue took place on temperance, between Miss S. Lever and Miss Fletcher, which called forth great applause. Next, Mr. Ashton Fletcher, the W. A. of our Cadets, addressed the meeting, directing his discourse chiefly to the Section. The meeting was next addressed by E. Dyer, D. G. W. P., Richmond Hill, the Rev. Mr. Gledhill; and last by the soul stirring voice of the Rev. Robt. Dick, of Toronto. This worthy brother addressed the meeting for some length of time, displaying his talents to great advantage.

During the addresses of the above named gentlemen, our W. P. had his heart so warmed in the cause, that in his closing remarks, he gave a challenge to the whole audience, that if there was a single individual in the whole assembly that would lift his hand to become a Son, he (the W. P.) would abandon the pernicious habit of smoking; so long as that individual would remain a Son of Temperance. The challenge was immediately accepted by a young man named Ganton Thompson. No sooner had the young man taken down his hand, than the pipe of the W. P. was dashed in fragments at the feet of the audience. This young man, along with four others, has since surrendered up the poison cup, dashed down the cloqua rite bowl, and joined our ranks, determined by the blessing of God, never more to be bit by the serpent or stung by the adder. Our numbers are still increasing, propositions for membership and injurious services, are our weekly employments. Powerful arguments and gentle words are the weapons of our warfare.

I have likewise to inform you that we have returned Mr. J. Stoenburgh, the T. of our division, as a license inspector. But still we meet with some that are opposed to our cause. Individuals that profess to take so much interest in the cause should be more liberal, in order that tracts, pamphlets, and periodicals, such as the Literary Gem, Temperance Advocate, and others may be circulated throughout the length and breadth of the land. When this is done new divisions will be formed, where the name of our cause exists. Should there be any individuals who will stand aloof from our cause, let it not be told in Gath or published in the streets of Askelon, lest the friends of the pot should rejoice, lest the demons of darkness should triumph.

Yours, in L. P. and F.,
W. TRUDGEN, R. S.

Markham, Jan., 14, 1852.

RISING STAR DIVISION, No. 176.

Postage.—Whereas several communications have been received by our division without the postage being paid, for the future we have adopted this law, that no communication shall be received by this division without the postage is previously paid, except from the Grand division, we being willing to post pay all that is sent from our division. All communications for the present quarter must be addressed

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To the Editor of the Son of Temperance.

To the Editor of the Guelph Herald.

SIR AND BROTHER:—I have the pleasure of informing you that the Hon. Adam Fergusson (of Woodhill) has presented the Fergus Division S. of T. with an elegant framed Portrait of Father Mathew, which I was directed to communicate to you, and request you to give it publicity in the Herald. You will please use your own judgment and prudence in regard to the above affair; as the only object the Division have in view, is the promotion of the Temperance cause.

I remain yours in L. P., and F.,
JOHN MENNIE,
R. S. Fergus Division.

Fergus, Jan. 19th, 1852.

DR. JEWETT.—It appears that the Temperance folks of Montreal have got hold of another great advocate, a rival to Gough, but an orator of a different style. The person we allude to is Dr. Charles Jewett, who, if we may credit the American papers, is an awful smasher. Dr. Jewett's speeches have been frequently reported, published, and re-published. One of the most popular volumes upon the Temperance question, is composed of these addresses, and of sundry poetical effusions. We believe that this gentleman has edited, and for ought we know, still edits a newspaper; it is therefore probable, that his advocacy of Temperance will be of a character to commend itself to the educated, as well as to the less favoured classes of society.

The public will be indebted to the Young Men's Temperance Association for the services of this great Lecturer.

Dr. Jewett will be here early in February.—[Pilot.

BARNUM'S MISFICENCE.—It is stated that in consequence of the loss which Mr. Spooner sustained by the destruction, by fire, of the Philadelphia Museum, a few nights ago, which he purchased of Mr. Barnum, last summer, Mr. B. has presented him, unsolicited, with five thousand dollars, and has also cancelled various claims which he held against him. With some faults—and who has them not?—Barnum is generous, and no regard of gains.—Daily S. Register.

GRON.—The following Resolution, passed on Thursday evening last, was sent to us by the Recording Scribe of Gurney Division, No. 5, S. of T.

Resolved unanimously—That this Division take 50 copies of the Temperance Telegraph, and that a Committee be appointed to dispose of the said number of papers.—Telegraph N. B.

WHY was Jonah in the fish's belly like a fashionable lady?

BECAUSE he had more of the *whiskbone* about him than was good for him.

ANECDOTE OF WESLEY.—"I remember," says the celebrated Wesley, "hearing my father say to mother, 'How could you have the patience to tell that blockhead the same thing twenty times over?' 'Why,' said she, 'if I had told him but nineteen times, I should have lost all my labor.'"

We see it mentioned in one of our exchanges, that the Council General of Geneva, the birth-place of Columbus, has just contributed the sum of 15,000 francs towards the erection of a Monument to the memory of that great navigator, in that city.

SINGULAR.—There is at present on Green Point, in Suffolk county, R. I., an old lady 84 years of age, who has for the last twenty years been toothless, but is now eating a new set of masticators.

A MONSTER.—A woman in Paris was condemned to the guillotine, previous to the sailing of the Africa, for having caused forty-three deaths by seven poisonings, while in employment as a servant. Her counsel pleaded monomania, and the question was discussed at length in court by two eminent physicians.

A newspaper, called the *Canadian Freeman*, started in Hamilton,—said to be the organ of the slavery people of Canada. We thought only all Canadians were opposed to slavery.

The *Hamilton Shield*, is the name of a just established at Sarina, a town on the extreme point of Canada. This place is growing as its people are quite enterprising.

An anti-slavery concert was held in Tonawanda, beginning of January to raise funds to be sent to the slaves.

Henry Clay is reported to have declared in favor of Gen. Cass for President.

The daughter of the Hon. Francis Hinckley, been married to Capt. Charles Ready, of the landers. His excellency, the Governor General, present, and many distinguished persons.

The Quebec rail road, connecting that city with the United States, was commenced early in January, turning the first sod. The Hon. John Rolph made a speech on the occasion.

Lumbering is going on in the Ottawa and Arnpark, this winter, with great energy and to a great extent. Immense quantities of white pine are being manufactured, and a hard tug will take place for getting first to market. Wages of men are so high at present as they did a short time ago, that it can be procured at a reasonable rate. It may be concluded that manufacturers will be able to carry on their operations under favourable circumstances.—Ottawa Advocate.

It is affirmed that the total number of killed in Paris and Departments, in carrying out the 'coup d'etat,' is not less than 2,000.

A HARD QUESTION.—One of the members of the church in Southern Kentucky was arraigned before the church not long since on the charge of having a temperance society. The members of the church should be excluded. He then proposed to settle the question, how much liquor members must drink to entitle him to full fellowship.

VARIETIES.

A number of working men in London have petitioned a league to reduce the price of beer.

The London Law List contains the names of more than 3,000 barristers at-law.

Marshal Seidl, one of Napoleon's most distinguished generals, and an eminent statesman, died on the 10th, at St Armand in France. Soult, Napoleon, Wellington, were all born in one year.

Why are puppets on a drunkard's face like gravestones on a London Newspaper? Because they illustrate the *Punch*.

Why is a newspaper like a wife? Because a man ought to have one of his own.

Why is a carrier to be a citizen than a politician? Because it is easier to preach than to practice.

To cure scratches on a horse, wash the warm sores, and then with beef brine. The brine will cure in the worst case.

The Fugitive Slave Law has been declared by Judge Drayton, of Illinois, to be unconstitutional, and that ground he discharged an alleged fugitive who was brought before him.

The Legislature of South Carolina has passed a Homestead Law, exempting dwelling-houses, of land, one horse, and \$25 worth of provisions.

The population of New Orleans is 116,457, 17,009 are slaves.

A bill has been introduced into the Legislature of Texas to establish the Free School system in that State.

The Buffalo Commercial Advertiser announces the opening of the Buffalo and State Line Railroad to the State line.

Assurances have been received from Spain that the Tharsher will be liberated.

The sum of \$541,63, has been raised in New York, in aid of the Hungarian cause.

The professed members of the Society of Friends in Bangor, Maine, they complain of being beggars, who are said to be mostly impostors.