

drinkers do we give this counsel: Take the pledge and join a Total Abstinence Society. Well ought you to know the ultimate result of the course you are pursuing, for have you not had sufficient examples of the sad effects of intemperate habits? Do you not know that, sooner or later, the passion will grow upon you, imperceptibly, perhaps, at first, but surely, until at length you are as fast in the grasp of the vice; that then it is almost too late to recover yourself; and that earthly and eternal misery may be your doom. Why, then, will you not join our ranks, and prevent the possibility of such a dreadful end? Why will you not give your assistance to the Temperance movement, which is designed to confer such benefits upon all.

To those who are already total abstainers, but do not belong to the organization, we wish to say a few words. Come forward and practically aid the cause by your labor and advice; help to advance, as far as in your power, the principles for which we are striving, and seek to serve the cause by your best exertion in behalf of fallen humanity! To all we appeal confidently. We believe, Fellow-Catholics, that you will thoroughly appreciate the importance of the subject to which we *invite* your attention; that you will consider the enormities of Intemperance, and the blessings of Total Abstinence; and that you will throw your influence and support on the side of the moral reform advocated.

The benefits of the Total Abstinence Societies are manifold,—it is unnecessary to repeat them here. The great advantages of belonging to such organizations have frequently been laid before the public, and no doubt are fully understood by everybody. That the CATHOLIC TOTAL ABSTINENCE UNION OF AMERICA is not a mere name is abundantly proved alone by the glorious success that has followed the inauguration of this movement, which may be looked upon as one of the greatest events of the age. From Prince Edward Island to California, in busy city and in quiet hamlet, now flourish branches of the Union. New Brunswick has not failed in doing her duty in the past, for her Societies have increased, and prosperity has attended the work.

The question then is: Will not the present excellent standard be not only maintained but improved? Will not another advance in the interests of Total Abstinence be made? Further effort is required. Then let all who have not yet taken a place under the Temperance Banner range themselves under the marshalship of the Bishops and Priests of the Church, who have so willingly given their time and talents to the propagation of Total Abstinence. Let united action take place, and with a heart and will continue the work so auspiciously begun and so successfully carried out. To conclude, Fellow-

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