

Canada Temperance Advocate.

MONTREAL, OCTOBER 1, 1851.

Two Warnings.

1. TO TAVERN-KEEPERS.—A young man, or rather boy, 17 or 18 years of age, was found sitting, *drunk*, on the gallery stair of one of our churches, last Sabbath evening. While the congregation was dismissing, he still kept his seat, apparently lost in idiot wonder, why the people were crowding past him so. His father has kept a tavern for some years in this city!

2. TO MODERATE DRINKERS.—We have three or four men in our eye just now who always thought it unnecessary to join the Temperance Society. They knew when to stop! They could keep moderate without a vow! They were not going to make brasts of themselves! &c., &c. So they have been going on for some time, but they are gradually sinking. Their attire is becoming meaner, and their countenance more haggard than before; they are not the men they were, neither in personal appearance nor in their position in society. We pity them as we see them lounging about the streets—their hats and coats greatly the worse of wear—their linen soiled—their beards undressed—and their sunk-in eye showing plainly the entire absence of the energy and diligence which they once displayed, we say we pity them, for we know what it is coming to. They are preparing to fall as victims to the demon of alcohol! Let all moderate drinkers refrain in time.

Boston Celebration.

In common with all those who had the pleasure of being present at the late Boston Railway Celebration, we feel called upon publicly to acknowledge our obligation for the privilege we enjoyed, as well as for the uniform kindness and urbanity of all with whom we came in contact. We should make public mention of the Sons of Temperance, who were not found wanting in their attention, as will be seen from the following extract from an advertisement which appeared in the papers of Boston:

Cochituate Hall, Phillips' Place.—The undersigned, a Committee appointed by Shakspeare Division, No. 46, to make arrangements in regard to the Celebration of the 17th, 18th, and 19th Sept.ember, hereby give notice, that the Rooms of the Division at Cochituate Hall, Phillips' Place, Tremont Street will be open on each of the above-named days, from 9 in the morning until 1 o'clock in the afternoon, for the convenience of visiting Brothers, and the Order generally. Brothers from abroad will find in attendance a Committee, whose duty and pleasure it will be to make their acquaintance, and who will give them any information, and afford them every facility for making their stay agreeable while in the city.

It is the wish of the Division to carry out, as far as lies in their power, the hospitable intentions of the City Authorities, and they most cordially invite all Brothers of the Order, throughout the United States and the British Provinces, who may be in the city during the days of the Celebration, to make the Division Room their headquarters.

We do not feel at liberty to take up our paper with an account of the celebration, but we cannot omit to notice the great triumph to our principles in the manner in which the great banquet was observed. Over 3000 sat down, the tables were supplied with all that the appetite could desire, but not a drop of intoxicating liquor; and even under the old system we never saw such an enthusiastic meeting, better toasts, better speeches, nor those more vehemently responded to, and yet we had no confusion—not a jar. Of course

temperance men could understand and account for all this, but those who have all along been accustomed to a different beverage than cold water and coffee on such occasions could not understand it, still they were forced, however reluctantly, to admit that it "went off to admiration;" nay more, that such an occasion could not have been managed at all had intoxicating drinks been used. In view of our temperance principles, we had only one regret in connection with the whole affair. We regret to the injudicious use of intoxicating liquor on board the boats on the day of the excursion in the Harbour. On this subject we submit a very sensible communication which appeared in one of the Boston papers:—

THE USE OF LIQUOR AT THE LATE CELEBRATION.

The following communication has been handed to us for publication by a respectable gentleman from Canada, who was a guest of the city during the recent celebration. We have reason to believe that it represents the sentiments of a good portion of the large and respectable delegation of Canadians who participated in the festivities of the past week:—

Boston, Sept. 19, 1851.

To the Editors of the Evening Traveller.—We are unwilling to leave this city without giving expression to the great gratification we have experienced in visiting your many admirable public institutions, and especially your justly celebrated Common Schools. We had heard much of them; but after a personal inspection, we can truly say, "The half had not been told us."

Whilst returning our best thanks for the very kind card of invitation, signed by your Mayor, to your great celebration, we must also acknowledge the uniform courtesy of all connected with the railroads and public institutions, upon whom the mere sight of the envelope containing it, operated like a talisman wherever we went.

It is, therefore, with extreme reluctance, and only under the pressure of a sense of duty, that we add a word with respect to the profuse supply and free use of intoxicating drinks on board the steamers containing the guests of the city, in their pleasure trip on Boston Bay.

Canadians have been in the habit of looking up to New England as a pattern, with regard to Temperance, and all the efforts of Temperance men in Canada have been aided by reference to the excellence of your laws and practice in this respect. You may, therefore, conceive the extent of the injurious influence which this display of intoxicating drinks before so many Canadians is likely to exert.

We appreciate the kindness which prompted a provision of what your authorities doubtless believed would prove acceptable to their guests, and believe that this departure from your own usages, to conform to those which are presumed to prevail in Canada, was owing purely to an excess of hospitality; but motives of kindness and hospitality originated nearly all the drinking usages of society which have so long desolated the world, and against which New England has so ably and successfully contended.

We have no doubt that Canadians generally came with the intention of conforming willingly to your usages, and that they would have gone away with more real admiration for your city and commonwealth, had you entertained them on Temperance principles, as probably most of them anticipated.—Besides, many of them were total abstainers at home, some of whom may have been tempted, out of respect for you, to partake against their own better judgment, of that which you, in opposition to your better judgment, provided out of courtesy for them.

This allay to our general satisfaction we respectfully take the liberty of mentioning in the hope that any future civic intercourse (and may it be frequent, happy and beneficial on both sides) may leave out that which must prove a hindrance to the Temperance cause, on the success of which the prosperity of both countries greatly depends.

Should the social and complimentary intercourse of the two countries be marked by such scenes as those of the pleasure trip on Boston Bay, it will be looked upon as a calamity by the good and wise; whereas if the plan adopted by the authorities at the banquet on the Common be adhered to on both sides, the happiness and benefit of the interchange of civilities will be without