

bowl, and his family rejoiced in his apparent reformation, but with returning day the gnawings of a depraved appetite commenced their preying upon the poor victim; he went out to cool his fever in the fresh air; every one he met shunned him. His former companions he dared not associate with, and the respectable of the community were unwilling to make a companion of the newly reformed inebriate. He felt himself to be alone in the world, and was it any wonder that, under such circumstances, he should again fall away. See him now; appetite has regained the ascendancy; he has given way to the promptings of a diseased imagination, and again is in the meshes of the great destroyer. No brother's hand is stretched out to save him; no friendly arm is thrown around to raise him up. Is the son of Temperance thus left bruised and beaten to perish among enemies? Not if it be within the bounds of moral influence to reclaim and save him.

The method of introduction to our Order is in itself a safeguard against the dangers which have attended former organizations. The person by dint of persuasion or otherwise becomes convinced of the danger of continuing his present course of debauchery. The Son of Temperance is at hand ready to encourage his good resolves, and to propose him for initiation into the order. One week must necessarily elapse between the time of his proposition and his initiation, and during this time he has an opportunity of reflecting upon the step which he is about to take, and encouraged by the friends of humanity who cluster around him, to prevent if possible the sense of loneliness and a consequent return to the baneful habit, the man comes up to the Division Room, and is introduced into a band of brothers, ready to extend to him the right hand of fellowship, and to support him in the hour of trial and temptation. Do we deprive him of his accustomed stimulant? We give him a holier one,—an honest ambition to assume his proper standing in society. Do we deprive him of his pleasant evenings spent in the tavern bar-room? We give him pleasanter