

Thompson; we have now the pleasure of recording that a similar compliment was paid to P. G. W. P. Wm. M. Brown, by the Athenæum Division, on Friday evening, the 31st of July. There was a very good attendance of members of the City Divisions present on the occasion.

Brother Brown is well known throughout the Province as an earnest and zealous advocate of total abstinence. He became connected with the Halifax Temperance Society about twenty-five or twenty-six years ago, of which body he was the active Secretary for a number of years, and for the last three years he has held the office of President. When the Order of the "Sons" was introduced into Halifax he connected himself with the first Division organised—Chebucto—and is consequently the senior P. W. P. in the city. He held the office of Grand Worthy Patriarch of the Grand Division of this Province from October 1851 to October 1852, which honour entitles him to a seat in the National Division, at present the highest branch of the Order. His labours in behalf of the Military during the past winter have been several times referred to in the columns of the *Abstainer*.—We regret that want of time prevents us from extending our notice of the many valuable services rendered to the temperance cause by Brother Brown, but have much pleasure in appending copies of the Address presented to him on the occasion to which we refer, with his Reply.

ADDRESS.

To P. G. W. P. W. M. Brown, of the Grand Division and Senior P. W. P. of Athenæum Division of Sons of Temperance in N. S. WORTHY BROTHER,—

In consideration of your unabated zeal in the cause for which we are all enlisted, viz., that of rescuing inebriates from misery and degradation, and of preventing sober men from becoming intemperate, and having known you for many years as a staunch advocate of total abstinence from all that may intoxicate, the Athenæum Division have resolved to offer for your acceptance a "Regalia" of the National Division of Sons of Temperance, of which body you are a member, and we now respectfully present the same.*

May you live many years to wear it, and when you place it on your breast may it encourage you to greater efforts in the benevolent work in which you are engaged, and may the sight of it stimulate us all to follow in your footsteps.

Notwithstanding the many years of labour in the temperance cause there are thousands of our fellow creatures still given to the vice of intoxication, and it is the duty of all Sons of Temperance to be watchful, active and zealous to cure the evil.

May our Order increase in numbers and efficiency, till the whole Province be rid of that awful vice to which so many are now addicted.

On behalf of the Athenæum Division, No. 96,

WILLIAM L. BELL, W.P.,
M. G. BLACK, JR., P.W.P.

Halifax, N. S., July 31st, 1857.

REPLY.

WORTHY PATRIARCH AND BROTHERS,—Your approval of my humble efforts, in connexion with yourselves, for the promotion of the principle and practice of total abstinence

gives me much pleasure, as I cannot esteem lightly the expression of a good opinion on the part of those who have long been observers of my conduct, however limited in my own view those efforts may appear, of which you are pleased to make honourable mention. The costly Regalia which accompanies this expression enhances its value, inasmuch as in the future it will serve to remind of the duty devolving on me to preserve unsullied the reputation for activity in a good work, which (to some extent, at least) your kindness and partiality have accorded to me.

To be useful, brothers, in our day and generation should be our ambition, and we all can realize the pleasure that is to be derived from that source; for however small our talents or opportunities, much benefit to others will surely result from continuous and well directed efforts.

There is nothing more calculated to inspire us with zeal than an assurance that our course is one of which an enlightened conscience must approve; and while we trust for a blessing on those labours which are bestowed in a christian spirit, we will never want encouragement, however unpromising the aspects may occasionally be.

Our Order, brothers, gives promise of continued and extended usefulness, and when the public mind can be aroused to see the necessity of enlarged and combined effort on the subject of the prohibition of the sale of strong drinks, so well formed an organization cannot fail to attract those who labour for its accomplishment.

Brethren, let brotherly love continue—union is strength—and, while we rejoice in the increase of our members and enlargement of our funds, let each remember that, as in a well constructed building, each stone is required for beauty and strength, so in our moral edifice every member is required to be continually in his place, that those who are around and above in the Order may be well sustained;—and not only that the beholder may admire the appearance presented of unity and efficiency, but that our walls, enlarged by the numerous additions of well arranged and united members, may resist every assault, and that multitudes, once heart-stricken, sad, and afflicted through strong drink, may be made to rejoice in the security afforded through the instrumentality of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

Your good wishes, brothers, I cordially reciprocate. We have laboured harmoniously in time past;—may the spirit of discord be ever banished by the exercise of christian charity and forbearance, and the "star of temperance shine the brighter in the light of your virtues."

Yours fraternally,

WM. M. BROWN.

Halifax, 31st July, 1857.

A very large meeting (quarterly) of the Halifax Catholic Total Abstinence Society was held in the Temperance Hall on Monday evening, 3rd inst. This Society is progressing very favorably; but few violations of the pledge have been brought to the notice of the officers. The Rev President is very active, and devotes the principal portion of his time to the spread of total abstinence among his flock. Arrangements have been made for a great Procession of the Society on the 15th inst., an account of which will be given in next number.

The D. G. W. P. held two general meetings of the members of the Order within the

last month, at which several important questions were discussed—among them some of the usages, &c., of the Order; also the impriety of members entering places where liquors were sold, (except in cases of unavoidable necessity,) particularly on the Sunday, which practice was severely commented on by a number of the brethren, and voted as a departure from the principles of the pledge.—These meetings for the future will be held monthly, and we anticipate good results from them.

The Halifax *Sun* has changed hands—Mr A. J. Ritchie having become Proprietor and Publisher, and J. S. Thompson, Esq., Editor; both gentlemen are members of the Order.—We congratulate the brothers on the new duties assumed by them, and the temperance friends on having another journal which will notice the progress of temperance and intemperance "fairly and honestly." May the *Sun* long continue to shine, and keep our principles before the public.

LETTER FROM PETER SINCLAIR TO THE CHILDREN OF AMERICA.

DEAR CHILDREN.—The little boys and girls of Great Britain have been for several years past much interested in the effort that has been making to get the people of that country to cease from using ale, beer, cider, wine, rum, whiskey, gin, brandy, and other intoxicating liquors as drinks or beverages.

They have formed themselves into Juvenile Abstinence Societies or Bands of Hope, (as they are sometimes called,) and agreed that they will neither touch, taste, nor handle these liquors; because they believe that children who learn to take little drops are in danger of taking larger ones when they grow older, and think it safe not to begin the habit of tasting.

Many hundreds of thousands have become members of these societies. Indeed, I am sure there have been more than a million of juvenile abstainers in Britain. The little girls and boys who first joined these societies have grown up to be young women and young men, and they are now the officers or managers of the societies of which they were originally only members. Some of them have joined the grown-up people's societies, and are among the most active and useful members and officers. A large number of them became devoted Sabbath-school teachers—many of them are ministers of the Gospel—others are filling places of trust and responsibility in our largest mercantile establishments and public institutions, and are reaping the reward of their early training.

It has long been my privilege to labor amongst these young people, and to aid them in the abstinence, Sabbath-school, and missionary enterprises; and having read much and heard much about what the children in America had done, and what their fathers, and mothers, and sisters, and brothers were still doing, for the advancement of this good cause, I longed to have an opportunity of meeting you and them, that I might learn all I could of the plans you had adopted to obtain your success, and be enabled to aid my young friends in Britain to press on still more vigorously than ever, till we should be able to attain a Maine law for our native land.

I was sorry to find, on my arrival in New York, that many of the best friends of the temperance cause were much discouraged by the recent reverses which they had ex-

* Here the W. P. invested the brother with the Regalia.