



Ladies' Department.

THE SPIRIT BIRD.

Fly home to my mother, thou spirit bird,
And carry these notes of love;
And tell her a chord in my heart, is stirred;
It vibrates to those above;
For her voice, methinks, on the summer air,
Comes stealing so sweetly along,
It wakes me to thoughts of that world so fair,
Of the happy, the glorious throng.

Fly away sweet bird, to my dearest home;
But carry no sorrow there.
O! tell her in swelling tones, I come,
Her saddened heart to cheer.
This token of love, I pray thee now bear,
Nor tarry thee, in thy flight.
In gentlest tones, crave a lock of her hair,
Then bid her a sweet "good night."

O! rest thee awhile in the leafy bower,
Where my blue-eyed Sister strays;
And sing to her, with thy magic power,
Thy sweetest notes of praise;
For her harp is broken! its strings unswept!
The light of her eye has fled!
For the grief of the orphan, has o'er her crept,
And its sombre sadness shed.

Then go to the grave of that Father dear,
And warble a pensive sigh,
In memory of grief's bitterest tear,
That a father loved must die.
Go sing thee a dirge, then soar thee to heaven,
To the spirit-land above;
And bring in thy beak, when fades the cren,
Sweet messages of love.

In night's silent watch, mid the darkness deep,
Bright, radiant forms I see;
And in sweetest music, that wakes from sleep,
I hear them calling for me.
O! haste thee, bird, for I long to know
Of that Angel Band, so fair;
Say, why such beautiful robes of light,
Such glorious crowns they wear!

LILLIE.

Champion, Dec. 29, 1851.

To the Editor of the Son of Temperance.

GRAND DEMONSTRATION, PRESENTATION, AND FESTIVAL, AT AYLMER, C. W.

SIX AND BROTHER

On Friday last, the Sons of Temperance here hold a Grand Public Demonstration and Festival, in honor of this, the first anniversary of the Aylmer Division.

Considerable interest was excited in the affair for some time previously, as in addition to the other attractions of the day, it was known that the Ladies of Aylmer had by joint resolution purchased a handsome Bible and cushion, which was to be presented on the occasion. Several distinguished advocates of the cause

from a neighboring town were also expected to honor the proceedings with their presence, and adorn them with their eloquence; but the inclemency of the weather for a few days previous rendered the roads almost impassable and of course deprived us of so rich a treat. But their places were well supplied by the Rev. gentleman who officiated in their stead.

At half-past eleven, A. M., the Sons met in the Division room, and having clothed themselves in regalia, proceeded in order to the place of meeting. The Cadets followed their example, and on entering the Methodist Chapel, the place of meeting,—at 12 we were glad to see a full attendance, and what pleased us most of all to observe so many of the Fair Sex grace the meeting with their presence.

Shortly after 12 o'clock the meeting was opened by prayer by the Rev. Geo. Kennedy, after which Mrs. P. Hoagkinson rose, and on behalf of the Ladies presented to Elder Marsh, Chaplain of the Division, a large, handsome Bible, superbly finished, and a silk velvet cushion, beautifully ornamented with appropriate tassels &c.; accompanying the gift with the following address, which Mrs. H. read in a clear and graceful style.

LADIES ADDRESS.

MR. CHAPLAIN:—I have the honor, in behalf of the Ladies of Aylmer, to present to you, as Chaplain of the Sons of Temperance of Aylmer, a copy of the Holy Scriptures, and a Cushion, and beg you will accept them as a memento of the high estimation in which the Ladies of Aylmer regard your praise-worthy exertions in the cause of temperance and benevolence—a cause which we find fully recognised in this good Book—and when we read therein that no drunkard shall inherit eternal life, we trust that not only is the reclaimed drunkard placed in a more hopeful position, but that the rising generation will be beset by fewer snares, and that many who would under by-gone influences be travelling in the inebriate's downward road to destruction, will, through the influence of the Gospel, be rejoicing in the heirs of the better promise.

That this cause may go on and prosper to the ameliorating of the condition of thousands, and be instrumental in the setting forth the praise and glory of Almighty God, is the prayer of the wives and mothers of Aylmer.

At the close of which, Elder Marsh delivered a lengthy and able reply.

[This very excellent document we have to omit until our next, and would say we have seldom read a better one.—Ed. Son.]

This part of the proceedings having been finished, all seemed highly interested; and as we glanced along the various seats at this stage, we could read beaming in the countenances of every one, the feelings of their hearts, feelings of deepest gratitude and delight, and we are sure that this days proceedings, as well as the glorious memento of the goodness and philanthropy of the ladies just presented, will long find a place in the warm remembrances of the Sons of Aylmer.

The Rev. Mr. Kennedy next favored us with a splendid address; indeed, such is one as we rarely hear in these parts. It was at once replete with argument, sound reasoning and well-timed rhetoric. He showed in forcible language the evils of the drinking system, and pointed out in language as forcible, the blessings, the innumerable blessings to be reaped by the faithful Son of Temperance. He impressed upon all the great necessity of being true to their principles, and came down with the thunders of his eloquence on those backsliders, who, regardless of their sacred vows, had succumbed to the allurements of the enemy, and on those who had sacrificed the glorious principles they had sworn to maintain at the altar of filthy lucre.

Elder Marsh then delivered in his usual impressive and agreeable style, an address, at once pertinent and appropriate; during the course of which he took occasion more than once to refer to the vast amount of help the cause had sustained here, at the hands of the ladies, and concluded the proceedings by an appropriate prayer to the Fount of Grace, after which the meeting separated, each better pleased than another with the proceedings of the day.

At half-past two o'clock, about 70 persons sat down to a splendid dinner in the Temperance House. Here again the ladies also graced the festal board with their happy, smiling faces. After justice had been done to all the eatables and many delicacies of the table, Mr. W. H. Tisdale, merchant, proposed a vote of thanks to

Mr. Bates, the proprietor of the House, for the handsome manner in which he had got up the dinner, which was duly seconded and carried by acclamation. And we here humbly endorse the sentiment, as the affair was actually done up in first-rate style, and in a manner well calculated to ensure the future success of our young candidate for temperance patronage.

We had intended to have given you a brief history of the rise and progress of the order here, but having trespassed too far already, we reserve it for a future time. Before closing, however, we may just state that the Order is in a prosperous condition, and that the meetings are generally well attended. To-night we had a good meeting. The new officers for the quarter were installed by Br. John Murdock, D.G.W.P. They are as follows:

J. F. Marsh, W. P.; Elder Marsh, W. A.; T. M. Nairn, R. S.; James Buchanan, A. R. S.; E. Crook, F. S.; H. Martin, T.; C. Hayward, C.; E. Page, A. C.; B. Emmett, I. S.; S. Westard, O. S.

A SON OF AYLMER.

Aylmer, C. W., Jan., 1852.

A THRILLING STORY.

An extraordinary story is told by Capt. Wallace of a lover and his mistress, who were saved in a miraculous manner from the jaws of a shark: "A transport with a part of a regiment on board, was sailing with a gentle breeze along the coast of Spain. One of the officers was leaning over the poop railing, conversing with a young lady who had inspired him with the tender passion. The fair one was in the act of handing a paper to her lover, when, overreaching herself, she fell into the sea, and supported by her clothes, drifted astern. The officer lost no time in jumping in after her and upheld her by one arm. The sails were quickly backed, the ship lay to, and preparations were made to lower the boat when, to the dismay of all on board a large shark appeared under the keel of the vessel, gliding towards its victims. A shout of terror from the agitated spectators called the attention of the officer to the approaching danger; he saw the monster's length rear him; he made a desperate effort, plunged and splashed the water so as to frighten the shark, who turned and dived out of sight. The current had now carried the officer and the lady close to the vessel, when the shark appeared a second time, and was in the act of turning on his back to seize the hapless pair, when a private of the officer's company, who was in the hammock nettings, jumped fearlessly overboard with a bayonet in his hand, which he plunged in the back of the shark, which instantly disappearing, the three were saved, before he had time to make his appearance.

HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS—GATHERINGS.—Rings of any colour should be washed in soap suds and not rinsed. Iron them wet, and they will be stiff and nice as new, except some kinds of pink and blue, which will fade. These may be dyed to look as well as ever. Dip the blue into a little cold bluing and water, and the pink into carmine, from a pink saucer, according to directions, and they will be perfectly restored. Marble fire places should not be washed with suds, it will, in time, destroy the polish. After the dust is wiped off, rub the spots with a nice oiled cloth, then rub dry with a soft rag. When you rub the knobs of your doors, use a piece of paste board as large as your two hands, with a small hole large enough just to encircle the knob—the centre, and a slit in the paper to let it in. The slippage will keep off all soil from the paint, and a nice way of doing it.—[Am. Ag.]

The greater the difficulty the more glory there is in surmounting it; skilful pilots gain their reputation from storms and tempests.

Smiles are the sunshine of the heart, imparting beauty and radiance to the plainest features, and shedding a glow of pleasure and delight on a around.