

principle incurs the loss of the privilege of Rechabism in any Tent and a forfeiture of what pecuniary advances may have been made. And as pecuniary advantage of a permanent nature is thus interwoven with teetotalism, over and besides the other benefits incident to teetotal practice, it is evident that considerable stability and security is thus added to the national temperance cause.

A few teetotalers, in Salford, thus first united together, and formed a kind of Teetotal Benefit Society; but as it was desirable soon to extend the benefit of such Associations to other places, it was determined, in 1835, to establish a National Society, on the mutual and provident principles of the various Secret Orders, but free from all the evil consequences necessarily arising from their being connected with public houses as well as from the drinking habits of their members. The superiority of an institution like the *Independent Order of Rechabites* over every other similar Association, the members of which are addicted to the prevailing drinking habits, and whose funds must consequently be most heavily taxed for the relief of sickness resulting from the free use of intoxicating liquors, and the expenses of funerals