

but the castle has fallen and they have asked us to come to-night and help to build it up again. This is a wise thing. Ontario Division had miscalculated the strength of the enemy." He then remarked that should the cholera or typhus fever visit our city, boards of health would immediately be at work, and every thing done that could be done to stop the ravages of disease. But nearly eight thousand people die annually from the use of intoxicating liquors in this Dominion—this Canada of ours—with its population of only four millions. If the cholera swept away these eight thousand victims we would think it a fearful thing; but the dying of drunkards is such a common occurrence that people in general pay little heed to it. Sixty thousand persons die annually in the United States, and seventy thousand in Great Britain, from the same cause. "God never intended that we should drink liquor, otherwise He would have provided it for us. Water is all that is necessary for health, but man thought he would convert God's good gifts, wheat, etc., into alcohol, and with the agency of the devil, he had done so." Mr. Rose then went on to explain how alcohol is never found in fruits and grains in their natural condition as they come from the hand of God; it is only through the process of corruption and decay that men are able to produce "this devil," which is working so much harm. The speaker next showed the fallacies of "moderation societies," and of those which allow the use of lager beer, etc. Nothing but total abstinence would cure the evil. Since their organization, the Sons of Temperance have worked wonders. Millions of persons had signed the pledge through them. But we under-rated the strength of our enemies, and our "castles" have been falling down. "There is a great battle coming," added the Brother "and I'm glad of it." He said that the final struggle would be a terrible one, that the enemy would not, he feared, give up his vested rights without the shedding of blood. He then spoke

of the "good time coming" for which we must wait a little longer. In conclusion, he addressed the audience as follows: "We want you to join our Order, we want you to come and help us, there is work for you all to do; but *if you won't come and help us, I appeal to you to become teetotallers and swear that you will never again touch the accursed thing!*" The speaker resumed his seat amid applause. At this point the chairman remarked earnestly to the audience, that although the famine in Ireland had been so fearful, yet *not a single distillery was closed*: in one city alone £50,000 had been passed over the counters for intoxicating liquors, and this in the midst of misery and starvation. Songs and recitations followed and the meeting came to a close at 10.15 P.M.—In the bonds of the Order,

A MEMBER.

Toronto, 4th May, 1880.

### Miscellaneous.

#### Education of Children.

By Dr. Channing.

HERE is no office higher than that of a teacher of youth for there is nothing on earth so precious as the mind, soul, character of the child. No office should be regarded with greater respect. The first minds in the community should be encouraged to assume it. Parents should do all but impoverish themselves to induce such to become the guardians and guides of their children. To this good, all their show and luxury should be sacrificed. Here they should be lavish, whilst they straighten themselves in everything else. They should wear the cheapest clothes, live on the plainest food, if they can in no other way secure to their families the best instruction. They should have no anxiety to accumulate property for their children, provided they can place them under influences which will awaken their faculties, inspire them with pure and high principles, and fit them to bear a manly, useful, and

honourable part in the world. No language can express the cruelty or folly of that economy which, to leave a fortune to a child, starves his intellect, impoverishes his heart. There should be no economy in education. Money should never be weighed against the soul of a child. It should be poured out like water for the child's intellectual and moral life.

#### Hon. Schuyler Colfax on Temperance.

FROM the most learned professors, from the bench and the bar, from even the sacred desk, this demon, like death, has seemed to love to choose a shining mark. Not the narrow soul and heart, not the one who clutches the pennies in his grasp, are the most in danger; but the genial, large-hearted men, who are not fortified as we are fortified by the determination not to yield to the first temptation. None of them are safe. From every profession he has drawn his victims. There is but one class whence he has never drawn any. The coronet on the brow of the noble of the earth, the grandest statesmanship, the highest culture, the most brilliant eloquence, have not saved men. There is but one class that has defied him, and will to the end. It is we who stand, God helping us, with our feet on the rock of safety, against which the waves of temptation may dash, but they shall dash in vain. I implore you to come and stand with us. I plead with you, for I believe that all mankind are my brethren. I believe in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. And if I see an inebriate reeling along the street, I feel that, though debased and fallen, he is my brother still, created in the image of God, destined to an eternal hereafter. And it should be your duty and mine to take him by the hand, and seek to place his feet on the same rock of safety with ours.

An inveterate toper is now called a "sample" case.