

healthy action and harmonious effort. Such a paper is the Abstinence, now making its weekly visits through our Province, and in various parts of the world, appealing silently yet powerfully to the understanding and sympathies of all who peruse its pages, on behalf of the noble cause which it so ably advocates. While I heartily concur in the change from a semi-monthly, to a weekly paper, I would bespeak on behalf of the worthy Editor, a more extended circulation and more liberal patronage.

In conclusion, Worthy Brothers, allow me most heartily to congratulate you on the continued enjoyment of Providential blessings, with permission to meet here in the thriving village of Canning, to exchange fraternal greetings and to adopt measures for future operations. Let us gratefully recognize the merciful hand of Almighty God in the bestowment of all our mercies. And as we seek to enlarge our sphere of operations until it shall "embrace the entire brotherhood of man," let us seek the guidance of Heavenly wisdom and the aid of Almighty power to enable us to carry forward to a successful issue whatever plans may be adopted, assured that our efforts in this good cause will receive the gratitude of the reformed Inebriate—the sanction of all good men and the approbation of Heaven. Remember that our work is far from being done. The Fire-Demon still rages and tears his victims. Many stinking wrecks of humanity, broken hearts and desolated homes give fearful and unmistakable evidence of his destructive reign. And many "good men and true" will grow grey in the service, and die before the monster Intemperance will be dethroned and destroyed.

While there is one broken-hearted wife or mother to cheer—one wayward youth to reclaim—one shattered wretch of a man to snatch from a drunkard's grave and a drunkard's hell, let us be in earnest and "work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

Respectfully submitted,

In L. P. & F.

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