

ty thousand people at the least calculation. The sight was glorious and heart stirring to any one, but especially to a Son to see the long strings of men with gay banners and music floating on the air.

Among the beautiful banners flying in the air that were gazed on with admiration, the most conspicuous, were those of Dundas, Stouffville, Brampton, Ontario and the Grand division. The idea suggested by the Stouffville Banner was the most beautiful; a figure of a Son of Temperance was painted with a lever about to move the world. Oh! brothers, brothers how glorious the idea!! Our principles are to move the world!! Yes, they are destined if carried out to move the world of man, and that in the right way.

The Committee of management had caused to be erected a wooden platform on the College grounds two miles from the city. There the people all assembled standing on the top and sides of a gentle hill; the speakers being seated with the members of the Grand and National divisions, on the platform in the hollow. Ten acres of the ground were alive with the vast throng. Fair eyes were glancing around on the scene, and hundreds of banners were dancing in the breeze; whilst the sweet voices of four bands were sounding on the air. The gazing multitude in gay attires—the music—the bright sun—the blue heavens and the verdant grass, the glossy foliage of the forest trees, all conspired to render the scene delightful, to look upon, and joy and gladness lighted up every face and heart.

The first speaker who addressed the multitude was Bro. P. S. White of Kentucky who for two hours poured forth a speech of great power and eloquence to a delighted audience illustrating his subject with telling facts—thrilling stories that brought tears to the eyes of hundreds and with arguments mighty to convince. After he had concluded Br. Olds, of Ohio, of the National division addressed the audience for half an hour. Whilst these speeches were being made, several of the American gentlemen addressed the Cadets who were seated on the grass in a most beautiful manner. We wish that space would permit us to enlarge now, but we must conclude this sketch of this grand affair. After the speeches the procession again formed and marched to the city and up Wellington Street passing round the Parliament Buildings where the Assembly was in session. At this time the procession was large, but about one third had left. The hour was late and the march had fatigued the people very much. Near three thousand Sons marched round the Parliament buildings.

Very few brethren were present on this day from Oshawa, Whitby village, Prince Albert or Brooklyn. All other divisions in the County of York were pretty well represented. The fullest turn out was from Brampton. Weston, Stouffville, Canton, Central, Hamilton, Dundas, Wellington Square, St. Catherines, Niagara, Thornhill, Richmondhill, Streetsville, Oakville Smithfield, Boltonville, Palermo, and Bowmansville were pretty largely represented. Many other divisions were represented to some extent from various localities. London and Brantford sent a delegation of 20 each. There were Sons present from almost all divisions in Canada. Near 150 members of the Canadian Grand Division, and about 75 of the National Division from 27 States of the American Union, and from some of the lower British Provinces, were in the procession or looking on. In the evening a grand mass meeting in the St. Lawrence Hall took place, where a delighted audience of near 800 were entertained for several hours by speeches from Gen. Cary of Ohio, and the hon. P. S. White of Kentucky, and others. There was also a meeting in the Temperance Hall. On the evening of the 19th an audience of near five hundred listened in the St. Lawrence Hall to speeches from Br. Porter of Rhode Island, and Gen. Smith of New York, and to General Cary again. Brother Cary is a man of great eloquence and energy, as is also Br. White. It is difficult to tell which is the superior. Br. Porter is a very well educated man, and a classical speaker. We think General Cary a man of more eloquence than Gough. This great demonstration cannot help but have a good effect. In numbers it exceeded anything ever seen in British America. It equalled that of Boston for last year, and amid all the bustle and confusion of so vast a concourse of people not one disturbance took place!! We challenge British America and the Canadas to produce any event of the kind with such results. All were joyous—all were orderly—all were decently clad—all were breathing a love for each other and the great family of man. God in his mercy made the heavens and earth smile, and the waters be still; that hovering angels invisible to men might feast on this glorious effort. Oh that this may be but the beginning of a mighty result; destined in these Provinces to consummate a glorious time! The good time coming.

#### GRAND DIVISION OF CANADA AND NATIONAL DIVISION.

These bodies were in session on the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th of June, in Toronto, for short periods each day. Twenty-seven States were re-

presented in the National Division, and one of the lower British Provinces, and Canada West. A question of some interest to Canadians and the Northern States was under discussion in the National Division in reference to the admission of the colored population into brotherhood in the order. A too rigid construction has been heretofore placed on the proceedings of this body of last year. No rule or law was ever made by this body excluding any man on account of color. Our Grand Division, and any Grand Division in the States or elsewhere, can exercise its discretion as to the admission of the colored population. The National Division leaves it optional with them, and will not insist on any particular rule. This is just as it should be. We say let the Grand Division of each State or Province make its own rule in this respect. There can be and ought to be no objection to the admission of any man on account of color, religion or politics. The question ought to be, is the person worthy? We wish and desire to elevate and reform all races and all men, and to make all act as brethren beneath the circuit of the Sun. Are not all men the children of our Heavenly Father? It is not true that any Grand Division was ever compelled to expel any man on account of his color. The members of our National Division have acted thus far in a spirit of brotherly love and conciliation towards each other, and we trust that they will never differ about a mere abstraction. Why should we differ as to trivial matters when such a mighty field is before us to work in? There were members in the National Division from the most distant States—Georgia, Tennessee, Iowa, Missouri, Mississippi, Illinois, Indiana and other distant States were represented. The members were generally persons of great worth and talent. We will give further particulars in our next.

#### SOIREEES.

##### THE ONTARIO DIVISION BANNER.

The ladies of Toronto on the 13th instant presented a most beautiful banner to the Sons of this division. Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Brett, Miss Mackenzie and Mrs. Hurlburt were the deputation. An address was read on the occasion by the Rev. Mr. Richardson on their behalf, to the W. P., Br. E. Lawson, who responded to it in a handsome manner. Refreshments were served to the audience, and several songs and glees were sung. The company was not very large, owing to the high prices of tickets and the arrangements not having been fully understood by the Sons. The Banner is the work we are told of Mrs. Little, and reflects much credit on her artistic skill and taste. It is a truly rich and beautiful production, having upon its front the glorious emblem of Canada, "the beaver and maple leaf." The ladies deserve great credit for their taste in getting it up, and for the manner in which they have persevered to obtain and present it.

##### BANNER TO THE CADETS.

A Banner was presented by the young ladies of Toronto, on the 17th, to the Toronto Section of Cadets, and on the 12th to the Prince Albert Section.