

trust that those who find fault with it on that score, will at least concede to its author, the credit of sincerity in the expression of its opinions.

One thing, however, is certain in the melioration and elevation of man, to something like his original position in the scale of being—in the enlightenment and regeneration of the world, intemperance with its black catalogue of evils and of crimes, is to be banished from the earth. How this most desirable object is to be accomplished, is the great question with philanthropists, who make the great temperance field more particularly their sphere of action.

That the means hitherto employed, will never bring about the desired end, is quite certain, as the past history of the cause will pretty clearly demonstrate. Something more than ordinary means,—a deep, thorough, and far-reaching organization, is needed in the work—an agreement, an understanding among the friends of the cause, throughout the entire Union, to act in concert, with one and the same object in view, to act with energy, and to act efficiently.

Such an organization is "The Order of the Sons of Temperance." The age in which we live, calls for just such action as this Order can command.

The moral and intellectual world is not now, as near the close of the fifteenth century, just issuing from chaos. Our age and country demand the aid of energetic, unwearied, laborious men, in every great moral undertaking; and those who lend their influence to forward the moral enterprises of the day, should remember, that their action is to tell not simply in our own, but in other hands also.

And it should also be remembered, that whatever we do, must be done quickly, for there is a tide in human affairs which waits not—moments on which the fate of an enterprise balances, and such is the present position of our cause. Mighty influences are bearing on us, in high conflict, for good or for evil—decisions of the utmost importance to the cause, touching the legality or illegality of the traffic, in the different states, are soon to be brought in. What these decisions are to be, or how they are to effect our future action and destiny, in the matter, is of course at present uncertain. And at this crisis, nothing short of a strong effort on the part of its friends, may be able to secure to the cause, what ages of repentance cannot recover when lost.

The labors of all needed—none are to be discarded; and the friends of the cause expect, that every "Son of Temperance," especially, will do his duty.

Our enemies are vigilant and powerful, and would rejoice in our overthrow; but they are doomed to be disappointed, and already they are compelled to admit, that

"Another band is reared to stand

Among the brave array,

Before whose might, though hard the fight,

Intemperance dies away;

Our glorious plan to rescue man