tion of the term. Discarding all other objects of
pursuit, we desire steadily to keep the radiant star
of our order in view, to present a safe refuge to the
worn-out mariner on the stormy sea of intempe-
rance. We have but to look round upon society
to become terribly convinced of the deadly ravages
of this Hydra-headed monster. Too long has
drunkenness prevailed. Too long has the destroyer
stalked through the land, like the presiding genius
of perdition, carrying away some of the noblest and
brightest ornaments of society. And still it carries
on its fearful work of destruction, still its ravages are
being felt, and thousands of our fellow-men are being
enveloped within its blood-stained banner, and,
chained to the ruthless car of intemperance, are
being dragged through the dark valley of the
shadow of death and landed on the gloomy shores
of a fearful eternity.

Such, gentle reader, are the characteristics of the
evil with which we combat, and to suppress which
our order was instituted—such are his mighty powers,
that we stand aghast at the mere contemplations of
the miseries that follow in his train. Is any organi-
zation which holds out even a hope of curbing the
power of this spirit fiend not worthy of a trial? Is
it not your duty, reader, to put forth a helping hand
towards the suppression of this vice. We present
the claims of our Order to you as the most effectual
moral safeguard yet presented to the public ; and
we entertain a fond hope and firm conviction that
this organization will be one of the most effectual
agencies in bringing about that glorious day which
" looms in the distance," when the cry of the widow
and the orphan, the offsprings of intemperance, will
no more be heard in the land, when the sounds of
drunken revelry will be forever hushed, and society
shall bless the day which ushered in the glorious
reign of total abstinence, tending, as it will, to
bring glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace
and good will among men.