

New fashion did like liquor casks  
Perambulate each street.  
But oh! a beaming star arose  
And pierced this dark expanse,—  
Dispell'd these soul debasing mists,  
That star was Temperance.  
Lit by its beams ten thousand then  
Shrunk terror stricken back;  
They then discovered they were on  
Destructions downward track.  
Directed by its glorious beams  
The startled thousands flee,  
And rally fast beneath the shade  
Of the fair temprance tree.  
And now more seldom 'tis our fate  
That hateful sight to meet,  
A bloated tuming whisky cask  
Perambulate the street.  
And soon a more effulgent light  
Succeeded that bright star,  
A noble order sprang to life  
And spread its beams afar.  
A noble moral brotherhood  
Whose gaze pale misery shuns—  
Reclaims the vile—the poor relieves,  
That Order is the Sons.

### THE GREAT BROUGHAM DEMONSTRATION, 15th May 1851—A VISIT TO MARKHAM VILLAGE, STOUFFVILLE, BROOKLYN, AND PRINCE ALBERT.

We left the City of Toronto early on Thursday 15th and arrived at Markham village, a few hours afterwards. The township of Markham is one of the most comfortable in appearance that we know. The farmers all seem well off and happy. Their farms have the appearance of thrift and the wheat crop looks well. The drive to the village is beautiful, and the road as level as a floor. The woods and fields were delightful.

The Division here is large spirited and active. There are now 80 members in it. The Division initiated seventeen persons in one night a short time ago. There is a section of Cadets here also numbering 31. On the morning we arrived here they were all dressed up just starting with a fine banner and carriage for Brougham. The Sons are erecting a new hall 50 feet by 24 with a belfry in which to hold meetings and Soirees. The brethren here are doing well.

#### UNIONVILLE DIVISION MARKHAM.

We learned here that our esteemed brother, the Rev. Mr. Kribbs of Stouffville, had just opened a Division at this village in Markham, under favorable auspices. We would feel obliged to the Unionville brethren for the particulars of their Division and their patronage. Unionville is to have a post office soon.

#### STOUFFVILLE DIVISION.

From Markham village to Stouffville, a village situated on the line between the townships of Markham and Whitechurch, the distance is eight miles, over a beautiful road and through a lovely agricultural country. It is a comfortable hour's drive. All who want to enjoy a country drive can't do better than take a day for visiting these two places, and seeing one of the finest agricultural countries in Canada. We had heard that Br. James Holden had lately pulled down his liquor sign, and hoisted the banner of temperance; so we sought his house.

#### JAMES HOLDEN'S TEMPERANCE HOUSE OF STOUFFVILLE.

He was not at home having gone to the Brougham Soiree, but notwithstanding, we got a comfortable meal at his house, which he is just now refitting and preparing to open as a thorough Temperance Inn. He has heretofore kept a common liquor Inn but becoming convinced of the injurious ef-

fects of the traffic he and the Sons of this Division, one clear night put the axe to the root of the tree, on which his liquor sign was hung, and down it came with a tremendous crash; arousing the sleepers in his neighbor's Inn across the road. On its ruins he intends to raise the emblem of the Sons, and we hope all will sustain him. The downfall of this sign of alcohol is the talk of the country for twenty miles around. The Division here is for so small a village very large, numbering upwards of sixty members. There is also a Section of Cadets here. The Division meets on Monday night and is increasing. Few if any places in this county can beat Stouffville, in its number of Sons, in proportion to its size.

From this village we passed on through Pickering and Markham to Brougham, passing through a rich agricultural country; especially that in the northern part of Pickering.

#### THE WHITE BLOSSOMED WILD PLUM TREE.

Throughout the whole route, from Gates' Inn to Brougham 25 miles, we were constantly greeted with the sight, of the white blossomed covering of the wild plum tree of Canada. These trees look in the distance like hillocks of snow. Some of them are as large as the largest apple trees, and a foot in diameter. In the fall they are covered with rich red plums, often very pleasant to the taste. There is only one tree in Canada, that exceeds it in the whiteness of its blossoms and that is the thorn.

#### BROUGHAM DEMONSTRATION.

We arrived here after dinner, but in time for the speeches. The meeting was held in the open air, or rather under the covering of an arbour of hemlock and pine boughs, adjoining the new Temperance Hall, that is now in process of erection. Here we found in the chair, our excellent friend brother Abraham Farewell of Oshawa; a man ever foremost in Canada in every good and wise movement. By his side sat the Rev. Mr. Kribbs, the two Messrs Campbells of Brooklyn, Br. Tucker of Hungerford, and Br. Sherrard of Brougham. Brother Campbell addressed the audience who were seated on benches, for near an hour. The Rev. Br. Kribbs spoke for half an hour, with a most happy effect. Speeches were afterwards made for short periods, by brother Campbell of Brooklyn, brother Tucker, brother Farewell, and the editor of this paper. The audience was numerous and attentive, composed of farmers their wives and daughters, and numerous groups of Cadets, in uniform. We are told that there was a thousand people on the ground during the Soiree and that about 400 took dinner. Altogether this meeting was highly useful and pleasing. Numerous groups of young Cadets were in attendance with banners. In the evening a concert was given at brother Woodruff's Temperance Inn; just opened here. The Sons are here erecting a Temperance Hall, 2 stories high, 50 by 24 feet in size.

#### UXBRIDGE DIVISION.

This division was represented at the Soiree very fully by its numbers. The Franklin Section of Cadets of Uxbridge though small is one of the most enterprising in the county. It numbers upwards of twenty members, and is constantly increasing. It has a fine banner and turned out fully, with banners and regalia, at this Soiree. This Section is the only one which, as a Section patronizes this magazine. The boys sent for it for the use of their room. Uxbridge is a small village, situated in a young but growing township, and has a Division of Sons numbering near thirty. The Division meets on Saturday.

#### PRINCE ALBERT DIVISION.

We spent the night at this village, or rather a mile from it, at Borelia. The Sons here require a good Temperance Inn, which we hope they will have in Br. Eadie's contemplated Temperance House. The Division here is in a very flourish-

ing state. It has about 80 members. Some time ago they initiated 10 members in one night. They have a Temperance Hall 20 by 80 feet in size. Most of the men of influence here are Sons. A few of the Merchants, stand aloof, refusing to join with the temperance men in a good cause.

#### BROOKLYN.

We left the village of Prince Albert, and visited this pleasant village, where we dined. The Division here is not increasing much, but still the village is full of the friends of the cause. It has a Section of Cadets numbering 25. Brother Kelly is Worthy Patron, and there is a large union of Daughters here also. There was a Soiree of the Sons held here, last Saturday, which also invited we could not attend. We trust that it will do good and would feel obliged if the brethren would send us the particulars of it.

#### TEMPERANCE NEWS.

RICHMONDHILL SOIREE, WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY, 1851.—The Division at this village is to have a soiree on this day. We are happy to see this. We will if possible attend, although it may be that business will call us to Hamilton. It only requires a little exertion on the part of surrounding divisions to give this division such a start as to include within it a hundred members. The village is large and there is an ample field to work in. Brothers attending should be there as early as half-past one o'clock.

#### STATISTICS OF THIS DIVISION.

Br. Graham has sent us a letter saying this division now numbers 36 members. It meets on Monday, and has a section of cadets numbering 13. The officers of the Division are now David Atkinson, W. P., Samuel Stark, R. S., and Geo. Graham, W. A.

THE Central Division Soiree came off on the 22nd May. The weather in the fore part of the day was rainy which prevented many from attending who otherwise would have attended. As it was there was a large and pleasant company. The weather in the afternoon was fine, the rain having ceased. We arrived there at five o'clock and found a very pleasant company of ladies and gentlemen seated at the tables in the locust avenue of Rev. James Harris partaking of an excellent tea with refreshments. A Band was playing and every one seemed delighted with the romantic appearance of the scene. Soon after the company proceeded to the neighboring Chapel where speeches were made by the Chairman Peter Lawrence, Esq., Bro. Milne, the editor of this paper and the Rev. Mr. Brown.

Between the speeches a company of the Cadets of the Toronto Section under the superintendence of Br. E. Lawson entertained the audience with songs and recitations assisted by the Section of Mr. Townsend. There were about 300 persons present all of whom seemed highly delighted and the Soiree broke up at nine o'clock. There was a large attendance of ladies. Much credit is due Mr. and Mrs. Harris in their kindness in giving their grounds on the occasion.

The Ladies Soiree and Presentation of a splendid Banner to the Ontario Division 13th June 1851 will be a fine affair. We will allude to it at length in our next.

UXBRIDGE Division meets on Saturday and now numbers 21 members, and has a very enterprising Section of Cadets. The Cadets of this section turned out in full dress at the Brougham Soiree.