

obscure in its rise, but truly glorious in its results, sprang up. The reader will readily recognise here the great Washingtonian Phalanx. Never did truth progress with such rapid strides as during the two years of the existence of this movement. It originated in the heart of drunkenness, and it struck a responsive chord in the breast of the inebriate which made him resolve on emancipating himself, and a crusade for the benefit of his fellows. Man spoke to man. The drunkard of yesterday depicted in glowing colors, and with all the fire of living eloquence, the horrors of this evil, and called upon all to sign the pledge of emancipation. Two years passed, and 500,000 drunkards were reclaimed—500,000 families were made happy. But the movement was as transient as it was glorious. It lacked the first element of success. Started in a moment of excitement, its advocates neglected to secure the important advantages they had gained; the fortress was taken, and then left open to the ravages of the enemy; in short, ere this bright luminary had reached half its meridian height, the moral heavens were clouded in darkness, and a desolating tide rolled back upon them. Such was the state of Washingtonianism, when another star appeared above the horizon, and as it approached nearer and nearer, and its beautiful proportions became more apparent, it displayed its tricolor of red, white, and blue, and spread its protecting shield around the weak and faltering, upholding them in their resolves by the blessed influence of Love, Purity & Fidelity.

I shall first briefly notice the advantages which the Order of the Sons of Temperance presents over what is called the old societies, and then review a few of the prominent objections which have been urged against it.

In the old total abstinence societies, as was the case with the Washingtonians, no proper steps were taken to secure the advantages gained. At a public meeting, under the eloquent appeals of the temperance lecturer, the poor inebriate was induced to sign the pledge. He returned to his house with a strong resolve never again to touch the intoxicating

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