

*Religiously* considered; also One Hundred Guineas, in a Silver Vase, for the best Essay on Temperance *morally* considered; and One Hundred Guineas, in a Silver Vase, for the best Essay on Temperance *Statistically* considered. This splendid offer is made by the High Sheriff of Northumberland—Sir Horace St. Paul, of Ewart Park, Wooler, Northumberland, to whom all Essays must be sent by post.

The *Moral Essay* is proposed to embrace the physical, social, and domestic influences of temperance, as the pioneer of popular education and improvement.

The *Statistical Essay* is intended to aim at the impolicy (irrespective of the sinfulness) of our laws in winking at the drunkenness of the people for the sake of keeping up one source of revenue, while it thereby lessens many others—lessens also the means of the middle classes to bear taxation, by incalculably increasing the public burdens now necessary for paupers and criminals.

The word "Temperance" is here used as generally understood by the societies to mean total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors.

In laying this noble offer before our readers, we cannot refrain from expressing the great satisfaction it has afforded us—conceiving it remarkably calculated to direct the attention of the public to the importance of our cause in some of its most important bearings; the ignorance respecting which, amongst even the intelligent classes, we not unfrequently find to be very great.

Through some unaccountable oversight, the following communication from Adhesive Division, No. 118, Sons of Temperance, Niagara, has been overlooked till the present. We give it insertion, without comment, as information to the brotherhood:—

According to the Constitution of the National Division of the Sons of Temperance, by which all Subordinate Divisions are necessarily in a great measure governed, a member of a Division on removing from any locality, and becoming a member of another Division, is not entitled to benefits until the expiration of six months from the period of entering such Division. This, in the opinion of your Committee appointed to enquire into the matter, is injurious to the interests of the Order. Members have frequently occasion to remove from one place to another, and were this Regulation generally known, it is probable many persons would be deterred from associating themselves with the Institution.

As it is desirable to remove every hindrance out of the way of the successful operation of an organization so benevolent in its object, and so beneficial in its results, as that with which we have the happiness to be connected, your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:—

**Resolved**,—That it is manifestly unjust, and calculated to retard the prosperity of the Sons of Temperance, to require a member who joins any Division by card, to remain six months before he can be entitled to the benefits of the Order.

**Resolved**,—That it is highly expedient, that every brother in good standing, who may have occasion to remove from one Division to another, should, on paying a fee of five shillings, be placed in the same position, in regard to privileges, as he occupied in the Division to which he had previously belonged. And in the event of such brother becoming sick, during the first six months of his connection with such Division, the expenses to be chargeable on the Division which he left.

**Resolved**,—That a copy of these proceedings be sent to the Grand Division accompanied by a request that, if agreeable to them, they will, as early as convenient, take the necessary steps to have the Constitution amended, in conformity with these Resolutions.

**Resolved**,—That a Circular be printed and a copy sent to every Subordinate Division in the Province, respectfully requesting their co-operation in afflicting the desired improvement, should they concur in the sentiments above expressed. All of which is respectfully submitted

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## IMPORTANT.

We beg to call the attention of the Agricultural Societies in the District of Montreal, and elsewhere, to the following example of the lately Christianized and civilized inhabitants of the Sandwich Islands. In discussing the following point, these quondam savages, whose minds were unperverted by the follies and prejudices of civilized life, brought the question to the test of reason and common sense, according to which, they could not have arrived at any other conclusion than the one indicated.

### AN IMPORTANT DISCUSSION.

The following item of information is contained in a letter of Mr. Clark, now a corresponding member of the Sandwich Islands mission. He is still in charge of the First Church in Honolulu.

Yesterday a deeply interesting discussion took place before our Hawaiian Agricultural Society. This society embraces nearly all the agriculturists and merchants in the Islands, and many of the mechanics. There has been a disposition, on the part of some, to connect distilleries with the sugar-making business, in order to convert the skimnings, refuse sugar, &c., into an article of commerce, as is done in the West Indies. This has been strongly recommended even by the Minister of Foreign Relations. At the present time planters are embarrassed by a depreciation in the price of sugar and molasses. On this ground a resolution was brought forward, recommending that the government should allow spirits to be made by the planters, under certain restrictions. It came up yesterday for consideration, and occupied nearly the whole day.

The discussion was conducted with much courtesy and calmness on both sides, before a full and interested house. The friends of temperance, as you may well suppose, rallied their strength. On this side of the question the American Commissioner, Hon. L. Severance, and Chief Justice Lee, not to mention others, rendered essential service. The discussion assumed the character of a thorough-going temperance debate, and the temperance side came off quite triumphantly. The final decision showed only three or four votes in favor of the resolution; and to the honor of the planters it should be said, that nearly all were in the majority.

I need not say that we feel greatly cheered by this result. An important advance has been made. We have had many fears that the distillery would be let loose among us; but the danger is now past, at least for years to come. And not only so, the discussion will have its influence on public sentiment, in promoting the cause of temperance in our community.

## A True Narrative.

How vast the number who have fallen victims to the ruthless destroyer—intemperance! It is heart-rending to trace its blighting, desolating influence; to see the promising and youthful fall beneath its iron grasp. They sacrifice all—their threefold being, with the responsibilities, duties, hopes, and joys of earth, and an eternity of unalloyed bliss, on the polluted altar of Bacchus.—But I will hasten to record one of the sad scenes of blasted hopes and prospects, withered joys and affections, which meet my eye daily. M— in her childhood days was bereft of a kind and affectionate father, and a fond and indulgent mother, and being a helpless orphan, penniless and alone, came here to reside with Mr. and Mrs. W—, who deeply sympathized with her in her early trials. She grew up to womanhood under the most salutary influence, surrounded by every facility for spiritual, intellectual, and social improvement. The development of her mental powers, in connection with her fascinating manners, and beautiful person, drew around her many admirers. Her hand was early sought by the wealthy Mr. H. He won her affections; and her young enthusiastic heart beat with all the ardor of first love. Her lonely heart was cheered and her drooping spirits revived, while the soft words of kindness and affection fell upon her ear from the lips of him who was to be her husband.

But her hopes were blasted in their early budding. Scarce had