

of congratulation for its past labors,—so often clouded and apparently exhausted. There appeared in the proceedings of Monday night the spirit of youth, and the zeal of new beginners, which will, far and wide, re-kindle an enthusiastic interest in the great reform.

In justice to a contemporary, we must add that the *Temperance Advocate*, now on the Post Office "free list," came in for high encomiums from several speakers. It was declared to be the best Temperance paper in the world, and its circulation so much greater than we supposed, proves that this work of our "craft," is disseminating its doctrines most faithfully.

Union Temperance Celebration.

Of this grand and eminently successful affair, we have only room for the general remarks of the *Commercial Advertiser*. Our own report revised from the *Herald's*, will be given in full in our next, and then issued in an extra for general circulation. The price we cannot now state, but orders may be sent on for one hundred, or fifty, or twenty-five, more or less.

This United Celebration, to hear the Hon. Neal Dow, came off according to advertisement on Thursday evening, February 2nd, when a very numerous and highly respectable audience was collected. The Chair was taken about 8 o'clock by John Redpath, Esq.; and we noticed on the platform His Honor Judge Bruneau, the Rev. Drs. Taylor and McGill, Rev. Messrs. Scott, McLoud, Fraser, Corder, Mr. Kellogg, and several other Temperance notables. John Dougall, Esq., called the meeting to order, and introduced the hero of the evening, who was most rapturously received. Mr. Dow is a person rather below the middle size, erect, and gentlemanly in his bearing, with a countenance indicative of what we should formerly have called a "cunning yankee," but in the phraseology now more popular, a "discerning American." He spoke with great rapidity for two hours, crowding, as it were, three lectures into one; and though the voice was not loud, there was a clearness and distinctness of enunciation which made it plainly audible at the extreme ends of the room, a desideratum which we believe no other speaker has attained. The best evidence of distinct hearing was the perfect silence maintained by even the outskirts during the delivery of this long address, which without doubt was the grandest and most perfect Temperance speech ever delivered in Montreal. Look out for the next number of the *Canada Temperance Advocate*.

Another Temperance Celebration.

The Ninth Annual Celebration of Perseverance Tent, Independent Order of Rechabites, was held on Tuesday evening, 7th inst., at the new City Concert Hall—a room among the very largest in America, being near 200 feet long, and near 60 feet broad—and yet it was not large enough to hold the immense audience of about 2,600 persons, who, from the time the doors were opened, came pouring in a continuous stream. The XXth Regiment, when here, numbered about 1,000 men. If any one can remember the space they occupied when marching through our streets, and then imagine two such regiments, with one-half of another, marched into one room, he may have some idea of the multitude which filled every part of the hall.

Precisely to the minute, at 8 o'clock, the splendid Band of the 26th Regiment, perhaps the best ever heard in Can-

ada, and all in attendance, struck up the overture, and Benjamin Lyman, Esq., the Chairman, took his seat, accompanied by the Hon. Malcolm Cameron, and F. W. Kellogg, Esq., Hon. W. Badgley, Member for the City, and others. The overture concluded, Mr. Cameron came forward and made an excellent address upon the Maine Law and Temperance cause, in which he was followed by Mr. Kellogg, who, for a while, kept the assemblage lively with well-told illustrations, for which there is no better or more effective place than in a Temperance address. Mr. Kellogg acquitted himself in his most admirable manner, and many were the expressions of regret at his not continuing longer, but there was a long programme to be gone through, and he appeared fearful of occupying too much time.

The scene, at this juncture, from the Chairman's seat, was most animating. The entire ceiling, and nearly all the sides of the hall have been lately ornamented in fresco painting, of elegant design, by Italian artists; five brilliant gaseliers, of large size, threw a fulgent light, glittering from innumerable crystal drops. On the extreme left, was the Regimental Band, on a raised platform, in their clean white jackets; a little above the right centre were seated, on a raised platform, the "Harmonics," a large body of ladies and gentlemen, with their musical instruments and stands; still farther, across the end, were the decorated refreshment tables, presided over by ladies of our first families; and throughout the immense room, one mass of people, comprising probably the largest and most "respectable" party ever congregated here on a similar occasion,—Officers of the Garrison, and the military men of the city, lawyers, doctors, merchants, and every class mingling harmoniously together.

The programme, as follows, was then gone through, each piece following the other, orderly, in precise time, without the slightest derangement. Mr. Fowler was leader of the Harmonics, and the other singing party, or choir, was under the able direction of Mr. Rogers:—

PROGRAMME:

1. Overture from *Oberon*—*Weber* . . . Band, 26th Regt.
2. Address By Mr Kellogg.
3. "See the Conquering Hero comes" . . .
Full Chorus and Orchestral Accompaniment.
4. "Fair as a Bride," from Opera of
William Tell,
Full Chorus and Orchestral Accompaniment.
5. "Happy Pair," from Alexander's
Feast.
Full Chorus and Orchestral Accompaniment.
6. Grand Quintette, *Beatrice di Tenda*—
Bellini, Band, 26th Regt.
7. Awake, *Æolian Lyre*, Choir.
8. Now away, no longer stay, Choir.
9. Duett, *Lucia di Lammermoor*—*Doni-
zetti*, Band, 26th Regt.
10. Moonlight Chorus Choir.
11. Hail Smiling Morn Choir.
12. Chobham Camp Polka—*D'Albert*, Band, 26th Regt.
13. Solos and Grand Chorus, "God save
the Queen," with Full Accompaniment.

All this constituted a musical treat of high order.—Everywhere the arrangements appeared perfect—all was gratifying, and all seemed pleased. To relieve the crowd, the beautifully fitted City Hall, and corridor leading through the public offices, were thrown open, and gave many an extended promenade, with an opportunity of seeing these fine apartments.