

drinks, is making dreadful ravages in our land, that it causes an annual destruction of property to an incalculable amount, injures public morals to a fearful extent, impairs health, and often in a variety of horrible ways destroys life itself; thus causing many wretched widows and orphans to be thrown for support upon public or private charity, and finally that this evil, one of the greatest with which the people of Canada have to contend, is generally, strange as it may appear, regarded with indifference.

Therefore we, your petitioners, respectfully request your Honorable House, to enquire into the causes and extent of Intemperance in Canada, with a view to provide such remedy for the same, as in your judgment may appear best. And your petitioners will ever pray.

At the marriage of President Tyler's daughter, no wine or ardent spirits was used by the company.

A man in a state of intoxication lately made a mistake, in the dark, and drank his wife's bowl of starch. The *Maine Temperance Gazette* says he is now a stiff tee-totaller.

PLANET CERES—This planet was discovered on the 1st of January, 1801, at Palermo, in Sicily, by the celebrated astronomer Piazzi, in the following manner:—While making his noble catalogue of stars, he, every night, made his observation through a telescope, as each passed the meridian, while an assistant wrote down from his dictation the times and polar distances. On the 2d of January, in reviewing the stars observed the evening before, one did not conform to its recorded position. This was attributed by Piazzi to an error of his assistant. The observation being again repeated on the 3d, it was found to disagree with both the preceding records. Piazzi immediately perceived that this star was a new planet, which was fully proved by his future observations. This discovery led to efforts by other astronomers, in consequence of which, Pallas was discovered by Olbers, March 28, 1802—Juno by Harding, September 1, 1804—and Vesta by Olbers, March 29, 1807. They all four lie between Mars and Jupiter, being very nearly equidistant from the sun. All their orbits are comprised within half the distance of our earth from the sun, being from twice and a quarter to twice and three quarters our distance from that luminary.

ARTFUL QUESTION.—Dominigo, the harlequin, going to see Louis XIV. at Suyver, fixed his eyes on a dish of partridges. The king, who was fond of his acting, said, 'Give that dish to Dominigo.'—And the partridges too, Sir? Louis, penetrating his art, replied, 'And the partridges too.' The dish was gold.

MAXIMS.—Never be witty at the expense of others, it may provoke laughter; but it will infallibly raise enemies. Never aim at being "king of the company," it is an unamiable and usurped exultation, at which the feelings revolt. Never lose your temper in an argument; it is a sure sign that you have taken the wrong side, or got the worst of the debate. Never read a book on the streets,—it is a silly piece of affectation. If honours are thrust upon you, carry them with meekness. Never be surprised that your letters to your friends remain unanswered,—correspondence costs

trouble. Never ape singularity in dress,—it is vulgar. Never rejoice in the misfortunes of others,—the clouds may be rising which will overshadow your own prospects. Never oppress your dependents,—it is the act of an unfeeling coward. Never, though you are short-sighted, and use an eye-glass, stare ladies out of countenance,—it is rude and vulgar. Never pretend to knowledge which you do not possess,—detection may be sudden and humiliating. Never, if you are humorous, descend to buffoonery. Never live beyond your income. Never violate truth,—veracity is the chief of virtues. Never do a dishonourable act, because it may escape the observation of the world,—for, when you lose self-respect you lose peace of mind. Never play the sycofant. Never get intoxicated, and "put an enemy into your mouth to steal away your brain." Never boast of your courage,—the truly brave never boast.—*Edinburgh Observer*.

Chastity makes no work for a surgeon. Sin is the fruitful parent of distempers.

GAY'S RIVER TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

Instituted January 22, 1842.

Rev. Mr. Christie, *President*; Samuel Moore, Esq. *Vice President*; Joseph Browner, *Secretary*; Mr. David Annand, *Treasurer*. *Committee*.—Messrs. William Dowling, David Annand, George Nutting, William Merson, and John Cooke, senior.

RULES:

'That this Society be called "The Gay's River Temperance Society."

'That the Meetings of this Society take place quarterly, to be held in the Presbyterian Meeting House.

'That the Officers of this Society be elected annually.

'That no person be continued in office, after it has been proved satisfactory to this Society that such officer has violated his pledge, but upon a promise of future consistency, his name be continued in the Society's Books as a member.

Pledges—the same as the Halifax Temperance Society. Number of Members up to its last meeting, Feb. 19—630
JOSEPH BROWNER, Secretary.

An Address delivered by Joseph Browner, before the Gay's River Temperance Society, on Saturday the 19th Feb. 1842.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I hope my intrusion on your patience may be pardoned, whilst I address you shortly on the occasion of our meeting, and although my efforts in the cause may prove but feeble, yet I consider myself bound to do my best endeavours towards its advancement.

They must be misanthropes indeed who are acquainted with the ravages Intemperance has made in the vicinity of this Meeting-house and not thank the Great Original for the reformation he has been pleased to cause in so short a time. I am aware that there are a great many respectable individuals amongst us who term themselves temperate drinkers, and who consider themselves sufficiently strong to stem the temptations of intemperance without joining us, I say to such beware lest you fall, the same has been the consideration of the whole of us—there is no victim of intemperance but has been decoyed under the same false reasoning—there are none who have experienced the treachery of the enemy but will join me in saying that there is no safety but in Total Abstinence. Is there a christian here so for-