

fountain head of our *Orthodox Law Physic*, poisoning its streams and spreading error, and multiplying disease and death in its course, and yet we are required to leave physic to the Doctor!!! Reader, remember that you are accountable for your life to him who gave it. Risk it not *blindly* in the hands of any man. Acquaint yourself with the conditions and means of health, and never swallow a medical preparation, till you know its name, character, and properties. Be assured that the folly of leaving "physic to the Doctor" is only excelled by that of leaving "Religion to the Priest."

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#### THE TEMPERANCE DESIDER- ATUM.

Having been actively engaged in the glorious Temperance Reform for nearly twenty years, we have often participated largely in the joys of its splendid achievements, and also wept tears of burning anguish over its many melancholy reverses, as seen in the frequent, sad, and doleful violations of our sacred pledge! and while we have wept, we have longed with intense anxiety for the developement of measures, which would reduce the frequency of these heart rending calamities.

While anxiously searching for this desideratum, we examined a copy of the Constitution, and By Laws of a Division of The Sons of Temperance, and became satisfied that something very like the object of our search might be found in this organization. We desire to enter, and witness the practical workings of what seemed so beautiful in theory. But, our long and resolute opposition to every thing resembling a secret association, deterred us, till assured that no oath of secrecy was

imposed on candidates, nor, indeed, any oath whatever—that we could leave the institution at pleasure, and afterwards oppose whatever we considered reprehensible, without violating any obligation of membership. Having thus secured a free and untrammelled retreat we consented to assist in opening the first Division of the Sons of Temperance in Canada West, which took place on the 22d of June, 1848, nineteen names being enrolled on the charter. Seven months have passed, the nineteen have become a *hundred*, and two new Divisions, one in North Augusta, and the other in Farmersville have just been ushered into existence, with flattering prospects of success. And now after seven months *careful* observation, we are almost fully convinced, that we have found *The Temperance Desideratum*—THE means which will crown this enterprise with glory and triumph! We therefore feel, that those Editors who are beginning to carp at the Sons, and call them *naughty* names, would do well to take the matter a little more coolly. No man can gain any thing good by outraging the convictions of a hundred of his fellow citizens. Every Son *knows* that the Division is guiltless in the matter alledged, and every one who *becomes* a Son of Temperance *will know*, that we are guiltless in the matters at issue. We hope, therefore, that every Son of Temperance will pursue a calm and dignified course. When reviled, let us bear it patiently, committing our cause to him who knoweth the secrets of every heart. Let no provocation then, however virulent, tempt a Br. to leave the dignity of his exalted position, and impeach the honor of his cause, by participating in low and bitter revilings. Let our ans-