

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

On the 29th of September 1842, sixteen persons actively engaged in the temperance work, believing that an organization based upon the strictest principles of virtue, morality, sobriety and abstinence was needed to confirm the good resulting from signing the pledge, where those associated together could mutually strengthen each other, met at Teetotallers Hall No. 71 Division Street, New York, and organized the ORDER OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE. The organization soon extended to the adjoining States and from those over the whole United States. Its growth was rapid, and its foundations lying deep in the moral sense of the community, the element of permanency was united with its success. During the first twenty-five years of its existence, it has been planted in all the States of the Union, in each of the British Provinces of North America, in Great Britain and in Australia. The Order has always taken advanced ground on the Temperance Question, ever denying the right to sell intoxicating liquors as a beverage as well as prohibiting its use.

The following extract from the Report of the M. W. P., in 1867, is a just exposition of its principles:—

"Its fundamental principle is Total Abstinence from all that can intoxicate, and it presents a social and fraternal combination to meet and overcome the social allurements of intemperance, and the combined influence of the Liquor Traffic in our midst.

"While it presents the Pledge as useful and essential, it realizes that merely signing the Pledge is not reformation. There must be a Temperance home and a Temperance gospel, together with a social and fraternal influence thrown around the tempted and the fallen when once the Pledge is signed, old friends discarded, and life commenced anew. The weekly meetings of the Order are made doubly interesting and attrac-