

citizens of Worcester in behalf of temperance, has drawn crowded houses at every meeting, and on Friday evening, July 25th, closed with a great demonstration of numbers and enthusiasm. These lectures must have made a very favorable impression upon all who have had the good fortune to hear them, and we trust that some of their fruits may soon be manifested in the formation of some kind of a City Temperance Society, that shall at stated and regular periods hold public meetings for the promotion of the cause of sobriety.

At the close of Mr. Gough's last lecture, the following resolutions were presented, and unanimously adopted by the vast assembly viz:—

1. *Resolved*,—That, in our opinion Mr. John B. Gough eminently deserves, what we, now assembled in this spacious and crowded Hall would hereby gratefully present to him, viz:—our sincere and hearty thanks, for that able and interesting course of five free lectures on the subject of temperance, which he so liberally offered to give, and has now, to such large and delighted audiences, so eloquently, acceptably, and *gratuitously* delivered to the people of this city.

2. *Resolved*,—That, as Worcester is the place of Mr. Gough's *teetotal nativity*, where he first raised his clarion, and admonitory voice on the subject of temperance, and where he then had an *actual*, and has now, in some sense, a *constructive* residence, we gladly avail ourselves of our right, and of his permission, to claim him as a *fellow citizen* of this city, notwithstanding he has recently erected a neat little cottage a few rods over the *Boylston line*, in the suburbs of the "*Heart of the Commonwealth*."

3. *Resolved*,—That the deep and devout thanks of this community, and of the friends of temperance generally, are due to that Great and Beneficent Power, whose merciful and overruling agencies have rescued from the pit of inebriate perdition *this one* of our fellow citizens, with a multitude of others, so eminently endowed and willing to sound the alarm against the dangers and woful tendencies of the drinking manners and customs of society, and that we would hereby commend Mr. Gough to the confidence, and the co-operation of the friends of sobriety in all parts of the land, as one of the most eloquent, philanthropic, and efficient advocates of the cause of temperance and humanity.

4. *Resolved*,—That as *three fourths* of all the pauperism, crime, and taxation of the community flow directly, or indirectly from the sale and use of *intoxicating drinks*, and as it is much more easy, economical, and humane to prevent, than it is to cure all such evils of intemperance, we deem the official action of the Mayor and the Aldermen of Worcester, in granting the free use of this City Hall, duly lighted and furnished, for this series of Mr. Gough's free lectures in behalf of temperance, to be not only wise, economical, exemplary, and highly commendable in them, as guardians of the moral and welfare of the public—but also to be in unquestionable accordance with the sentiments, wants, wishes, and approval of a vast majority, not only of all the people generally, but also of all the legal voters of this city.

5. *Resolved*,—That a copy of these resolutions, signed by the President and the Secretary of this meeting, be by them presented to the editors of each of the papers of Worcester for their optional publication.

CHARLES ALLEN, *President*.

JONATHAN CARY, *Secretary*.

ANNIVERSARIES & DEMONSTRATIONS.

In the minds of some, a question has arisen whether festival anniversaries and public demonstrations were beneficial to the cause they were designed to serve. We are decidedly of opinion that when properly conducted they are of great importance as an element of good, calculated to advance a moral enterprise, such as the Temperance Reformation. Our correspondence and exchanges have brought under our notice a great number of these meetings which have recently been held in different parts of Canada. It must be obvious to every person who reflects on the subject that the space requisite for the full report of all such meetings could not be spared by us, with due regard to the claims of the general reader, and the necessity of inscribing permanently useful matter. We wish, however, to keep our readers "posted

up" as to the doings of Temperance Societies every where, and from our exchanges shall hereafter endeavor to abbreviate such reports as we meet with, and which may not be sent to us direct:

Goderich, C. W.—This flourishing town on the shore of Lake Huron was all alive and stirring on the 1st of July. The *Huron Signal* gives a long and eloquent report of the demonstration that then took place. The occasion being the Anniversary of a division of the Sons, and the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of a new Temperance Hall. Every body was there that could get, and the affair was creditable and praiseworthy. The foundation stone was laid by T. M. Jones, Esq., who, although he declared he could not become a teetotaler, yet he wished well to the cause, and spoke very effectively. The Hon. M. Cameron, replied in behalf of the Association, besides speaking two or three times during the day in his usual forcible style. The ladies of Goderich presented a beautiful banner to the officers of the Huron Division, No. 123, accompanied by an address, to which a suitable reply was made. The celebration is set down as a great and glorious fact in the history of Goderich.

Guelph, C. W.—This very prosperous inland town had a splendid meeting on the 2nd July. We mentioned it in our last. The speech of the Hon. Mr. White, was excellent, if we may judge from a pretty full report given in the *Guelph Herald*.

Gananoque, C. W.—Here, on the 5th, the Sons celebrated their Anniversary by a procession and Pic Nic. In the procession, first came the banner of the Sons, emblazoned with appropriate devices, and inscribed with the motto of the Order—"Love Purity, and Fidelity." Next came the celebrated Gananoque Instrumental Band, making their instruments send forth the most harmonious and soul striking music. They were followed by the Cadets, carrying two very neat and tastefully designed banners; and next to them marched the Bude, looking uncommonly well; and bearing the insignia of their society. The visiting Sons came next in order, and were followed by the Rechabites, while the members of the Gananoque Division brought up the rear. After traversing the principal streets of the village, the procession gathered to a field near the Division Room, where the Daughters of Temperance in the meantime assembled, and who now sang some beautiful Temperance odes. A choir of the Sons responded in the same style, and a speech, addressed principally to the Daughters, was delivered by Wm. S. Macdonald, Esq.

Sons of Temperance Celebration

CHARLOTTE TOWN, P. E. I.

Among our Canadian politicians at the present time, there is a good deal said about a federal union of the Provinces, and railroad communications. We do not meddle with these questions, but we rejoice in every effort properly made to develop the resources of the provinces and knit the people together in bonds of active charity and good will. There already exists an union of the provinces for moral purposes, which is doing and will do great good. If there should ever be a Political union, we are sure that the moral union we now speak of, will very materially aid any great enterprise for the public good. We refer to the "Sons of Temperance." Recently we gave a full account of the general division meeting in Toronto. The Lower Provinces have done nobly in the cause. The Annual Festival of the Sons, held on the 28th of June, in Charlotte Town, P. E. I., was a truly gratifying demonstration. We have the particulars in the *Advertiser* published in Charlotte Town, but cannot, of course, find room for the whole account. The chief speech of the day we here insert. It is worth reading. Look especially at the warning to moderate drinkers in the conclusion,—"The moderate drinker is a *terrorer's* light." A new and bright, but terrible idea. The speaker was the Rev. A. Hichborn, Grand Scribe of Nova Scotia. He read his resolution and then said:—

"It was a species of indictment, containing two counts, he should dwell chiefly upon the second. The ruinous effects produced by intoxicating drinks, both upon communities and upon individuals, were manifest to all persons of observation; their ten-