

to become incorporated so that if we happen to become possessed of any property it cannot be otherwise appropriated than towards the redemption of the poor inebriate from the degrading bondage of the tyrant alcohol.

It is cheering to observe the peaceful and rapid progress of the temperance movement, yet much, very much remains to be done, but with the blessing of God on the efforts of those engaged in this great reformation, we need not fear, we shall in the end be victorious, and the next generation will perhaps know no thing of alcohol but from its blood-dyed history.

Hoping you may pardon this trespass on your time and patience, I desire to remain affectionately yours,

In the bonds of L. P. F.

WM. ROCHE.

#### FOR THE SON OF TEMPERANCE.

Winter has come, the flakes of snow  
Lie deep upon the ground;  
And fallen leaves that once were green,  
Are scattered all around.

Fit emblems these, of withered joys  
And hopes that once were green.  
And hearts that sad and broken now,  
Happier hours have seen.

And homes that scarce a year gone by,  
Were full of life and mirth,  
Are sad, for some familiar face  
Is absent from their hearth.

Oh think of these re happy ones,  
And comfort those that sigh.  
For if you dry a tear you'll win,  
A joy gold cannot buy.

AMELIA.

Gananoque, Dec., 1851.

#### CLOSE OF VOLUME ONE AND THE YEAR 1851.

TO OUR PATRONS.—With this number, 24, closes our present volume. All who have received the first number of this paper will please take notice that their year is expired. Persons who commenced later will receive 24 numbers to complete their volume. Many of our subscribers commenced at No. 6; some at No. 10, and others at No. 12. All will please observe that it requires 24 numbers of the first volume to make a year. Subscribers are always considered yearly subscribers unless a special agreement has been made with us to the contrary, or with some of our authorized agents, and although they stop the paper at the end of six months we must hold them accountable for a year's subscription. Another thing we will allude to is this, that no subscriber should stop his paper until he has paid up his subscription. In several of our past numbers we have mentioned that our terms were 5s. per annum in advance, or 6s. 3d. not so paid. In all cases where we have to visit subscribers to collect, or send a special agent, we must charge 6s. 3d.; but if subscribers will immediately remit to us by post, or pay our local agent at once, 5s. only will be asked of country subscribers. \$2 enclosed to us pays for 1851, and also for 1852.

Agents, subscribers, and friends in divisions would confer a favor by sending us as soon as possible any new names of subscribers or old ones renewed. We will issue the first num-

ber of our new volume either on the 3d or 5th of January 1852. A copy of the first number of the new volume will be sent to all old subscribers, who have not positively refused to again subscribe, and if not wanted it must be immediately returned on examination, or they will be considered as renewing their subscription. We respectfully ask a general continuance of patronage from all, feeling satisfied that no pains have been spared on the part of the conductor of this paper, to give public satisfaction to the Order in Canada. Sons of Temperance every where will recollect that this paper was the first ever carried on successfully in Canada West, and that we have manfully battled for their principles. This paper has not been one devoted to the interest of any other body, but has openly and perseveringly hoisted and kept aloft the flag of our own Order. All will see that it is so published as to be kept and fill 2 or 3 sides of it with advertisements we could of course make more by the plan, but our friends would be deprived of much reading matter and of all means to bind it in a form for keeping.

#### ELECTIONS IN CANADA.

The elections have all terminated and have resulted in the return of about 55 Reformers to 25 conservatives many of whom are really men who will not oppose any reform unless it be the Clergy Reserves. It is highly gratifying to think too that no public disturbances has taken place in any one instance. Political strife in Canada in future will be carried on with a more national spirit.

#### TAVERN INSPECTORS.

We call the attention of all Sons of Temperance to the coming city elections, when it will be necessary to elect Tavern Inspectors for this city for 1852. This is an important matter, and requires the earnest attention of all temperance men.

The following persons are nominated as candidates for inspectors as we understand for the different wards:—

St. David's Ward,	Jacob Latham.
St. James.	John Wightman.
St. Patrick.	John Gibson.
St. George.	Mr. Petch.
St. Lawrence.	A. B. Townsend.
St. Andrew.	Joseph Tolfree.

Let every man favourable to a decrease of our numerous taverns, support these men.

WEXTON, 13th December, 1851.

Dear Sir and Br.

I have the promise of several new subscribers for the Gem whose subscriptions I shall shortly be able to transmit. The popularity of the paper is rapidly gaining ground, not only among the Sons and Temperance men generally but its perusal is courted by many who have hitherto held all such publications in utter contempt. I shall insert a short piece in my letter showing our standing which if you think worth notice you will please have inserted in the Gem at the earliest convenience.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours in L. P. & F.

A SON.

The letter of our correspondent will appear in our next number.—(Ed. Son.)

— The advertisements that usually appear in this paper are left out of this number to make room for the index; but they will appear in our first January number. The making up of the index has also delayed the paper two days.

#### TEMPERANCE ITEMS—UNION.

We learn from the Montreal *Temperance Advocate* that the Sons of Temperance, Rechabites, and members of the old Temperance Societies, of late Midland District, have organized themselves into a sort of temperance alliance, or joint organization, to carry out temperance principles. This plan, if it can be thoroughly carried out, is a good one, and will prove highly beneficial in the end to the cause in that vicinity. Temperance men should feel a pride in all places to unite upon some plan to carry out their ultimate object, a change of public opinion. For a year past, we have felt convinced, that the old Temperance Society have been too inactive and stood aloof from the work, leaving the field too much to their younger and more energetic brethren, the Sons.

As a Son, we believe our Order better adapted to effect a temperance reform than the old temperance organization; but we know there are hundreds who think honestly that the old movement is as good as ours. Let us all enjoy our opinions, but do not let it prevent our acting upon one general plan. In the American States, all orders of temperance men are acting together.

The Cadets of Guelph, we hear, held a Soiree on the 23d inst.; and the Daughters of Temperance of the Elora and Guelph Unions patronized them.

The Brooklin and Oshawa Unions of Daughters, we are informed, are about getting a petition in circulation for the purpose of praying our Legislature to put down the license laws.

#### RECEIPTS NO. 24.

Cornwall Division, R. S., \$2; Weston D. Mc. \$3½; S. Hamilton \$1 balance; Geo. S., Stewarttown \$2;—Brooklyn, F. B. B., enclosing \$2, \$1 for new volume and \$1 for advertisement; J. R., Innisfil, \$1; Bowmanville, from Wm. C., \$3. We acknowledged in No. 18 the receipt of the \$4 from Bro. Rowland; see that number. We would thank this brother to open a list for our new volume in the division. Daniel T., Smithfield division, \$1½. Letter from R. McK., Dundas, enclosing \$1; Br. Evans, Port Credit, \$2 for self for this year and the year ending 1852; K., Dundas, \$1.

#### COMMUNICATIONS.

Letter from Constantia cannot all appear until new volume—it is too long—will appear in 1st and 2nd No of new volume. The communication signed Holidays we cannot find room to insert as it is too long. We think it is well written and will insert it shortened in January if the writer chooses. Letter from E. J., Guelph, is duly received. We thank the brother and feel obliged if he would send the names early in January. We will send him a dozen extra copies. Poetry by Emma will appear in our first January number.—Letter from K., Dundas, Cayuga Letter, Peterboro Letter, Letter from a Cadet, Toronto Division, Letter about Temperance Athenaeum; Letter from Port Credit will duly appear in course.

#### MARRIED.

On the 18th ult. by the Rev. Daniel S. Starr, at the house of the bride's father at Pickering, Mr. E. B. Butler, merchant of Mount Vernon, Vaughan, C. W., formerly of County of Wexford, Ireland to Miss Nancy McDonald, Pickering, Canada West.