

most pleasing recollections, and perpetual profound respect and esteem.

Signed in behalf of Philipsburg Tent, No. 281, I. O. of R.,

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REPLY.

WORTHY CHIEF AND BRETHREN,—Deeply sensible of the honor and kindness you have conferred on me in presenting an address of thanks and confidence, and convinced of the propriety of the motives that have induced you to do so, I cheerfully accept it at your hands. The Temperance cause has for many years engaged my attention and commanded my feeble services; and, when I became a resident of Philipsburg, it was clearly my duty to exert what influence I could to arrest the dreadful vice of intemperance, which was fearfully extensive, and committed its usual ravages of misery and mortality. A Reclaiming Tent had been formed, and was doing great good, being the only living and active antagonist against the visible and aggressive evil of drunkenness. Under these circumstances, I was led to examine the principles and constitution of your Order, and finding in them nothing adverse to Christianity and ecclesiastical order, but much that was morally excellent, and calculated to advance the best interests of society, I could not refrain from seeking a closer fellowship and co-operation with you.

Respecting my conduct and services, you are pleased to express yourselves in strong terms of approval and gratitude. I thank you, brethren, for your kind expression of opinion. You certainly have had many opportunities of forming a judgment; but, deeply impressed with a sense of my defects and infirmities, I fear you have entertained a greatly exaggerated estimate of the value of my assistance; but, assuredly, nothing, except the conversion of sinners to God, could have afforded me greater pleasure than the augmentation of your numbers and moral strength in this community. That some should have again fallen into the snare of the inebriate is not to be wondered at, especially when the painful and cold-hearted indifference of many professors of religion is duly considered in respect to its inevitable consequences. It is more than probable that, if reformed persons had been cheered and encouraged by a greater number of the religious and respectable portion of civil society, they would have nobly resisted temptation and maintained their integrity. There are those who professedly mourn over prevailing intemperance, but they are in a great measure responsible for its existence; and I cannot forbear expressing a kind remonstrance against all apathy and neutrality in reference to a cause justly entitled to zealous co-operation, and the active union of the hearts and hands and voices of all classes in every infected community.

To one paragraph in your address, I can scarcely venture to offer a remark. It is in the following words: "You have suffered obloquy, persecution, and loss from some whose want of knowledge incapacitates them from judging of the sacred principles of our 'honorable order,' and whose destitution of sound principle makes them unable to appreciate the purity of your motives and actions." I am bound to say that the unchristian feeling indicated in the behavior you have described is limited to only a very few persons. Even those persons who are, or were engaged in the traffic, (which I am known so much to dislike,) have always treated me with uniform respect and kindness, and you have expressed the opinion that when I leave you for another sphere of labor, I shall be accompanied with your own good-will, and the best wishes of the "great majority of this community." Yet there is some truth in

your observation, and I have had a small share of "obloquy, persecution and loss." But there must be either a sad overflowing of malvolence, more hurtful in design than in fact, or a sadder deficiency of grace and charity in those who would suppose that any honest worker for the general good could be deterred from duty by secular menaces arising from their unscriptural ignorance and self-sufficiency. Besides, it has been eloquently remarked by the Rev. Charles Bridges, of the Church of England: "Never do we so enjoy the comfort of our principles as when we are making a sacrifice for them," and the wise man has said, by Divine authority: "The integrity of the upright shall guide them; but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them." Patience, moderation, charity, and a forgiving disposition should always be mingled in our tempers and conduct, and then all will end well.

Worthy Chief and Brethren: I heartily thank you for your kind reference to my family, and especially to my beloved father.—She is worthy of your respect and esteem, because of the lively interest she has always taken in the progress and prosperity of our cause. The sphere of woman is less public and ostentatious than that of the other sex, but her mission is mercifully designed to effect, often unseen, an ameliorating, benignant, and encouraging influence on society and on individuals. How many times, and in how many ways I have experienced this, cannot here be expressed; but we shall always cherish a grateful recollection of your desires for our welfare and happiness.

If, in the order of Providence, I should be placed in such proximity to you as to enable me occasionally to visit you, I shall not hesitate to do so. You have always treated me with respectful deference, and it will afford me the greatest pleasure if, at any time hereafter, I can be of any service to you.

Brethren—Be faithful to your principles. Live and act under the banner of Temperance. Seek an abiding interest in the sole merits of our only Mediator and Saviour Jesus Christ, and may the God of all grace bless and guide you continually.

WILLIAM SCOTT,

P. C. R., No. 281, I. O. of R.

Agreeably to the request of several subscribers, we give in this and the following number of the *Advocate*, some account of the Beal, now in such general use amongst farmers,—together with the process of making sugar from it.

We thank our correspondent B. B. for his article on the use of tobacco. We cannot, however, throw our pages open to the discussion of the subject at present. We have often to regret that our limits do not permit us to give that variety that we could wish, on the "great theme," or what may be called the appropriate work of the *Advocate*, and if we were to introduce other topics for discussion, these limits would be still further curtailed.

We beg to assure our correspondent, however, that we have no love for tobacco in any form, and, in the great majority of cases where it is used, regard it as a useless, disagreeable, injurious habit. This conviction will, as it has on previous occasions, prompt us to do what we can to correct the evil.

We have much pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the advertisement, on our last page, of Lectures by Mr. R. D. Wadsworth, and we hope that this able and zealous advocate of our cause will meet with a kind welcome throughout the entire route he has laid out for himself. Mr. W. will receive cash subscribers for the *Canada Temperance Advocate* at his different