

And the wide earth be gaily blooming,
When Temperance leaves each ocean shore.
Move on—for songs and choral voices
Will greet the pure to homes above,
Where freed from stains, the soul rejoices,
Saved by the power of Holy love.

On behalf of the Ladies of Barrie, I beg your acceptance of this Banner as a token of our sincere wishes for your prosperity, accompanied as it is, with our fervent prayer, that under its folds you may long continue to manifest that sobriety and peacefulness of demeanor which will undoubtedly secure for you the respect and approval of all who know you."

The W. F. replied—

"Ladies:—On behalf of the Barrie Division of the Sons of Temperance, I beg to express our grateful thanks for this splendid Banner,—a gift the more precious as it was entirely unexpected on our part.

It is indeed highly gratifying to the Division to receive this noble present—graced by the attendance of so many brothers belonging to other Divisions, who have this day honored us with their presence, and who will rejoice with us at this solid proof of the rapid progress of the Order, and the desire on the part of the Ladies of Barrie to promote and advance the prosperity of the Division.

Be assured, Ladies, that in our hands the Banner will be elevated with firm, energetic resolution, and it will serve as a rallying point to rescue from degradation, misery and dishonor, the unfortunate victims of intemperance.

The progress of the Barrie Division has been highly satisfactory to its founders. Established only fourteen months it already numbers over sixty members, with every prospect of a rapid increase. They are also proud to know that they have been the means of effecting the reform and promoting the prosperity of many, who, but for embracing the principles of temperance, would have been still degraded by the use of the intoxicating cup, with its attendant miseries, both social and domestic.

The Division, mindful of the welfare of the rising generation, have organized a section of Cadets, whom we present to you this day, with the hope that they will in future time, firmly uphold the principles of temperance, and that when we shall have passed from the present scene, your noble present will still be unsullied by them, with zeal and devotion to the good cause; and that they will ever endeavor to tread in our footsteps when we are gathered to the charnel house of mortality.

Ladies, we heartily respond to your sentiments, and find, by experience, the efficacy of the Order in removing the evils of intemperance. It is, indeed, a noble mission to rescue the miserable, degraded drunkard from his evil ways, and restore him to his family and society,—to break the chains of vice, and show to the world that it is only necessary for the slave of strong drink to make a decided effort, to master himself; to leave his vicious companions, and enter the path of our Order, where he will find countenance, support and assistance, from a firm and determined band of Brothers, by obeying whose laws and following whose example, he will restore happiness and competence to his wife and children, and take his proper station in society;—in a word, become a man and not a slave.

The Order of the Sons of Temperance is violently assailed by those who grow rich by the sale of liquid fire, and who, with devil-like malignity, gloat over the misery of those whom they first attempt to sin, then impoverish and destroy. These practices we are determined to expose and prevent, by offering a secure asylum to their victims and by using all lawful means to put an end to the besetting sin, which proves the depletion of the resources of this beautiful and fertile country.

The enemies of the cause industriously circulate that we are a secret society, and that we are banded together for improper objects; the best answer to which is the noble array of brothers I see around me, who entered the ranks of the Order from a conviction of its individual good.

The Order is open to all the world, in admitting members it is not asked what is your country, religion or race,—but are you willing to give up your vices and become a new man—are you willing to obey our laws, and by so doing bring happiness to those who love you whilst living and will mourn over you when dead.

Ladies, in again thanking you for this noble standard

we shall cherish the liveliest feeling of gratitude to the generous donors; and it will animate us to spread Temperance, Benevolence and Brotherly Love far and wide, and we shall be aided by your wishes and prayers. It is highly gratifying to receive a present from our own sex, but from the ladies it obtains a double value; and the Sons of Temperance will always endeavor to be kind husbands, affectionate fathers and good citizens; alike active and useful in their private and public career; and when we are called upon to regret their loss, we shall be comforted by knowing—

"That the memory of the just is blessed."

NELSON DIVISION SOIREE.

NELSON, 17th October, 1851.

To the Editor of the Canadian Son of Temperance.

MY DEAR SIR.—Last evening, the Nelson Division, S. of T. met at the Methodist chapel, on Dundas street, near St. Ann's, by appointment, to receive from the ladies of Nelson a superb copy of the Holy Scriptures, presented by them to the Nelson Division, with the following

ADDRESS.

WORTHY PATRIARCH,—We, the ladies of Nelson, respectfully present you this copy of the Holy Scriptures, feeling assured you will kindly receive such an appropriate token of our esteem. Words fail us to express the gratitude and approbation we feel to you for your endeavours in promoting such a philanthropic cause and in trying to dispel such a prevailing evil as intemperance. We are delighted to observe the rapid progress the cause is making, not only in our own neighbourhood, but throughout the world. We have reason to rejoice at that which has been accomplished, through your influence; yet there is work to be done; that demon Intemperance still lurks in our land. Cease not in the noble work you have espoused, until that deadly foe is extirpated!

As it is one of the rules of your Division to read a portion of the word of God each time you meet, we wish you to accept this volume for that purpose. May its Divine precepts be deeply impressed on every mind,—and may its principles guide and direct you, not only in the Division room, but also in all your public and private walks of life,—being persuaded, that, if you adhere to the doctrines inculcated in this book, you must maintain the high position in society which you have hitherto so honourably sustained! Wishing you, in the words of Scripture, to "be kind and affectionate one to another, with brotherly love, in honour preferring one another"; and, when time is no more, may we all meet around the throne on high and join in that seraphic song, "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will to man!" On behalf of the Ladies,

(Signed)

CLARISSA J. BARTOLO.

To which Address, Br. John Stewart returned the following appropriate

REPLY.

LADIES,—In accepting this copy of the Holy Scriptures as a token of your esteem, you may rest assured that we do so as the best token of your esteem—a token superior to all tokens—a token, to be desired by all—a token, which contains the way, the truth, and the life of man!

It words fail with you to express the gratitude and appreciation you feel to us for our endeavours in promoting such a philanthropic cause, and in trying to dispel that prevailing evil which infests our land, words fail us to express our gratitude and approbation towards you in the deep interest you have taken in our cause—a moral reform—and in admiring our endeavours to promote the cause of Temperance, and to dispel the all-prevailing destroyer from our land. You rejoice at the wonderful advancement and influence our order is making throughout the land.—We cannot but remark, that the retrospect of events since the commencement of our order, is well calculated to call forth an expression of heartfelt gratitude to that power in whose hands are all our destinies for the unexampled success which has attended this philanthropic—this noble cause. Never, perhaps, in the history of a cause, with but one exception, was there an association combined together for such

or more praiseworthy objects.—and never was there a cause, save that above excepted, in which the hand of Divine Providence was so clearly perceptible. Our progress in town and country is alike. For a short time, our numbers were counted by tens and hundreds; but that time has long passed, and our numbers have increased by thousands, until the Sons of Temperance can bring into the field an army of upwards of 20,000. Where intemperance exists how can we be holy in all manner of conversation? How can we honor all men? How can we be gentlemen? How can we fear God? How can we honour the King? How can grace and peace be multiplied unto us through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord?—And how besides these, how can we add to faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity, for if these be in us, and abound, they make us that we shall be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. You may rest assured that this volume will be heartily accepted, and employed for the purposes designed, and according to our by-laws. A volume full of truths concerning God. An "Omnipotent God," who commanded this Globe from nothing into existence—who measures the ocean in the hollow of his hand, who weigheth the mountains in scales, and banneth this earth upon nothing. A God of justice "who will in no wise pardon the guilty," a God of mercy "who hath no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they would turn unto him and live," a God of love, "for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life," and a volume full of "good news and glad tidings of great joy which shall be unto all people. "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have a right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates of the city." As it is our aim to let reason not passion be our guide in all things, so may the divine principles laid down in this volume be the foundation of our principles—its precepts our example—its laws our guide. In conclusion may we and all of us be guided and directed in all well-doing by that spirit which teacheth in all good things and when time is no more, so that he may be able to enter that city which "hath no need of the sun neither of the moon to shine in it for the Glory of God did lighten it, and the land is the light thereof, and the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day, for there shall be no night there; and there shall in no wise, enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abominations or maketh a lie but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

After the presentation, Doctor VanNorman with his choir, executed in a most masterly and delightful manner, various pieces of appropriate music, and this assemblage was addressed eloquently by sundry speakers. Thus the pleasures of the evening being agreeably interspersed with appropriate addresses, and pleasant harmony, was consumed by a delighted and a well-benefitted audience.

The chapel was crowded to excess, which was the only drawback on the pleasures of the evening.

I am, my dear sir,

Yours in L. P. F.

H. R. O'REILLY, R. S.

THE CADETS OF TEMPERANCE

It has been our special object since we started this paper, to foster in every way we could this useful and growing institution. For that purpose we have published many interesting lectures, and devoted for many months past a whole page of our paper to them. Prevention is always better than cure. So it is better for us to bring up our children in total abstinence principles, than (after they grow up and imbibe a taste for spirituous and malitious liquors) to break them off from their vice. All parents admit that it is a terrible evil to have drunken sons. All would sooner see their sons and daughters in the grave than to see them drunkards or wedded to drunkards. If this be true why not advise your children to become Cadets of Temperance? The greatest difficulty Worthy Parents have with Cadets is to keep them orderly. We deeply deplore unruliness in boys, especially in Schools or Sections