



Ladies' Department.

A POETIC GEM.

Lines written by the late Rev. C. Wolfe, on the death of his wife.

If I had thought thou could'st have died,
I might not weep for thee;
But I forgot when by thy side,
That thou could'st mortal be;
It never through my mind had passed
The time would e'er be o'er,
That I or thee should look my last,
And thou should'st smile no more!

And still upon that face I look,
And think 'twill smile again;
And still the thought I cannot brook
That I must look in vain;
But when I speak, thou dost not say
What thou ne'er left unsaid;
And when I feel, as well I may,
Dear Mary! thou art dead.

If thou could'st stay e'en as thou art,
All cold and all serene,
I still might press thy silent heart,
And where thy smiles have been.
While e'en thy chill bleak corpse I have,
Thou seemest still mine own;
But as I lay thee in the grave,
I feel that I'm alone!

I do not think where'er thou art,
Thou hast forgiven me;
And I, perhaps, may soothe this heart,
In thinking, too, of thee;
Yet there was round thee such a dawn
Of light ne'er seen before,
As fancy never could have drawn,
And never can restore.

THE REPLY OF THE SONS OF AYLNER TO THE LADIES ADDRESS.

RESPECTED LADIES, Jan. 1852.

It is with heart felt pleasure that we receive the rich gift you have so kindly offered us. When we look at the costly material of which this beautiful Cobson is made, with the ornaments which surround it; and also this splendid Bible with the superior workmanship, both of its binding and plates; we consider it a gift which does honor to the donors.— We value this gift, Ladies, because it comes as a testimonial of your approval of our Order. But we place a still higher value upon this Bible, because it is the blessed Bible, book of books, the word of the living God, able to make us wise unto salvation through faith in Christ. This book Ladies, as you

seem to intimate, teaches most clearly the grand principles on which our order is founded; viz, Love, Purity and Fidelity. Love to all mankind, even the poor unfortunate inebriate, whom we seek to save from degradation and woe. Purity of motives in all our movements. To labour not simply for our own good, but for the benefit of the whole race of man. Fidelity to our principles, and to the solemn obligations we have voluntarily taken upon ourselves. We, Ladies, do not take a stand against Religion; neither do we intend that our obligations to the order shall ever on any occasion interfere with our religious duties. And we wish you to understand, that we are not hostile to Religion. We give Religion the preference in all things, and under all circumstances. We do not wish to insult you Ladies with any thing like flattery; we believe you possess too much good sense and intelligence to be pleased with such tolly, but still we wish you to know that we value your friendly co-operation, and are glad to see your smiling faces here to-day. We are not insensible of the great amount of influence you are capable of wielding; but it gladdens and encourages our hearts to know that you are prepared to place your powerful influence in the right scale. We rejoice also to learn that you have noticed with pleasure the happy results of our movements. We shall feel more than ever encouraged and determined to persevere, since we have evidence that our self-denying efforts have proved conducive to your happiness. You have no doubt with sorrow observed that some few who once stood in our ranks have gone back and taken sides with the fell destroyer. This has been a source of deep regret to us.

Some of those unfortunate men we felt great sympathy for; knowing their former habits; the strength of their vitiated appetites; and the many temptations and snares which surrounded them; and we did all we could to save them. But for some others we felt but little sympathy; when we saw that they were to all appearance, staunch Sons of Temperance; while it was for their interest so to be. But as soon as they imagined that they could make money faster in some other way, they turned their backs on the good cause; and went to throwing fire brands, arrows, and death, by selling Rum. But, Ladies, you may rest assured that we have not a few among us, who could not be hired with money to abandon our principles; or turn their backs upon our order. Men who act from principle; who pay their weekly dues; and make many sacrifices for the cause, from no other motive but that of doing good; and who consider it a privilege to do good. Since the novelty and excitement of our first movements has passed by, we have lost a few of our members. But this was no more than we expected. This you know is the case in nearly all great movements.

When Religious excitement runs high, many enter within the pale of the christian church, in consequence of an excited state of feeling; but when the excitement passes off, they not having the principles of Religion deeply rooted in their minds, soon turn their backs on the cause they had so recently espoused. If this is the case in religious matters, we need not marvel if it should be so to some extent with our order. But, Ladies, our loss has been much less than we had reason to expect. And our hearts are still cheered now and then with new accessions to our order. Notwithstanding the novelty and excitement has passed by; we flatter ourselves that those who join our beloved Brotherhood now, do so from principle, and will stand fast. You are well aware Ladies, that the multiplicity of grog shops forms the greatest barrier we find in our way. We feel surprised that our government should legalize so many of these nuisances; these sinks of Sin.

We feel indignant with our American neighbours for legalizing Slavery. We look upon it as a dark stain on their flag, but, Ladies, a thousand times darker stain is to be seen on the banners of our beloved country. Slavery is nothing in comparison to the license law. For the poor degraded slave is generally well fed, if his fair is coarse, still it is wholesome; and although his body is in bondage, yet his soul may be free. But here is a traffic upheld by the strong arm of government; which enslaves both body and soul, and runs them forever, by sending them to perdition by thousands. How long O! Lord, how long must the Banners of this proud nation be stained with the blood of her sons. If the foul destroyer would be content to lay hold of none but the worthless and the vile; we could bear it with more patience. But, alas, he often strikes his deadly fangs into the hearts of some of our best Citizens; and some of our most useful States-men have fallen by his hand.

In fact he spares neither the high nor low, but has entered every circle, and destroyed men of all professions, and he cannot be fully stopped while our government pursues the sinful and impolitic course they now do. License all sorts of men who can borrow money easy to pay the fee, and thus spread the temptation before men to drink.

The very fact that the government patronizes a shameful and disgraceful business of making men drunkards, leads many to think it polite and fashionable to drink. We think that our government has just as good a right to sell a man a license to commit the most atrocious crimes, as to allow him to sell alcohol as a beverage. But, Ladies, we look forward with pleasure, believe if temperance people will do their duty, crying evil will soon be removed. The State of New York has set a noble example, and let us strive to follow. It may be asked how are we to proceed in order to do so desirable an object. We answer in the language of the great Irish States-man, who is now no more, "Rate, agitate, agitate." Let us speak out plainly, boldly, and fearlessly. Some good men are afraid to speak out the sentiments of their hearts, for fear of giving offence. But, Ladies we feel ourselves bound to speak the truth plainly, let the consequence be what it may. Truth is omnipotent, and must prevail. We must not shrink from saying both publicly and privately, that our government is verily guilty before God for legalizing the unhallowed traffic in rum. Alas! she repent not, God will ere long visit her for her iniquity, and she will feel the rod of his wrath. But we love our government, and wish it prosperity, let us then as an expression of that love, entreat them to spare of all that is sacred, in the name of all that is true, to put away this destructive evil; and thus wash out the foul blot that now stains the Banners of our nation. Allow us in conclusion Ladies, to assure you that it is with thankfulness and pleasure that we receive this splendid Bible and costly Cushion from your generous and friendly hands, while we assure you that a portion of this Book shall be read every time our District meets. As to our perseverance we are resolved to do like Lois wife, but our motto shall be forward and onward. We have attacked the enemy, and we are resolved to conquer or die: we believe our cause is a righteous one, and that God is on our side, and we are not afraid. Permit us before closing to say that we are much surprised that any well disposed persons should be willing to deny themselves the pleasure of helping a cause which we believe to be so just. Some prophesy that our order will go down, but we believe them not, for they are false prophets, God does not send them. Such an event is impossible from the very nature of things. For the foundation of our order is firmer than even the pillars on which our government rests. If the government should be unbecomingly removed, it would still live in the hearts of the benevolent of our country. And, Ladies, we shall still depend on your friendly co-operation and aid. And so long as we are favoured with your patronage, we have nothing to fear. With your influence in our favour we must succeed. And finally may you be richly rewarded for your praiseworthy and self-denying efforts on our behalf. May you at last be received into the mansions of the Patriarch above.

AMUSING CASE OF SOMNAMBULISM.

A curious and somewhat amusing case of somnambulism is reported to have occurred in Springfield not long since. A lady, whether married or single I have not learned, left her lodging in the somnambulant state, without other clothing than her night-dress, and proceeded to the residence of one of her neighbors, a physician, requesting him to call at her residence, as soon as it was morning, to call at her residence, as she was sick and needed medical attendance. The physician inquired what was the matter, but her only answer was, that as soon as it was morning he must come to see for himself. By this time he had arisen, and his visitor in her night-dress, suspected her unconsciousness of what she was doing, and invited her in, and upon a shawl was thrown over her shoulders and a pair of shoes offered, which she immediately put on, and returned for her home. The physician answered the call in the morning as requested, but the lady denied all knowledge of her night walk and errand, and only was convinced of the fact by finding in her sleeping room a shawl and a pair of shoes, which were identified as belonging to the family of the physician.