

THE CANADIAN Son of Temperance.

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"My son, look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."—*Proverbs, Chap. 23.*

(From the American Temperance Magazine.)

WHAT IS OUR ORDER LIKE?

BY J. FRED SIMMONS.

Like the pure trusting heart, that with sympathy glows,
Like the dew-drop that glistens, upon the bright rose,
Like the sweet gentle streamlet, that dances along,
Like the warbler who praises his maker in song,
Like the modest young virgin, all beauty and smiles,
Like the city whose buildings are proud stately piles,
Like the pure crystal waters so bright and so clear,
Like a jewel whose brightness, time ne'er can destroy,
Like the bosom whose only emotion is joy,
Like the breast of the maiden, just yielding its love,
Like the sweetest of birds—the innocent dove,
Like the land in the midst of the watery main,
Like the sweet gurgling spring, in the broad desert plain,
Like the hope of the Christian, as he walks the ship's deck,
Like the barque that's rescuing fond souls from the wreck,
Like the moon who illumines the wanderer's way,
Like the sun who exists but to brighten the day,
Like gardens of flowers, through which we have trod
Like RELIGION, that leads us to Heaven and God.

We call attention to the following letter; and in doing so would remark that too much attention cannot be bestowed by Sons of Temperance on the useful branch of our order called the Cadets of Temperance. This order is one of the elements of our own perpetuity. Whilst we have Cadets we must have Sons of Temperance. Section rooms are noble schools of Virtue, Knowledge and Temperance.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECTION C. OF T.,
PROVINCE OF CANADA,
BROCKVILLE, 8th Oct., 1851.

SIR AND BROTHER,

In compliance with your request of 30th ult., I send you a list of Sections of Cadets of Temperance now in Canada amounting to 113; each Section will I think, average 30 members.

The Order generally is in a healthy state, as the Sons of Temperance are now taking a greater interest in it; believing that it is productive of much good.

Please insert, "The Grand Section C. of T. Province of Canada, will meet in Brockville on 25th inst., at nine o'clock, A.M. All representatives are respectfully requested to attend with the regalia pertaining to the offices they hold in their respective subordinate Sections."

I beg to remain

Yours in V., L. & T.,

Jno. LEGGO,

G. Secretary.

C. Durand Esq.

P. S. Besides those Sections on the list, there

is one at Montreal, also one at Quebec, which have not been properly reported to this office as yet. J. L.

INTEMPERANCE, THE LICENSE SYSTEM AND THE CLERGY RESERVES GO TO THE POLLS TEMPERANCE LEGISLA- TORS MAKE TEMPERANCE LAWS.

Many of the best temperance papers in the American States are beginning now to see the root of the evil in intemperance. It is in the license system. So long as this exists intemperance will prevail. The enemy may be scathed but it will revive if temptation is held out thus. Custom and habit may do away with it in private families, but so long as Sign Boards are held up to public view with golden "Come in buy," licensed by law, so long will men go in and buy. Inns we must have but let them confine their operations to feeding the weary man with food and to sheltering him and his beast. No man should be licensed to sell to a person, or to carry on an evil business in Society. It makes the custom respectable and surrounds evil with the barriers of law. The most profound infatuation ever exhibited under the Sun, is for man to license a system that ruins thousands of families and fills our Jails and Asylums with criminals and lunatics. The persons licensed not only ruin their customers, but they ruin themselves and families. It is a notorious fact, verified by our experience in life, that a large majority of Inn-keepers die drunkards and are men of no enlarged moral feeling. Many sicken at heart at their trade. All this arises from the custom of dealing out spirits to the depraved and unfortunate. Take away the license to sell liquor's and their business is honorable and moral. What can be more honorable in the eyes of God than to feed the hungry and to take therefor a reasonable recompense where the house is opened as a wayfaring Inn? There is no dishonor in giving the weary rest from the storm, and a fire to warm him, and the man who opens his house to all can reasonably charge a recompense. If drink be required give him coffee, tea or milk; all of which are a hundred per cent more nutritious, than filthy poisonous rum or whiskey. The country is now agitated about the Clergy Reserves question, and all say go to the Polls and vote for men who will settle this question forever. This is all right, for as it is a people's local question, let them thus settle it, and upon their decision let the mother country determine. We say remember at the Polls the cause of temperance, one of more vital importance than even the Church or State question. If farmers elect drunken legislators their laws will be loosely made—their interests neglected; and they will find that their public servants, when heated at feasts and dinners, with good wine at Speaker's and Governor's dinners, are apt to forget their duties and pledge their support to bad measures. Keep men's heads cool and they will think and hesitate before they betray. Few know the evils done in our Legislative Halls by intemperance. Many a bad vote and bad law may be traced to this source. Send men like Col. Prince and others we could name to Parliament, and you will find that the license system will be sustained. Pure water never flowed from impure sources. It

may be well for thinking farmers to enquire as to the propriety of voting for an enemy to our great cause. We think that most of the evils of our land flow from intemperance. Farmers of Canada is this not true?

FATHER MATTHEW'S PECUNIARY DISTRESS.

FATHER MATTHEW is about to return to Europe, from the United States, where he has been laboring in the Temperance cause for the last two years. He is broken down in health and fortune; an appeal is being made to a sympathizing public on his behalf, by certain benevolent persons in New York. Those who are willing to contribute to the Father Matthew fund are invited to send their donations to Henry Grinnell, Esq., New York, who will act as Treasurer.

We regret to see this noble and philanthropic man seems to be broken down in health and fortune. After many years spent in laboring for the moral and physical welfare of mankind, especially for Irishmen, he is about to return to his native Ireland in pecuniary distress. No man living has done so much good to his fellows as Father Matthew. His life for many years past has been like that of an angel of light; going from hamlet to hamlet, village to town and town to city, laboring to convince man and with eminent success, of the folly of the use of intoxicating drink. We see this eminent friend is in pecuniary want. Cannot the great body of American Temperance men do something to help him. Over \$100,000 were paid to hear a Swedish girl sing songs during the past year; \$10,000 will be spent in a month or two to hear Miss Hayes sing in the same land. Thousands of dollars are spent to see every celebrated danseuse like Fanny Ellsler and Lola Montes dance. Here is a great benefactor of mankind—a wonderful yet plain and meek man; who has administered the total abstinence pledge to over six millions of human beings; and who bought with his money in Ireland a great field for burying the poor without charge—wanting! As one individual we would more willingly subscribe one dollar to a fund for this man than for any other purpose we know. He formed the Irish total abstinence society 10th April, 1838, and most of his angelic work has since been done. The heart can scarce imagine the tears he has stopped and the suffering he has allayed. They are treasured up in the Book of life for his reward.

LOWER CANADA.

The Montreal *Temperance Advocate*, in one of its September numbers, stated that several new Divisions had lately been formed in the country about Montreal. There is also a Union of Daughters, and there are several Sections of Cadets in that part of our country. We also observe by it that our Act of Incorporation does not extend to Lower Canada. We hoped otherwise.