

continued as to convince us that the time is come to adopt an efficient course of measures for its suppression.

Resolved, That we know but one attempt at legislation against this immense evil which has not proved itself to be essentially defective; and that we turn to *that law*—the law of Maine—as our only hope in this emergency.

Resolved, That the essential principle of that law of Maine—the confiscation and destruction of intoxicating liquids when kept for sale unlawfully—is sustained by the analogy of other laws against contraband traffics, is just and constitutional in its theory, and is perfectly irresistible in practice, and that we believe in it.

Resolved, That the State of Massachusetts, through 130,000 petitioners, (a number entirely unprecedented on any other occasion), calls for the enactment of a similar law, in a manner too unequivocal to be mistaken or disregarded.

Resolved, That to doubt the practicability of enforcing this law when passed, in every city and town in this Commonwealth, is to mistake the humanity and the sober good sense of our people, and strangely to distrust their energy in sustaining their enactments.

Resolved, That in passing and enforcing the first thorough Temperance law on record, the State of Maine has imposed on us a debt of gratitude seldom incurred by one state to another, and we rejoice to see signs that Massachusetts will not be the only follower in a course so nobly begun.

Resolved, That we urge to immediate action any towns which have delayed an expression of opinion on this subject; since our experience has already convinced us that it will require but a very little effort to obtain in every town a proportion of voters so large as to supersede the necessity of any further appeal to the people, and leave no doubt of our desires in the mind of any one of our legislators.

Resolved, That in our opinion the duty of all Temperance men does not cease with the presentation of this petition to the Legislature, and we earnestly urge all such to continue the agitation of this subject in order to produce a perfectly unanimous adherence to the MAINE TEMPERANCE LAW—hereafter to become the MASSACHUSETTS TEMPERANCE LAW.

Temperance Jottings.—II.

There are many terms and phrases in use, the origin and import of which will often be found amusing and instructive. In proof of this we need merely mention a few bearing in some measure upon Temperance organizations. Such for instance as, *Eating humble pie*, *mind your P's and Q's*, and the word *Tee-total*.

Many have had to eat *humble pie* in connexion with drinking usages. However affluent and comfortable once, by the free use of intoxicating drinks, their circumstances have been materially changed, and they have been comparatively, if not really and fully beggared. Referring to the *origin* of this phrase, it is recorded in the *British Banner*, for December last;—"The umble of pie of former days was made from the 'umble,' or entrails of the deer, and was considered inferior to the pastry prepared for the raised dais, or first table. 'Umbie pie' was a dish for the second table; hence the saying, 'To eat humble pie.' Let the consumers of alcoholic stimulants beware of practices that have brought many low indeed, in which they have been obliged to do many things truly humiliating, and to their mortification to eat humble pie in various forms.

The visitors of our taverns, and the followers of drinking fashions have also need to be upon their guard, lest they contract debts and obligations that may prove ruinous to them and their families. We are informed that in ale-houses, in the olden time, when chalk "scores" were marked upon the wall, or behind the door of the tap-room, it was customary to put the initials "P." and "Q." at the head of every man's account, to show the number of "pints" and "quarts" for which he was in arrears; and we

may presume many a friendly rustic to have tapped his neighbor on the shoulder, when he was indulging too freely in his potations, and to have exclaimed, as he pointed to the chalk score, "Mind your P's and Q's, man! mind your P's and Q's!" And such a kind and gentle admonition is still necessary to large numbers, who, without due consideration, are pursuing a course detrimental to their health and reputation, injurious to their respective callings, pernicious to their families and neighborhood, and offensive to the great and blessed God.

To all, who are in any way connected with the traffic and consumption of intoxicating drinks, we would say, "nothing but Total Abstinence will do." This is the right principle, safe and practicable, for the cure and prevention of intemperance. Here we are reminded of the origin of the word *Tee-total*. At a public meeting held in Lancashire, several working men, having experienced the benefits of total abstinence, were urging upon those they addressed, the importance of the principle. Among the rest was a reformed drunkard of the name of Dicky Turner, who it seems, on this occasion stammered. While endeavoring then to enforce the abstinence principle as alone efficient in reclaiming inebriates, he said, "Nothing but tee-tee tee-total abstinence will do." This stuttering gave rise to the word now in use, designating, as it appropriately does, the doctrine of entire abstinence from all alcoholic liquors as a beverage. After its utterance, many on the following day said to Turner, "There goes Mr. Tee-tee-total, tee-tee-total!" And numbers for a time were disposed to ridicule the outlandish term, originating under these humble circumstances. But time, the great revealer of secrets, has brought to light from every class of the community a large number, who have intelligently, prayerfully, and cordially, adopted the Tee-total Pledge, and are zealous in carrying out the principle involved.

And whatever discouragements and difficulties there may be in the way, there are many encouragements with reference to the past, as well as present prospects, that should induce all the friends of our various Temperance organizations to renewed devotedness and zeal. The cause, in a very important sense, is of God. Its chief, most consistent, and best supporters have been those who have been prompted to its advocacy, by a regard to the principles and interests of Divine truth. The blessing of the Most High has attended their efforts. The Temperance enterprise has proved auxiliary to the institutions of the Gospel. And many, who have been reclaimed by the friends of Temperance societies, have been led to enter the Christian ministry, and by means of truth, accompanied by the energy of the Spirit, have become new creatures in Christ Jesus. Here then we have peculiar ground for thanksgiving and praise. Considerations are thus presented that should animate every benevolent and Christian mind. The objects contemplated by our associations commend themselves to such minds. The means employed by them, have been fairly and fully tried, and have, under God, proved effectual and beneficial. But there is yet much to accomplish. There are loud and urgent calls for help. And no sufficient reasons can be adduced why we should not, to an individual, join in the ranks of Temperance men. "I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say."

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