

from Cantens would have much effect, so long as our cities and towns abound with grog shops, licensed and unlicensed. For if the men who are inclined to drink cannot get it in the Canteen, there are twenty houses within a hundred yards of every Barrack gate where they can get as much as they please. No, sir; although the prohibition of strong drink in Cantens is a step in the right direction, it is not to such measures that we must look for success to our cause, but rather to the spread of Temperance principles amongst both soldiers and civilians—to the establishment of libraries, reading-rooms, and Savings Banks, and to well conducted Regimental Schools. To these causes may be traced all the improvement which I rejoice to believe has taken place amongst soldiers during the last few years. Hoping that all who are engaged in the good work will be encouraged to persevere by past success, and praying for the blessing of Almighty God upon their labors, I remain,

Yours, truly,

A RIFLEMAN.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

In consequence of two or three articles of some consequence, having reached us too late for insertion in our number for August 1, for which we feel sorry, especially the appointments of Mr. R. D. Wadsworth, we deem it necessary, to prevent disappointment in future, to intimate, that we cannot vouch for the insertion of any article or advertisement, unless it reach Montreal at least seven days before the day of publication of the number for which such advertisement or communication may be intended.

We have received a poetical contribution from a female correspondent, who signs herself J. F. It is difficult to refuse a favor from the fair; but, though her present effort displays talent it scarcely comes up to our standard. We advise her to "try again." We can assure her she possesses the talent, and needs only longer practice to acquire the art of using it with elegance.

Mr. R. D. Wadsworth's Appointments.

We beg to call the attention of our readers to the list of appointments announced by that old and able advocate of the cause, Mr. R. D. Wadsworth. We have always much pleasure in recommending Mr. Wadsworth to the kind regards of all Temperance men, and being a "Son," he has a special claim upon their sympathies and support. These lectures will be "On the Origin, Nature, and Use of Alcoholic Drinks,"—illustrated by a Still, and Diagrams of the Human Stomach.

Collections will be made at each meeting. The local society will provide either wine, beer, or cider for the Still. Other appointments can be attended to at noon of each week-day, if desired—each place will arrange the hour of meeting: where the "Sons" are organized, they are respectfully requested to be present in Regalia. The Still and Diagrams will be used at the lectures only. Subscribers to the *Advocate* will be received, and all parties afforded an opportunity of signing the pledge.

National Temperance Convention at Saratoga Springs, August 20th, 1851.

The following "temperance circular," from the executive committee of the "American Temperance Union," calling a general convention of all their friends of temperance in all parts of the Union, who are in favor of legislative protection against the evils of the traffic in intoxicating beverages, will be hailed with de-

light by thousands and thousands all over the land. The last National Convention of this description was held at Saratoga in 1841, at the commencement of the great Washingtonian movement.

During the subsequent ten years, so great have been the changes in the forces and in the fortunes of the contending powers, and so clearly have been demonstrated, not only the need but the absolute necessity of combining the co-operating aid of legal, with that of moral suasion for the further and future promotion of the cause of temperance, that teetotalers were becoming anxious, and even impatient, for an opportunity to compare notes, interchange sentiments, settle principles, and upon mutual consultation, adopt general plans for more uniformity, and of course, more efficiency of action, among the members of the various city, county, state, and national organizations. Such an opportunity will soon be offered, as will appear by the following—

TEMPERANCE CIRCULAR.

In view of the recent temperance action in Maine, Ohio, and other States, and in consultation with Chancellor Walworth, Dr. Edwards, Gen. Cary, Neal Dow, Esq., Mr. Delavan, and other gentlemen, the executive committee, of the American Temperance Union have thought it expedient to invite a general convention of the friends of the cause, to meet at Saratoga Springs, on Wednesday, the 20th of August at 10 A. M.—All officers and members of national, legislative, and State temperance organizations,—Sons of Temperance,—Rehabiles,—Templars,—Watchmen,—Samaritans,—Cadeis,—and all other persons, who believe it is the right and the duty of the people to defend themselves by legislation from the evils of the traffic in intoxicating liquors, are cordially invited to attend.

ANSON G. PHELPS, CHAIRMAN.

JOHN MARSH, Sec.

New York, July 14th, 1851.

Editors of temperance, religious, and secular papers will confer a favor by an early notice.

The above call, it will be seen, is broad and general, and extends to every person, who believes in the co-efficiency, necessity, and propriety of temperance legislation, and we trust neither eliquism, clannishness, nor sectionality will be heard, seen, or felt, in the great practical response, that will in due time be given to it.

The women as well as the men of these thirty one States, have a great interest in such a great national convention, and as such of them as desire the protection of temperance legislation, are clearly and "cordially" invited to attend, we trust, that they will be present, with Mrs. Swisshelm of Pittsburg, Mrs. Bloomer, of Seneca Falls, Mrs. Nichols, of New York, Mrs. Harris, of Providence, Mrs. Bell of Worcester, and many other able, teetotal, and distinguished ladies, to tell the "lords of creation" what their sex has suffered from, and what kind of protection they need and desire, against the merciless assaults of the rum traffic. If the women of this Union could express their wishes and will at the ballot-box, Old Alchy would soon be plunged down the precipices into the sea, like the herd of swine in olden days.

We copy the above from the *New England Temperance Journal*, for the purpose of calling the attention of our readers to the desirableness of having Canada fully represented on the occasion. It will be a most important meeting, and all who intend to take part in it, should weigh well the course to be taken, so that the cause "of all mankind" may not only not be hindered, but advanced.

We understand that the Montreal Temperance Society have already taken action in this matter, and appointed John Dougall, Esq., and Mr. J. C. Becket as their delegates. The Sons of Temperance are also on the move.

The Five Lectures of Mr. John B. Gough in Worcester.

We observe from the *Massachusetts Catechet* that J. B. Gough has given five free lectures in Worcester, and which seems to have been none of the least of his universally successful attempts to interest the public mind on this subject.—The *Catechet* says:—

The course of Mr. John B. Gough's five free lectures to the