

DEAR TELEPHONE:—Our W.C.T.U. has just had a house-warming,—a real live affair. Such a time as there was: getting ready, sweeping, dusting, cleaning lamps and so forth. The old building was in such a ruinous condition, hygienic and moral, that it took any amount of soap and scrubbing brush on the one part, and on the other. But I am going to whisper this very low:—the depth was reached, when, for a stipulated sum, it was turned into a dance house one or two nights in a week, but on this memorable evening, 26th day of November, of the Christian Era, a strong dose of Gospel temperance, purified the atmosphere for the nonce. The ingredients consisted first, of song, which scattered the evil hosts, then Rev. Mr. Crawley opened the sacred Book and read from its inspired pages, some Proverbs from the wise king Solomon. If they lingered a moment to claim affinity with a foolish old seer, they fled when the solemn voice of the Pastor was raised to invoke the presence of Heaven's High King.

But I haven't told you who were our guests. We had the high honor of entertaining a class, the possibilities of whose lives are beyond compute: As students of the Normal School now, they are gathering up knowledge for use as teachers of the rising generation, and it was the ambition of our President to add the subject of temperance to the already crowded curriculum, and this one night's drill was all the opportunity afforded. In her opening address, she dwelt upon the importance of the profession generally. The teacher, as the sower of seed, on which the harvest depends; but to point out duty was not sufficient. She was happy in being able to give them something practical, presenting them with a new paper cover for school books, all dotted with literary gems, sparkling with true temperance radiance. They meet a real want in the home. Mother, worried with the effort to quiet baby, attend to breakfast and see to the fitting out of some half dozen for school, is besieged for something "To cover my history, and Julia's Geography." There is nothing but a newspaper and Bob declares he will not have that put on his new History book. Ned sings out as he disappears through the open doorway, "I am going to get a bully cover from teacher with my cent, it has a jolly temper-

ance song on it too." Well, if the children will wait, these book covers will soon be an institution in the schools of our Province.

O, how I have rambled! Let me see. President had finished speaking and sat down amid applause, when the choir struck up a favorite melody, and how much I want to tell you about that same choir; but your time is limited I know. If I say a word about the Leader, you can judge of the whole. Well, she is splendid! yes, that has reference to her voice, but it will do as a description of her personel also. We have had prima donnas here, but some prejudiced people will not acknowledge them to be rivals. There were readings too, but the performers are willing to stand aside. 'Tis time to sign the pledge and pin on the "bit of blue,"—such a crowding, the pens were not nimble enough to keep pace with the rush to sign. The guests were regaled with hot Coffee, Cake, Sandwiches &c. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Beckwith.

Fredericton, N. B.

FAREWELL.

AN APPEAL.

At the First Convention of the Maritime W. C. T. U., held at Fredericton in 1883, a Resolution was adopted to the effect that an Appeal be made to the ladies in every City, Town or Village before the New Year, asking what they will discontinue the use of wine and other Alcoholic beverages at their New Year's Receptions. We know not how far that Resolution has been carried out. In St. John an Appeal has been made to the Ladies from the W.C.T.U. of that City. four years in succession, and they have had the gratification of knowing that their appeals have not been in vain. Moncton Union has for two years made the same call upon the ladies of the Town.

Another New Year approaches, and ere the TELEPHONE rings again in your homes, 1885 will be here. This is the last opportunity for Appeal through these pages this year. Dear readers, let us then, once more, urge upon you the importance of this matter. There may be some who have "never heard," never realized the danger of presenting the cup of temptation to the young. None would wilfully err in this matter. Let us beseech of you, consider well, before you incur the fearful responsibility of causing some "weak brother to perish for whom Christ died." You are your "brother's keeper." Should not each one walk carefully?