

I will not trouble you with any more remarks, but will offer a few words in verse for the Sons, Cadets, and Daughters:

☞ COME ONE, COME ALL! ☞

Come from the heat, come from the cold—
Young men, come, and come the old;
Bring your wives, in all their charms,
Bring the babe, that's held in arms;
Bring your sisters, bring your brothers,
Bring your fathers and your mothers;
Bring your daughters in their beauty,
Bring the son you've reared to duty;
Bring your friends, and all your neighbours,
Bring the workman from his labours;
Bring the stranger from the street,
Bring the very next you meet.

Yours, in L. P. & F.

JOHN NOTT, R. S.

Prince Albert Division, No. 34,
Dec. 14, 1851.

☞ It is pleasing to have testimonials of this kind from intelligent Sons. We have many such from all parts of Canada. This Division is one of the most flourishing in our county, numbering over eighty, and constantly improving. It has within it magistrates, merchant, and farmers, and a majority of the respectable people of this village. There is also a large section of Cadets here. Go on, brothers, in the good cause.

DEBATES IN DIVISIONS.

CUMMINSVILLE, Dec. 9th, 1851.

DEAR SIR AND BR.—We have adopted the plan of our members delivering addresses in their Division Room upon any subject that tends to our edification; and we find it beneficial, and would recommend it, as it raises the interests of our meetings and causes a better attendance. In perusing your excellent paper, we find that you are kind and liberal enough to give publication to any thing that will advance the interests of the Sons of Temperance. I therefore respectfully request you to give insertion to an address delivered by Brother Dr. C. W. Flock in the Cumminsville Division Room, on the 6th November last, and you will much oblige the brethren of said Division; and believe me,

Yours fraternally,

ROBERT MATHEWS, R. S.

T. C. Durand, Esq.
Toronto.

TEMPERANCE MEETING—BR. DICK'S ADVICE.

The letter below was handed to us too late for our last publication, but its suggestions are important, and we recommend divisions to follow this advice everywhere. Divisions and brothers must depend upon themselves. Get up debates and discussions on temperance, and be active in the cause.

PUBLIC TEMPERANCE MEETINGS.

NOW IS THE TIME.

To the Editor of Son of Temperance.

MR. EDITOR.—Having during the summer and fall, been compelled to decline many invitations, soliciting public lectures, I have latterly, when unable to accept, fallen upon the expedient of endeavouring to induce the members of divisions to convene public meetings announcing that they themselves would be speech makers. In accordance with which, it affords me pleasure to announce that HORNBY DIVISION will hold a public meeting, on the Monday evening preceding Christmas Day, in the chapel at Hornby. The speakers for the occasion to be six brothers of the Hornby division. I have also to announce that, SMITHFIELD DIVISION, will hold a similar meeting, to be addressed in like manner by six members of the Smithfield Division, on the Thursday evening preceding Christmas Day. Let every division in Can-

ada, hold monthly meetings during the winter, on this principle, and the spring will find the "Sons" at least FORTY THOUSAND.

Yours fraternally,

ROBERT DICK.

Toronto Dec. 8, 1851.

TEMPERANCE MOVEMENTS

Since our last issue a few temperance gatherings have taken place. A soiree of a very pleasant and enthusiastic description was held last Tuesday at Cooksville by the Rechabites at which about 500 of the most respectable farmers and mechanics of Cooksville attended. The good Brethren of this tent always get up their soirees with great expense and good taste. Bros. Alcorn, Gregory, and some other speakers addressed the audience and the fine Cooksville Band were there. The evening passed off to the gratification of all. We were invited but could not attend as we had to go to Oshawa.

☞ At Thornhill on the 18th a meeting of the division took place, when about 100 friends assembled to think and speak of Temperance matters. The spirited little division here attended in full force and was addressed by Bros. Gregory and Dr. Russel, Ross and others. The division and friends are aware that we were kindly invited but we could not attend being absent from the city on business. We believe some little difficulty existing in the division has been amicably arranged. Thornhill division has within it all the elements of future prosperity and we hope to see its immediate increase.

☞ At Niagara, the Cadets had a soiree on the 12th December when a large number attended, the room was beautifully ornamented, the vivands good, and the singing of the choir very well conducted. The Rev. Mr. Mowatt and several other ministers addressed the audience and great enthusiasm prevailed. This fine division is animated by the right spirit. The daughters cadets and sons all work together here in one spirit. We know of no division in Canada equal to the Niagara division in zeal and it now numbers about 200 sons.

☞ It seems that in the fracas that occurred in Maine with the Captain of a Vessel about liquor no lives were lost.

☞ Weston on New Years day ☞ A grand fashionable concert is to take place at Weston of vocal and instrumental music. The Weston Brass band will be in attendance and tea will be served at 4 o'clock p. m., tickets 1s 3d each. It will no doubt be a grand affair.

NORTHERN BROTHERS—A GOOD LETTER, READ IT. ☞

For the Son of Temperance.

INNISFILL, Dec. 5th, 1851.

DEAR SIR AND BR.—Our order is progressing—is exercising a good, though not a commanding influence; and the great drawback to our much greater increase, is the apathy of the public—this apathy may be partly accounted for from different causes; and one great cause, in my judgment, is found in the unfaithfulness of brethren. In weak Divisions and thinly-settled neighbourhoods, the defection of one member by violating his pledge or by resignation, is severely felt, not only by the Division, but is a serious obstacle in the way of others uniting with us. If free agency and moral responsibility are truths, and not lies, such men have much to answer for—so assuredly a fearful responsibility is incurred by those who, either by precept or example, obstruct the progress and hinder the usefulness of any association (no matter by what name called) of a moral and philanthropic character. Better, far better that such men never united, than, having united, to turn again to the weak and beggarly elements of their former life. The Order of the Sons suffers tenfold more from such, than from an open and professed enemy. I am led to speak thus strongly, because I feel deeply. I wish to cultivate feelings of charity

and good will towards all men; but, for the conduct of such men, I have no measure of sympathy—no other sentiment than that of unmitigated disgust. I have sympathy for the poor victim of a perverted appetite, when he is led astray. I think even the act of such a man violating his pledge, is far less atrocious and vastly less hurtful to a weak cause, in a hostile country, than the deliberate withdrawal of a man without temptation and without any sufficient reason for his conduct.

There is another class of men who, while professing friends and fellow-workers, are particularly exerting an influence antagonistic to the interests of the order: I refer to our teetotal friends, who refuse to unite with us. Where a cause is weak, and has much opposition to contend with, the do-nothing policy of these pretended friends is mischievous, if not positively pernicious. "He that gathereth not with me, scattereth abroad," is as much a truth in reference to the cause of Temperance as the cause of Christianity, and is as applicable to the man who stands neutral and allows a good cause to sink, when his active support might materially contribute to its strength and its efficiency as to the man who is our open and professed enemy. There is yet another class who, from pretended scruples of conscience about the honour of religion, oppose us with the energy and the spirit of the Geths. Were such men only a little more zealous for religious truth and the interests of humanity, they would be found with and not against us. Scruples, indeed! why, Sir, what would Christianity itself be worth were drunkards capable of receiving it? Reason and intelligence would spurn it as a worthless, drivelling thing, without a single alarm upon our attention; and yet those very forward friends of truth oppose our (order)—because we are attempting to make men fit for the reception and appreciation of the things of God. Away with such mawkish philanthropy! The truth of God, the interests of humanity, and the age in which we live, request that we should be ready to every good work; and, judging of the tree by its fruits, our (order) is good; its fruits glorious; and the consciences of those who atempt to deny it, give them the lie. The true solution to the objections of such parties, is found in their love for the dram, and for "the wine when it is red, and giveth us colour in the cup." They, as well as we, are satisfied that he who would exercise his influence wisely and well, should be a friend of virtue and of social progress, should become a Son of Temperance.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours in L. P. & F.,

D. D. HAY.

We purpose (D. V.) holding a Demonstration and receiving a Bible from the Ladies of this vicinity on New-Year's Day. If you can possibly come, we should be glad to see you up to assist us on that occasion. The distance is considerable, but the roads are good, and we should feel greatly encouraged by your presence. [We regret to say we cannot.—Ed. Son.]

Yours, &c.,

D. D. H.

CHARLOTTEVILLE DIVISION.

VICTORIA, Norfolk, Dec. 9, 1850.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I am much pleased with your journal. It is such as was needed, and is in my humble opinion worthy the patronage of every lover of the temperance cause. I am happy to learn from the last number that this patronage it is likely to receive. Indeed, since I got the first number of the Gem, I know more about the patriotic cause which it so ably advocates, than I ever did before. I shall be happy to do all in my power towards its more extensive circulation in this locality.

Our division is called the Charlottetown Division, No. 178. W. P., Edgar Ward; R. S., Jeremiah Finch, meets every Monday evening. Notwithstanding the expulsion of a few and the defection of three or four who do not seem to have joined from a pure love of the cause, we are still onward. We number 80, among whom are many who are determined through evil report and good report to hold no parley with the monster intemperance. We have a section of Cadets numbering about 25, the grm, I hope of a more extensive organization. We have likewise taken steps