

tant, when, in connection with the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, it will overshadow all mankind.

The rules of our Order, we trust, are for the harmonious working of our Society; and our passwords are only calculated to insure our Order against impostors and the unworthy.

May the Great Patriarch above, enable us so to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest, the important truths contained in this Book,—that not only we, but the *generous donors*, and all mankind, may secure an inheritance in that kingdom, where there remaineth a rest for the people of God.

With you, we look forward with pleasure to the day, when those who are now bound in the chains of King Alcohol—looking to the bright example set before them by the true Sons of Temperance—will at once burst their fetters, shake themselves from the dust, and join our ranks. And, while the Ladies look on with approbation, and aid with their *powerful influence*, we have no doubt of obtaining the victory.

JOHN LIVINGSTON, W.A.,

Division, No. 125.

Zorra, Jan 13, 1851.

Sir,—Permit me to remark, that the good cause of Temperance is at a very low ebb in this place, and intemperance appears to be on the increase; yet, we have a few names in this our tectotal Sardinia, who have not defiled their garments. And while our hearts are cheered by the glad tidings which your invaluable periodical brings, of the onward march and victorious career of our principles, we feel encouraged; and our hope is strengthened, that this place will not much longer resist the renovating and saving influence of the genius of Temperance—which like an angel of mercy, is scattering its blessings on every hand.

J. C.

Brock, C.W., Feb. 14, 1851.

Sir,—I have delayed writing to you till now, for the purpose of having an opportunity to bring before, and press upon, the minds of the office-bearers and members of the Temperance society in this place, [South Division, Brock,] at their annual meeting for the election of office-bearers for the present year, the claims of the *Temperance Advocate* on them for support. The meeting referred to, took place on Wednesday last; on which occasion, the Rev. Cornelius Flummerfelt and Mr. Bettes, delivered excellent addresses to a crowded audience. The cause, which has been almost dead in this place for some time past, has received a new impulse, which, it is hoped, will continue throughout the year, as the society has resolved to have monthly meetings regularly kept up, which will no doubt tend to keep alive an interest in the cause, and keep before the public mind the claims of total abstinence, and the advantages derived from a strict adherence to its principles. It may be mentioned that Mr. Flummerfelt has undertaken to lay before the other societies, in different parts of the Township, and other localities, as he has opportunity, the claims of your excellent periodical—may he be successful in making a considerable addition to your subscription list, for it is a shame to us tectotals who have experienced such benefits from our principles, to grudge two shillings and sixpence a year, to keep up and sustain a newspaper to advocate the cause, that others may share in the advantages, and ourselves be kept from falling. May you, Sir, be sustained, and enabled to advo-

cate the good cause of Temperance, until public opinion become wholly saturated with it—and then the battle is gained.

JAMES BRENNER.

Compton, Feb. 20, 1851.

Sir,—I have been instructed by the ancient and honorable order of Rechabites of Tent No. 32, Compton, to inform you of our encouraging prospects of increase, and that we expect to accomplish, as Rechabites, much more during the present year than the past. The enemy is trying to do his utmost to carry out his vile purposes in this vicinity; in almost every street in our little village, the monster demon is daily, and even hourly dealt out by the lesser or larger quantity, in order to build up some few individuals, who do not stop to consider that though they may flourish in effluence for a season, that it is at the expense of the dearest interests of their fellow men.

It is true, some progress have been made in the temperance cause. In our remembrance, alcohol made far more devastation, both with respect to the number and respectability of its victims; for both Captains and Esquires in days of yore, so indulged in this vice, that they not only squandered their properties, but became public nuisances, and oh, what misery in the family was the consequence! Their distracted wives, and half-naked and starved children, who once bounded with joy to meet their sober father, would shun his presence, and the very dog seek a safe retreat from the rude usage of his beastly master. There may be instances still of the kind above described; but it is due to ourselves to say that they are comparatively rare; and the distilleries that used to be so thickly scattered over the country, are now few and far between. It is not too much to say that these changes have been effected through the efforts of temperance men of every class; and while we rejoice in what has been accomplished, we must not forget that very much still remains to be done; and if the consistent, persevering efforts of temperance men were necessary at the first, it is not less so now, to banish the intoxicating cup entirely from our land; and let me remind temperance men of every name, that our work is not done till that be effected.

R. S.

Richmond, Feb. 25, 1851.

Sir,—The Temperance cause, by the blessing of God, is in a flourishing condition in this section. We have a Division of the Sons of Temperance in this village, one at Vienna, one at Aylmer, one at Deerham Forge, one at Temperanceville, one at South Dorchester,—all within 10 miles of this place, and all increasing in numbers rapidly. Our motto is still—onward, until King Alcohol, with all his hosts, is banished from our otherwise happy land.

O. W.

Dundas, Feb. 26, 1851.

Sir,—Permit me to call your attention to the anniversary of the Sons of Temperance, which was celebrated in this town, on the 18th inst. When the hour arrived, a large number of the Sons of the Dundas Division, who number about 230, with a number from the Hamilton and other Divisions, marched through the principal streets to the Town Hall. Half-past six o'clock was the hour appointed for the tea to be served, but the Hall was filled long before the time, so great was the excitement. We had excellent speeches from the Rev. Messrs. Boyd, Gmiley and