

TEMPERANCE MEETINGS AT BROCKVILLE.

The Brockville Recorder gives a short sketch of the meeting, Soiree and Procession of the Sons during the Exhibition there. The meetings were held in a large tent. On one occasion 3000 persons attended the lectures of Mr. Gough and he as usual gave evidence of his powerful abilities as a lecturer. 700 Sons and Rechabites marched in the procession with a band.

CADETS OF TORONTO.

St. Lawrence Section, No. 107, Cadets of Temperance was organized on Monday evening, 15th September, by Br. Ross, assisted by Br. McPhail, W.P. of Prince Albert section. The St. Lawrence Union of Daughters, and Toronto, Prince Albert and Yorkville Sections of Cadets being present. Br. Boxall was elected W.P. Coldstream Section, No. 109, was organized on Tuesday, 28th September, representatives from the other sections in Toronto were also there. Br. Leadley was elected W.P.—There are now five fine sections in Toronto.

GEORGETOWN SOIREE.

A very well got up Temperance Soiree was held in the Temperance Hall at this town on the 25th September; at which a large attendance of Sons and Temperance friends took place. The Reverends J. Clarke, J. J. Braine, Mr. Willoughby and H. Denny addressed the meeting. Many of the Sons from Guelph, Erin, Norval, and Orangeville attended. We take these particulars from the Guelph Herald.

MONTREAL CADETS.

To the Editor of the Son of Temperance

Sir,—A Section of the Cadets of Temperance was formed in this City on the 12th of March last, and was commenced with 21 members, it gradually increased, and I am happy to state that it now numbers 64, and is still increasing. We commenced with a great many discouragements, but they are all passed away. Wishing all Brother Sections success,

I remain yours, in the bonds of
"Virtue, Love & Temperance,"

A CADET.

Montreal, 25th Sept., 1851.

Mr. Miller of Guelph. — A pamphlet written by Mr. Miller of Guelph has been sent to us. It is written against the Sons and Rechabites by this person, who for some months past has made himself conspicuous in Guelph in opposing our order. We will review it in our next. It is a pity that men can be found in society who for the sake of a little notoriety will injure a good cause. It reminds one of the wretched man who burned the temple of Ephesus that after ages might say the wretch had done the act.

Mr. Gough. — Is to be in this city during the month and will deliver a few lectures on Temperance.

THE HABIT OF READING.—Young men should always cultivate a habit of reading, for it may be to them not only the means of much usefulness and information, but the genial source of many of the finest enjoyments of life. They who make good books their constant companions, will never want good and faithful friends in their prosperous days, or their seasons of reverse. There can be no blank in the lives of those persons, who from active love, hold daily fellowship with the wisest and best of our race.

THE SON'S RETREAT.

For the Son of Temperance.

Written on reading Br. King's Poem "A Refuge from the Storm."

When raging tempests sweep along the waste,
And burning sands across the desert roll,
When hope is waning in the wanderer's breast,
And nameless horrors rend his fever'd soul.

O then 'tis sweet to find the sheltering vale
His languid limbs to stretch beneath the shade,
When storms no more his wearied form assail,
Nor sultry beams by fervid noon convey'd.

Securely shelter'd 'neath that guardian bower,
His heart refreshed by nature's sweet perfume,
His soul is tranquil though the skies may lower,
Though sweeps unceasing on the wild Simoom.

Thus while o'er life's unshelter'd sands we roam,
When storms arise and sorrow's waves alarm,
Some angel hand still guides us to a home—
A home of refuge from the ruthless storm.

O let us point that refuge from the blast,
To wearied victims of the Drunkard's bowl,
That sweet oasis in the desert waste,
Where peace again may smile upon his soul.

There may he dream again of happier years,
Not as he dreams who sinks in sorrow's wreck,
For hope will beam through memory's saddest tears,
And brother hands will bear him on life's track.

WM. HOUGHTON.

Innisfil, August 13, 1851.

CHICAGO SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

The following letter was sent by Br. McIntosh to the brethren of the Ontario Division of which he was lately an esteemed and worthy officer and member. It will be read by all of his friends with pleasure; and is published by the permission of the division. When Br. McIntosh's eye shall meet these remarks, he will please remember that though a thousand miles may divide him from us, he is still remembered and looked upon in our beloved order, as a brother. We would also inform him that our noble pioneer division Ontario is proceeding harmoniously and prosperously.

He and brother Walton with him have the hearty prayers for success of all good Sons. We regret to see the Queen City of the Western Lakes cut so bad a figure in the Order, and hope it may be soon as conspicuous in Temperance as it is now in commerce.

It distresses one to see men so infatuated as to believe alcohol a cure for Cholera or dysentery. This is the fault of intemperate physicians. There are several things far more innocent and effectual as cures. We would resist to the death all such miserable specifics.

To the Officers and Brothers of Ontario Division, Sons of Temperance.

Since I left Toronto, I have had the pleasure of attending but one meeting of the Sons of Temperance, and it was not without a certain degree of difficulty that I was able to ascertain that there was a Division in Chicago—however, Bro. Walton by accident dropped into the American Temperance House, and enquired if there was a Division in the City? The Landlord replied that he could not inform him whether there was or not; but if he would look at that card (pointing to the wall) he might possibly gain some information. He did so, and while he was perusing it, one of the Sons stepped up and told him there was one Division left, and they met at half-past seven in the even-

ing of that day. The Division is called the Chicago Division, No. 1, O. S. Goss, W.P., J. C. Snotterkerk, R.S.

During the time of the opening ceremonies I paid particular attention in order to see if there was any difference in the mode of procedure, but I find it all the same, with the exception of their not having any services of the Chaplain.

When the Sons were first organized there were 5 Divisions in the city; but owing to the great amount of sickness, and particularly cholera, they resorted to the using of brandy as a preventative; but the fact of the matter is, in my opinion, the appetite was stronger than they could contend against.

It is remarked by nearly all the travelling community, and it is the general opinion of the citizens of Toronto, that it is the worst place in America, in proportion to population, for the consumption of intoxicating liquors; but I beg to inform the Sons of Temperance and the citizens of Toronto, in general, that it is an enlightened city, comparatively speaking, with Chicago in respect to the use of the poisoning fluid.

Just take a comparative view of the two cities. Toronto contains somewhere here about 25,000 inhabitants, and I presume, somewhere near 800 Sons, and Chicago contains over 30,000 inhabitants, and the whole number of Sons that the city can muster at the present time is the very small figure of 66. Toronto contains somewhere near 300 Cadets; Chicago, not any.

As I have not been long enough here to find out the real cause why the Temperance cause presents such a gloomy aspect in Chicago, I will leave the Brothers of Ontario Division to ponder, and imagine why it is, for themselves.

I enquired of the W.P. how many they initiated on an average? and he replied that if they initiated eight a fortnight, they thought they were doing a wonderful business.

I have often heard it remarked that the reason why Railroads and Canals, and other public improvements went a-head so much faster in the States than in Canada, was owing altogether to the "go-a-headitiveness" of the Yankees; but I think the Canadians are entitled to the credit of "go-a-headitiveness" for the construction of the Sons of Temperance railroads, a machine which has a tendency to elevate man and prepare him to make all kinds of public improvements.

Chicago, Sept. 16, 1851.

TEMPERANCE HOTEL IN TORONTO.

A splendid Temperance Hotel is now in a fair way of being opened in this city upon a joint stock basis. We think it would be successful. In our next issue we will give the full particulars.

OUR PAPER.

We will issue this paper three times during this month, and probably during the rest of the fall at periods of ten days apart, and are determined that Excelsior shall be our motto. Any of our friends who have not paid, will please do so, as we cannot call on many of them. We do this in order to commence our new volume in January.

OUR EASTERN FRIENDS

Are not doing quite as much as we would desire. We would gladly wait on them if time allowed, but at present cannot. They will please to remember that this paper is open to them, and will most cheerfully further the interests of the order everywhere. Our locality is our country east and west. Our motto Sons, Daughters, and Cadets of all localities.

THE OWEN SOUND BRETHREN

On Monday the 8th September had a Grand procession and festival with music. The Guelph Brass Band attended. A fine tea and supper were provided on the occasion, and in the evening a concert with some good speeches. The attendance was very large and respectable. It is said to have been the first time that a Brass Band was ever heard in this new settlement. This is copied from the letter of Mr. Stephens in the Examiner. There has been a section of Cadets lately organized at Owen Sound, No. 108.