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The Canadian Son of Temperance.

My son, look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its colour in the cup, when it moveth itself right. At the last, it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.—Proverbs, chap. 23.

TORONTO, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1853.

THERE'S WORK ENOUGH TO DO.

The blackbird leaves its nest To meet the ruffling morn, And gather fragments for its rest From upland, wood, and lawn, The busy bee that wings its way 'Mid sweets of varied hue, At every flower would seem to say— "There's work enough to do." Who then can sleep when all around Is active, fresh and free? Shall in inaction's fold be found Less busy than the bee? Our courts and alleys are the field, If men would search them through, That best the sweets of labor yield, And "work enough to do." To have a heart for those who weep, The south-drunkard who To rescue all the children deep In ignorance and sin, To help the poor, the hungry feed, To give him food and show, To see that all can write and read, Is "work enough to do." The time is short, the world is wide, And much has to be done, This wondrous earth and all its pride Will vanish with the sun, The moments fly on lightning's wings, And life's uncertainty too, We've none to waste on foolish things, "There's work enough to do!"

THE COUNTY CONVENTION SYSTEM—ACTION! ACTION!!

Several prominent friends of temperance have recently undertaken to bring about a joint effort of the temperance men of the three united counties adjacent to Toronto. It seems a committee, appointed at the recent Convention held in this City, have entered upon action in view of agitating the Counties on the temperance subject. The minutiae of the plan we will lay before the public in our next issue—our room this week being preoccupied. In the mean time we would remark, that the plan adopted is similar to the one frequently recommended by us, and now in actual operation in other parts of Canada. The outlines of the plan of operations for our counties seem to be judicious, and we recommend the Divisions and friends, in as far as possible, to carry them out. The lecturer employed we do not at present know, but believe it will be the Rev. Wm. Ryerson. If so, he is a very competent man. We are aware that the Convention lately held in Toronto was not attended by a large number of persons, and that the persons who originated it did not seem to act in a way to combine all interests; yet, the plan they have ultimately adopted is one similar to the plan we have always advocated—[Editor.]

FRIENDS OF TEMPERANCE IN THE UNITED COUNTIES OF YORK, ONTARIO, AND PEEL.

We are instructed, by the recent Convention of Temperance Organizations in these Counties, to call your attention to the results of their deliberations, and to request your assistance in giving them effect. We presume that you have seen the resolutions adopted, and that we need only mention the operations which they seem to require.

The matter that claims earliest attention is the establishment of a predominating Temperance influence amongst the Officers of the Municipalities. Such a proceeding, besides leading to a suppression of many of the worst liquor-dealing abuses, would bring about a co-operation amongst the various Temperance bodies, give them a renewed feeling of influence and power, revive their activity, and put them into order for prosecuting the great struggle on behalf of a Prohibitory Liquor Law. But the measure forbids a day's delay of that consultation amongst you in your respective localities which is requisite for attaining to united views and plans. We trust that no jealousy, no dissension, no formalities, will hold back any of you from inviting an interview with your neighbors who are favorable to Temperance. It is all-important that a vigorous effort be made, preparatory to the Election in January next. We respectfully commend to your favorable notice a statement of Views and Plans which we have prepared for the aid of our friends in this movement.

As auxiliary to this proceeding and to a general advance in the Temperance work, we are making arrangements for immediately sending through the Counties a gentleman to deliver addresses, assist in consultations, and endeavor to bring into harmonious action, the friends of Temperance of various classes. The gentleman in our view is of such standing and talents that we entertain the largest anticipations of his efficiency and success. We have reserved upon ourselves all the expenditure which the measure may involve, and as we rely upon the grants which the several Temperance Organizations may supply to meet the expense, we request that, as early as possible, our friends in every locality will send us an estimate of the amount they may be expected to furnish. We shall be happy to receive forthwith,

suggestions as to the places and times at which the visits of the Agent may best be made. Arrangements should be made for private conferences, as well as public meetings. It is, however, to be understood that the more central and prominent spots should be visited before the coming Elections, and that where necessary, other places may be visited afterwards. It is recommended that besides the meetings in which our Agent may assist, others in every direction be held; and we hope to be able, if required, to obtain the services of speakers from this City for many of the meetings which may take place within a moderate distance from us. Applications for speakers should be made some time before they are required.

Our Chairman and Secretary will be ready to attend to communications which may require notice between our meetings; and we shall be obliged to our friends, as soon as possible after their receipt of the Circular, to send us information as to the probability of action upon it in their own neighborhood—especially in reference to supplying funds and giving advice as to the movements of the Lecturer.

The Office of this Committee is at No. 2, Elgin Buildings, Yonge Street.

MR. WILLIAM RATTAY, Sec., Box 469, Toronto.

(Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Temperance Convention, held in the City of Toronto, Nov. 1st and 2nd, 1853.)

SAMUEL ALCORN, Chairman

Toronto, Nov. 11, 1853.

SUMMARY OF THE STATE OF THE ORDER IN CANADA.

1st. A brother cannot be expelled or suspended by a majority of votes—two thirds are required to do so.

2nd. An address will be issued soon by the G. W. P. to the Divisions and inhabitants of Canada, exhorting them to agitate for the enactment of the Maine Law in Canada.

3rd. Nine new Divisions have been formed during the half year ending 1st October, 1853. Thirty-two Divisions have surrendered their charters or are not working. Several Divisions have sent in no returns. Three hundred and fifteen Divisions are in good standing. The Order upon the whole is in a good condition. What says the North American to this?

4th. One hundred and seventeen Divisions have contributed £31 10s. 1 1/2d. to Br. Brunsden's fund—contributed on account of his misfortunes in Barford.

5th. The Grand Division has assessed 2d. per quarter or 8d. per year on each member of the Order, instead of the heretofore per centage charge. The sum will be required to defray expenses of that body. This is a decided improvement on the old plan.

6th. Printed credentials of representation to the Grand Division will be supplied to subordinate Divisions when required.

7th. A member sending in his resignation to a Division does not forfeit his previous pecuniary claims on it, and vice versa.

8th. The new initiatory ceremonies entirely supersede the old ones.

9th. The property of subordinate Divisions when they surrender their charters is disposed of agreeably to the act of incorporation of 1851.

IMPORTANT TEMPERANCE CONVENTION OF THE COUNTY OF WELLAND AND LINCOLN.

Smithville, Lincoln, 8th November, 1853.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Agreeable to notice given by circular, emanating from Hydraulic Division Sons of Temperance, Toronto, that a convention be held at Thorold on the 10th of September, consisting of delegates from subordinate divisions in the United Counties of Lincoln and Welland, to take into consideration the state of the Order in those counties, and to devise the best means to advance the interest of our cause by waking up the lethargic, supporting the weak, resuscitating those divisions who have resigned their charters, and to promote the welfare of the Order generally.

The convention was opened in due form by the Chairman, B. Cockburn, D. G. W. P. The convention was then formed into an association to be called the "Association of Sons of Temperance of the United Counties of Lincoln and Welland," having for its object the above purposes. A constitution was submitted and adopted. All the P. W. P.'s and W. P.'s are, ex officio, members, and are entitled to take their seats with the delegates sent from divisions. The officers of the association to consist of 1 President, 3 Vice Presidents, 1 R. S., 1 C. S., 1 C. T., and a committee of 13. The officers to be chosen annually. Officers for the present year, B. Cockburn, President, B. A. Morse, V. P., B. Ramsey, R. S., T. Luff, C. S. The association then adjourned to meet at North Pelham's Division room on the 7th November.

The association was honored on the occasion by Br. Ryerson, G. W. P. of Canada West, who was pleased to take part in the deliberations, and encouraged the association in their labors of love by his approval. This condescension is a specimen of the go-ahead-ness of our energetic G. W. P., and demonstrates that the Order have not over-estimated the man. He will do his duty. The association held a public meeting in the evening. Addresses were delivered by B. Cockburn, Merritt, Ryerson, Currie, and Luff, which were respectfully listened to. The meeting was well attended by the inhabitants of the thorough, uncompromising temperance town, Pelham. The usual generous hospitality of North Pelham Division Sons of Temperance was extended to the association, who hereby tender them their hearty thanks.

The President requested the C. S. to transmit a copy of the saying and doing of the association to the Editors of the Son of Temperance, Toronto, and the Spirit of the Age, Hamilton, and request their publication. Subordinate divisions will receive the proceedings of the

association in circular form, as soon as possible. For the future the members of the association will appear in full regalia.

It was moved and seconded that this association do now adjourn, and meet on Wednesday, 13th, at 10 o'clock A. M. at Grantham Division Room, St. Catherine's, where a full attendance is respectfully solicited.

In L. P. and F. THOMAS LUFF, Corresponding Secretary, U. C. L. and W. S. of T.

IMPORTANT TO DIVISIONS.

The following matters extracted from the minutes of the last Session of the Grand Division will be found interesting to Sons of Temperance. We extract them from a letter written in the Bytown Citizen a few weeks ago. A circular embodying many of the things therein mentioned, has been sent by the Grand Scribe, Stacy of Kingston, to all the Divisions. Divisions will recollect that Mr Edward Stacy of Kingston is now the Grand Scribe. To whom all letters and returns must be sent.

In his last report to the National Division the most Worthy Patriarch says:—

"In the past year nothing has occurred calculated to discourage any of the laborers in the field of Temperance. It is true, it has not now that brilliant show of success which attended Father Mathew's dispensation to the millions of Irishmen, nor which ushered in and sustained for a time the Washingtonian Societies. But there is now a quiet aspect of certain good in the Temperance Reform, which satisfies me that it is to live, and not perish!"

"I have been pleased to see how much public opinion has been drawn towards the Maine Liquor Law. Throughout this broad and happy land, (American and British,) a large proportion of the people, if not a majority, are in favor of abolishing the Liquor Traffic."

"Much, however, still remains for temperance men, and especially for this body, to do, in order successfully to carry out the vow against the Liquor traffic. Reports upon this subject, useful as they have been, in enlightening the public mind, and preparing the way for action, cannot be further depended on. We must act! To act efficiently, it seems to me, it is necessary that our Missionaries should traverse the country, North, East, South, and West, present the evil and the remedy in their proper light, and unite all Orders of Temperance, in the determination to be known as the Polls! A year of such action may give us victory: nothing short of it will."

"I agree that the initiation fee and weekly dues, as they now stand in the Constitution of Subordinate Divisions, are too great burdens on members. Many poor men do find it difficult to lay up from their earnings, without doing injustice to their families, sufficient sums to make these payments. Hence, I would be willing, and therefore recommend that it should be left to the Subordinate Divisions, each for itself to fix the amount to be paid for initiation, and the weekly dues."

"I do not however agree to the abolition of the benefit system. It is a beautiful feature of benevolence in our Order, which ought always to remain. The progression of the Temperance Reform is making every year less necessity for its application. For generally, members of our order save enough by industry to provide for their own wants, in sickness, and those of their family, after they may be removed. Still, cases do occur, in which provisions must be made, or suffering must ensue. More than one instance in the past year has fallen under my observation."

"It has been the subject of observation on my part, that it was inconvenient and burdensome on men advanced in life, to attend regularly meetings of subordinate Divisions. For, although they know, or may be told that they need not attend every meeting, if business or duty to their families prevent, yet such men are not willing to avail themselves of mere excuses."

"I believe Honorary Membership might be very advantageously allowed to present members over fifty, and all others of the same age, who would unite with us, be initiated and pay the fee."

"Our Order unquestionably needs to be better known. More frequent public meetings than once a quarter should be enjoyed. I believe, too, that our Installation meetings might be in public. Such meetings might be made exceedingly interesting both to the Order and the people. Hence, I would recommend, that each Subordinate Division may, in its discretion, hold the Installation in public."

"The Ritual, directed to be prepared, has been perfected. I have been permitted to see and examine a copy. It seems to be in language, style and sentiment, greatly superior to that now in use. Its greater length and complication, seem to me the only objections. These I suppose ought not to be insuperable. Indeed, according to the resolution of the last session, on the agreement of the Committee, they had the right to certify the Ritual to the M. W. S., and he was thereupon directed to print and furnish it to the Subordinate Divisions."

"The suariter in malo et fortiter in re, should be the characteristic of Temperance men and Temperance organizations. Gentleness with one another, and with our friends, who do us wrong, and united with firmness, in the pursuit of our just ends, will accomplish much more than rashness."

The N. D. has decided,—that the installation ceremonies in S. D. may be performed in public; that the G. D. of Maryland be permitted to institute these degrees, and if the principle was well there, to be extended to the whole order; that the quarterly pass word may be withheld for non-payment of dues for three months; that the Initiation fee in S. D. be reduced from 10s. to 5s.; that a W. P. can vote like an ordinary member on any question, and give the casting vote in case of a tie; that a beneficial member of a S. D. is not disqualified to receive benefits by installing any like cause; that weekly dues run on during suspension, and upon re-installment is restored to former honors, but if installed as a new member at the end of six months, then by availing himself of dues during the period of suspension, honors to be forfeited; that a brother may attend meetings of a S. D. if he has the quarterly or travelling password, though he has received a withdrawal card. The N. D. has appointed a committee to report a new Article in place of Art. 10, Conf. S. D., concerning its general principles, in a clear and simple form, so that its meaning cannot be misunderstood or misapplied. The G. D. of Rhode Island be intimated the N. D. to have "expunged"