

Traverse the faithless tempter's wiles,
The soul destroyer check;
Oh strive to break the serpent's coil,
And save that noble wreck.
Fly swiftly to the rescue, fly,
Nor longer let him stray,
T'will be a glorious task indeed,
To save the castaway.

Go whisper kindly words to him,
Tho' shamed THE HELL he shuns—
Go win him back with brother's love,
Again to join the Sons.
Oh leave him not on life's wild sea,
(Without a guide;) to stray,
Lest he drift to destruction's gulf,
A ruined castaway,

Then try again to save that one,
Put forth a brother's hand,
And gently draw the cords of love,
To knot the broken band.
'Twill be a far more glorious part,
Than that which conquerors play,
To triumph over Alcohol,
And save the castaway.

Oh spurn him not with harsh disdain
Or words of bitter gall;
For he's but man as ye are men,
And you like him may fall.
Then strive again to lead him back,
And bid his soul be gay,
And let The Hall resound once more,
To greet the castaway.

FOREST BARD.

Bradford, Nov. 10, 1851.

DUMFRIES DIVISIONS—ST. GEORGE— TOWN OF GALT.

In the beginning of this month we paid a short visit to the divisions of Troy, St. George, Glenmorris, and Galt in Dumfries passing through Hamilton, Dundas, and West Flamboro'. We are pleased to be able to say that we found in all those places that the Order was keeping its ground—in some places increasing considerably. The summer months and vast spring increase of our order naturally caused everywhere a slight reactionary movement. The chief cause of difficulty in all the divisions that we have visited, is the omission by members to pay weekly dues. It is certainly a disgraceful thing to see members refuse to pay the paltry sum of 5s. in three months for a glorious object which does even themselves in a monetary point of view, twice the amount refused to be paid. In some places a good many expulsions for drinking alcohol have taken place. The Order is, however, everywhere prosperous and new divisions are every week increasing and springing up. We report two in this number. A new division is talked of in Hamilton. The Hamilton Division increases, six or seven members frequently in a week, and now we believe is the largest division in Canada, numbering about 350. The Ontario division is next. It lost a number of members who united with the St. Lawrence division.

The Dundas division did number over 300 but now numbers only about 200. This is owing to three divisions being formed lately within a short distance of it; into which many of its members have gone. These new divisions are the *Beverly, Grove and Ancaster* divisions. The West Flamboro' division is in a prosperous state. The *Troy*

division we visited. It is situated in Dumfries on the plank road, five miles from St. George and about ten from Dundas; meets on Wednesday and has about 30 members. We found some able and enthusiastic brothers in this division—among them Brothers McRoberts, and Jones, and Lakins. *Beverly* division is situated a little south-east of Troy in Beverly, and is young. We hear it is in a fair way to prosper, and would be glad to hear from the brethren at any time.

ST. GEORGE VILLAGE AND DIVISION.

The brethren here are quite numerous—being over 70 strong. They have had many difficulties to contend with; and among them the most strange is the opposition of some old temperance society men. They have got a firm foothold in this locality, however, and we hope they will all act unitedly, energetically, and give a constant attendance to meetings. The division meets on Thursday and has a section of Cadets attached to it, 36 in number. Aaron Patton, W.P., Wm. Bachelor, R.S. We met Brothers Stewart, Ferguson, Bachelor and others here who seem warm in the cause. There is every chance here to do well, if brothers will but punctually attend and exert themselves.

GLENMORRIS VILLAGE AND DIVISION

Is situated five miles west of St. George, on the Grand River. Its appearance is very romantic. A part of the village lies on the west and a part on the East side of the beautiful river. The banks are high here, and the river very beautiful. It seems quite a new place and has a post office. There are 30 members in the division and a section of Cadets is about to be opened. John Bruce an active Son is W.P., Wm. Culver, R.S. The division meets on Wednesday. Most of the Brethren of the division had gone to Ayr the day we were here, but from all we could learn the prospects of the division are good.

GALT DIVISION

Now contains upwards of 90 members in good standing. It has been larger—amounting to 120 at one time. Some expulsions and withdrawals have taken place. But we consider this division in a very healthy state. There are some very fine men in the division and they have great materials to work with. The great thing in a place like Galt is to keep united, and not to let abstract questions disturb members. It will be found generally that those who quarrel about little differences and speculative questions, are at heart regardless of the general good of the cause. Those who cannot attain all they want should await a more convenient season. We are in divisions like we are in married life, all must yield a little to each other. We cannot see through the same eyes. There is a large section of Cadets attached to the division. George Brown, R. S., D. H. McCallum, W.P.

THE TOWN OF GALT.

Is very large and prosperous; having greatly improved within a few years. It has quite a business and manufacturing appearance with many fine stone buildings and churches. One bad feature observable in it, however, is a large number of Inns and Hotels. We were told there are 10 inns here and two recesses where spirituous liquors are sold. There is one temperance house kept by Mr. Sampson, and he says it is badly supported. There are two large Foundries, two Woollen Factories, two Distilleries, one Brewery, two axe factories, one chair factory, two grist mills, a last factory, a large paper mill, two printing offices and newspapers, one rail

factory—one cabinet factory—two tin shops—two apothecary shops—14 stores and groceries—six churches—six schools; besides many other shops of various kinds; and good roads and a fine country about it.

PRESTON

Is a fine small town on the edge of Waterloo.

CANNING DIVISION

Meets on Wednesday, J. N. Williamson, W.P. A section of Cadets and a Union of Daughters just organised t. It is situated in Blenheim.

AYR DIVISION

Is prospering, and has a large section of Cadets who had a Soiree on the day we were at Glenmorris. We were sorry that we could not go there. Ayr is 6 or 7 miles west of Glenmorris.

GUELPH AND ELORA.

We intended to visit, but were obliged to return, the roads being also bad through Waterloo.

BARRIE DEMONSTRATION.

The brethren of that Division had a splendid soiree and procession on the 17th September. A large attendance of surrounding Divisions was present; 600 friends of temperance sat down to tea, and a large procession marched through the streets of Barrie with music. In the evening a concert was held, and some good speeches delivered. Our brethren to the north, though living in a colder latitude, are warmer in the cause than we are. They are as noble and generous in temperance, as in the encouragement of rail roads. We copy the addresses from the Barrie Magnet, at the request of the Division. We hope in two years' time to be able to attend such a meeting on the railroad in four hours.

The address has been unavoidably postponed until now. We ask too it a careful reading.

The procession was formed round the platform, and after an overture by the band, the Banner, which, by its expensive material and beautiful devices, drew down the universal applause of all present, was, in the absence of Mrs. Sheriff Smith, presented to the Division by Mrs. Lowry, who read the address.

Worthy Patriarch, and Members of the Barrie Division of the Sons of Temperance:

The Ladies of Barrie gladly embrace the present opportunity of expressing their deep interest in the cause of Temperance.

The ruinous consequences of Intemperance, as they are frequently displayed, in the loss of property, the destruction of health and the removal of domestic peace as well as in the attendant recklessness of conduct and degradation of character, are abundantly sufficient to attract the attention of the philanthropist and to awaken the sympathies of the female heart.

In your Order we recognize one of those institutions which are expressly established for the purpose of elevating an unfortunate portion of our race to an honorable distinction; and of extending the influence of that pure Gospel which requires us to live soberly, righteously and Godly in this world. Every undertaking which is likely to make better husbands, kinder brothers, and more affectionate sons, to any portion of our sex, will ever be regarded by us with respectful attention and hearty approval.

When we contemplate the happy changes which have been wrought during the last quarter of a century, by means of the temperance society, and other kindred associations, on the character and condition of many individuals and families, we entertain before our minds the cheering prospect of vast improvement at no very distant day being effected in the moral and social condition of our race. When Purity, Fidelity and Love, the motto of your Order, shall be the prominent characteristics of the habits and feelings of society at large, then indeed, in a moral point of view, "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad, for them and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

"The shadows now so darkly looming,
Will vanish to be seen no more;