

ERROR IN THE NORFOLK MESSENGER.—We notice in the *Norfolk Messenger* of the 12th inst., an Editorial article copied from this Magazine, the credit of which is given to the *Toronto Examiner*. This is evidently a mistake in the printer. No such article ever appeared in the *Examiner*. We have noticed on one or two occasions, that other papers have copied original articles from this paper, without acknowledging the same. It may perhaps be well to observe the *general custom* of the Press. Though mistakes may *sometimes* occur with the printer.

UNIONS OF DAUGHTERS.

A union has been organized at Bentley's Corners Brougham Post Office Pickering, called the "Crystal Fount Union," Mrs. Wm. Mitchell has been chosen the Presiding Sister. Her husband is the Reeve of the township. Mrs. Kelly of Brooklin organized it.

The Ladies will recollect that a regular quarterly session of the Grand Union of the daughters of Temperance will be held in Brooklyn, Whitby on the last Wednesday in July. At this time ladies friendly to the cause, could obtain information and means to help them in the formation of unions in the county of York.

We would like to see unions in every village in this county. Our county contains more divisions of the sons than any other in Canada, and let us in this rivalry of good also have more unions of daughters and more sections of cadets.

There is now in our Province a regularly organized Grand Union of Daughters to which application may be made for charters, the form and price of which will be found in our advertising columns. Applications are now flowing into Brockville for charters to open unions and before the close of the year we hope to hear of at least a hundred in Canada.

The order of the D. of T. in Canada is distinct from that in the United States. The Canadian Grand Union pays no per centage to the American Union, and is merely on terms of good fellowship, being however, a part of the same order, acting independently. All unions in Canada pay four per cent to the Canadian Grand union of daughters which money goes to defray the expense of the officers of the Grand union in spreading its principles in the Province. It goes back again in the shape of books, charters, rules and incidental expenses. There are now about 60,000 daughters in the American States. Why, when men in all parts are exerting an influence over their sex, should lovely woman be idle? We think it right to distribute religious tracts, to attend Sunday schools—to attend Class and Prayer meetings during the week, and why should females think it wrong or forward in them, to associate to save woman, and through her, man from drunkenness? A vast deal of good may be done in the community by female societies of this kind. Females who are single will influence the

young men—Mothers will influence their sons and husbands—Sisters their brothers, and thus the two orders of the sons and daughters will harmonize beautifully. Women find time to shop—to visit, and to take tea together. They can form Dorcas societies and why not find time to put down intemperance?

UNIONS OF DAUGHTERS—BR. WILLIAM M. MURRELL.

We had the pleasure of a visit from this brother last week, and feel happy to have formed an acquaintance with one who has devoted many years in the cause of temperance and our order, with a zeal most commendable. His whole soul and feelings seem on fire in the glorious cause. Christians admire the zeal of St. Peter and St. Paul, and as a temperance man we admire the enthusiastic friend of our order. The best of us have defects and failings, but when we see the heart right, we ought to overlook them. This brother has been the instrument of doing a vast deal of good in the United States, and in some parts of Canada. He resides when at home in the County of Jefferson, Watertown, N. Y. In this county there are 32 divisions, most of which he himself was the cause of being formed. He has been the cause of the formation of about 70 Unions of Daughters in Canada and the United States within two years past, in which there are about 3,500 Daughters. Near 4000 sailors in various parts of the United States have become Sons through his lecturing. He tells us that there are now 100,000 sailors in the United States total abstinence men. We wish this brother and every other good friend, God's blessing and success.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Since my last report to the *Gem* I am happy to inform you that I have prepared the way for Unions of the Daughters at Beamsville and St. David's, and the Ladies of Thorold have also hoisted the banner in the shape of another Union. For every indication of true and right feeling on the part of women to aid us as Sons in crushing the demon Intemperance, we feel grateful and take encouragement. We know the weight and power of their influence, and would wish to see it put forward in every city, town, or village throughout the Province, till the vile monster is destroyed, that we may give it a decent funeral, and God grant it may never have a resurrection.

By notifying my present lecturing appointments you will much oblige,

Dear Sir and Brother,
Fraternally Yours in L. P. F.,

WM. M. MURRELL, the
London Sailor.

Toronto, 19th June, 1851.

June 24—Salem.
25—Uxbridge.
26—Stouffville.
27—Newmarket.
28—Markham Village.
30—Reids Corners.

July 1—Richmond Hill.
2—Thornhill.
3—York Mills Central Division.
4—Yorkville.
5—Lambton and E. & C. Divisions.
7—Cooksville.

8—Springfield.
9—Streetsville.
10—Churchville.
11—Brampton.
12—Norval.
14—Stewartstown.
15—Georgetown.
16—Williamsburg.
17—Acton.
18—Near Mullinsville.
19—Guelph.
20—Elora.
21—Fergus.

NIAGARA SOIREE 11th JUNE.

This Soiree took place on this day at Niagara. The weather in the morning was bad, which prevented many from attending who intended to come. At noon the sky cleared up and the weather became fine. The Sons formed at 11 o'clock, A. M., and marched through the principal streets, amounting in numbers to upwards of 200, and marched to the Oak Grove, above the ferry, where the platform was erected. The procession was headed by the Royal Canadian Rifle Band, many of whom are Sons. At the Oak Grove the audience were addressed by the Rev. Mr. Hurlburst, of Youngstown, New York State, and by Mr. Barker of Lewiston. Br. Murrell was present, but apologized to the company for not speaking, owing to a severe cold. Br. Hart occupied the chair and addressed the company shortly. At the Grove there were at least 300 present. After the speeches were made there was a cold collation served. Then the procession marched back again, through the principal streets in full regalia to their division room.

As the procession was marching up the main street a stranger spoke to an innkeeper and asked him, who those men were with white collars on? The innkeeper said he did not know, but he thought they were fools or idiots. A woman was standing by who said to the man "they are the fools that will soon empty your pockets." A soldier a Son of Temperance overheard this conversation.

The Colonel of the Regiment at this town is very friendly to the Sons, and about 40 of the Regiment here are members, and the officers say they have no trouble with them. Sobriety is a great means of subordination.

VOICES FROM THE EAST.

We direct the attention of brethren to the many very judicious remarks contained in this letter sent to us from Merrickville, east of Kingston; and we tender the brother our warmest thanks for his kind notice as well as his valuable information.

To the Editor of the *Son of Temperance*.

Merrickville, June 7th, 1851.

MR. EDITOR,

I receive a copy of the "Canadian Son and Literary Gem" occasionally, and wish you to continue sending it, as I am much pleased with the variety of matter and interesting information, which invariably characterize its columns. We very much needed in Canada a periodical of that description, which, by keeping the great principles of temperance prominently in view, would at the same time enlighten the understanding and expand the intellect by the varied knowledge it imparted. Intemperance is a necessary concomitant of ignorance, and in proportion as ignorance, or a disregard of the exalted interests of our beings prevail, so will intemperance be found in some form or the other to shew the cloven foot. It is indeed a hydra-headed monster more terrible and devastating than the celebrated Hydra of ancient