

stirring speeches were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Clutton and Braine; also by Messrs. Lester, Sanders, Atkins, and G. D. B. Baker. A gentleman, whose name we did not learn, sung two temperance odes, in excellent style. The whole season was rendered one of the most cheerful character, by the excellent Mechanics' Band from Guelph. The assembly was very large, who all appeared highly delighted; the fine weather concurring to make every heart glad. The spot chosen was in the grounds belonging to Mr. John Hewins, whose kindness and liberality, in accommodating the numerous friends, with their horses, proves that his heart is in the cause of moral reform. In this part of the Province, as in other places, Providence smiles upon the Temperance movement.—*Guelph Advertiser*.

Temperance Festival at Berlin.

At an early hour on Friday morning last, our Town was all astir, a goodly number of the inhabitants purposing to attend the festival of the Berlin Temperance Society, held on that day. About half-past five o'clock the procession formed on the Waterloo road, headed by the Guelph Mechanics' Band—Mr. J. W. B. . . . acting as grand marshal. The company arrived in Berlin at eleven o'clock, and shortly afterwards proceeded to the Town Hall to witness the presentation of a beautiful Banner by the Total Abstinence Society to the Berlin Division of the Sons of Temperance.

Mr. M. Carrell, who presented the Banner in the name of the Temperance Society, said—He was highly gratified at the manner in which the Sons of Temperance had turned out from different parts to-day, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. He believed the "Sons" would now take the field and relieve the Old Society of its burdens. He was not prepared to deliver anything like an elaborate or lengthy speech; but he was before the audience to present a Banner, from the Temperance Society to Berlin Division; and wished them to receive it in the name of the Old Society. The Speaker then referred to the motto—"Love, Purity, and Fidelity"—inscribed upon it; and he thought another word might have been added with propriety—the word *Temperance*. This was the grand object the "Sons" had in view,—to elevate the poor, wretched inebriate from the degradation and misery into which he has fallen, and restore him to a respectable position in society. The time was when intemperance prevailed to a fearful extent; but through the efficient working of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, the whole system, figuratively speaking, had been changed. The amount of good these different societies were accomplishing, he believed, could not be estimated, nor would not be known, until eternity revealed the fact. He wished they (the Sons) would ever remember their motto,—it contained very benevolent principles; and wherever they were carried out, union and harmony would prevail. He hoped the Sons would ever remember the parent society; and pay that respect to her which she deserved. He believed the time was not far distant when the "Sons" would finally take the field,—and when through the influence they would exert in society, the tyrant Alcohol would be banished from our land,—and where strife and contention were now existing, peace and harmony would prevail. He then presented the Banner to the W. P. of Berlin Division, who, on receiving it, thanked the friends of the Temperance Society in the name of the Division, and called upon Mr. Owens, of Guelph, to respond.

Mr. Owens said, he felt deeply interested on the present occasion, when he looked around and saw so many white badges of brotherly love. He believed he had never heard or read of two different societies where more unanimity of feeling and sentiment existed, than between the old society and the Sons, in Berlin; and he further believed that if they kept united, a greater amount of good would be done, than

they even anticipated, (hear.) The page of history furnished hope for encouragement,—for all the great and mighty revolutions that have taken place in the world, were accomplished by the union of sentiment, and the steady unflinching purpose of the people engaged.—It was the steady determined purpose of a Luther, a Wesley, a Calvin, and many others that might be named, with the unanimity of their followers, that gave them such great success, and crowned their efforts with so much good. He believed if the world only understood what the word union meant, there would not be so much bickering as there is at the present day; but, notwithstanding all the bickerings they had to confront, he believed there was perfect harmony and union amongst all grades of temperance societies; and he thought this was the grand reason why temperance principles were so fast gaining ground. "Union is strength," and, said he, the page of history reveals the fact, that while the inhabitants of Jerusalem kept united, no power raised against her prospered; but, alas, how soon was she overthrown, when the spirit of enmity and discord was sown amongst them. We read, too, in the natural history of the *Upas Tree*,—a tree possessing a very poisonous nature, so much so that the very atmosphere is affected by it. All kinds of animal creatures flee from it, knowing that if they come in contact with it death is almost sure. He thought this an apt illustration of the spirit of discord amongst the various institutions of the present day.—It matters not how pure the intentions, or how noble and praiseworthy the objects they have in view, if they allow this spirit to prevail, they are unattainable. Now, said he, in order to do away with that accursed evil, that is causing so much misery in the world, we must be united. He believed there were motives sufficient before them this day, to urge them to push forward in this good cause. He was fully convinced that public opinion was against the drinking usages, and that the time was not remote, when the word Alcohol would be seen only on Agents' books. (Hear, hear.)

After the gentleman had concluded his remarks, a procession was formed, headed by the Guelph Section of Cadets, followed by the Galt Section; next in order came the Guelph Mechanics' Band, and then the various Divisions of the Sons of T. that had assembled on the occasion, and proceeded through the town to the Pine Grove, to partake of some "good things of this life," prepared for them. After tea, a beautifully bound Volume of the Sacred Scriptures was presented by the Ladies of Berlin, to the Berlin Division, through Mr Wadsworth, of Hamilton, and was responded to by Rev. J. J. Braine, Chaplain of Guelph Division, in his usual happy and interesting manner. The whole proceedings of the day, considering the unpropitiousness of the weather, were of the most pleasing character.—*Guelph Advertiser*.

PERSONAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.—The members and friends of this society breakfasted in the Caltoun Convening Rooms yesterday morning. The Rev. Dr. Johnstone, Lunenburg, occupied the chair. The Rev. Andrew Arthur asked the blessing, and the Rev. William Ritchie, Dunso, returned thanks. The Rev. William Reid, secretary, reported that seventeen ministers had joined the society since last meeting, and that it now comprised 140 ministers, 8 missionaries, 261 elders, 47 students, and 10 preachers. The Rev. J. L. Aikman, treasurer, reported favourably as to the state of the funds, that an elder present had that morning given a donation of five guineas, and that several smaller contributions had been raised. Addresses were afterwards delivered by the Rev. Francis Skinner, Blackburn, the Rev. Mr. McKerrow, Manchester, the Rev. George Blyth, Jamaica, and the Rev. S. Sinclair, Greenock. On the motion of the Rev. James Young, of Dunfermline, the Rev. Dr. Joseph Brown was requested to furnish for publication an admirable address, founded on the abolition of human sacrifices in Old Calabar, the delivery of which in various places had been attended with the happiest results; to