

All honor to the brave hearts who first, opposed his fearful power, and to each division of the Temperance army which has successively wheeled into line and mingled in the fight!

Among all the combatants, now stands most conspicuous our own noble band, and their plumes proudly wave o'er every battle field.

But a few years comparatively have elapsed since this new auxiliary joined the warring host against King Alcohol, but their zeal and valor soon turned the tide of battle against the foe, and anon the notes of victory sounded o'er the extended plains cheering the hardy veterans who from early dawn had stood in the front of the battle with shield and helmet on. Many of these brave pioneers have laid their armor down, but only as the night shades of death closed in; some however are still witnesses of the conflict, and a few yet do good service in the cause.

It is a fact not unworthy of notice that not one who has strictly adhered to the obligations and rules of the service, arduous as it has been, has ever fallen before the foe; while to the yielding and irresolute the danger is imminent, and of these countless numbers strew the ensanguined field.

We have therefore to guard against desertion, and seek for means to render stronger the power of resisting temptation, and meeting the endless devices of our subtle and determined enemy. One means of doing this, is to make our Order as attractive as possible, by reasonably uniting amusement and instruction with the more dry and practical parts of the undertaking.

A man can have no motive for being temperate so high as that which springs from love to God, and those thus influenced form, doubtless, the strongest element in the Temperance Reform. Thousands, however, usefully engaged in the movement, are not actuated by motives so pure and high, and it seems absolutely necessary to win and retain such by interesting and gratifying to some extent their feelings and wishes.

I am very sorry to have to announce the failure of our scheme in connection with taking the Census. As contemplated, a petition was presented to the Legislature, and the importance of the plan adopted at the annual meeting of the Grand Division duly enforced; but after enquiry and reflection it was not deemed advisable, or indeed practicable, to proceed.

It was not expected that the Census would be taken until the season was well advanced; but contrary to our expectation the undertaking had considerably progressed previous to the meeting