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Hold Your Head up Like a Man.

If the stormy winds should rustle,
While you tread the world's highway,
Still against them bravely tussel,
Hope and labour day by day;
Falter not, no matter whether
There is sunshine, storm or calm,
And in every kind of weather,
Hold your head up like a man.

If a brother should deceive you,
And should act a traitor's part,
Never let his treason grieve you,
Jog along with lightsome heart;
Fortune seldom follows fawning,
Boldness is the better plan,
Hoping for a brighter dawning,
Hold your head up like a man.

Earth, though e'er so rich and mellow,
Yields not for the worthless drone,
But the bold and honest fellow,
He can shift and stand alone;
Spurn the knave of every nation,
Always do the best you can,
And no matter what your station,
Hold your head up like a man.

The Sons of Temperance.

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HERE is a certain department of Temperance work that can be more effectively conducted by the Sons of Temperance than by our ordinary total abstinence organizations. * *

The Division of the Sons renders the same additional service to all other organizations that a cavalry corps renders to a battery of artillery. One can go where the other can not. The "Sons" have a room of their own always at their own command. They meet once a week through the year. They have a committee to look after reformed inebriates—who are breaking out of their bondage—men to visit them, counsel them, deal kindly with them if they have a temporary relapse. Some inebriates have been rescued in this neighbourhood by the "Sons" who could not be so well handled by our Church Society. The sick members too, are looked after by the "Sons" as they never are likely to be by our open or-

ganizations; for the Sons of Temperance have a close, fraternal and social tie, and a personal *kinship* to each other, that never can be reached by the looser style of association formed in ordinary temperance societies. There is a *family feeling* in our "Order," that has great power to bind us together and to influence the newcomers into our household. Our secrecy (so absurdly denounced by many who do not know us) is only the proper privacy of any well-regulated family. We have our public and private meetings. So do families. But what sensible father calls the neighbours in when he wishes to chide an erring son or welcome home an erring daughter?

The influence in all the Divisions I have been connected with for twenty years has been decidedly sound and religious. I find our "Order" to be a valuable auxiliary to the Church; and but seldom is it a rival. The two harmonize completely. Christians can honour their Divine Lord in a Division-room as truly as in a Sunday School. That tie may be used to lead souls to Christ. After twenty years experience in its ranks, I do most earnestly recommend all my brother ministers to come into the Order of the Sons of Temperance, and give a new impetus to one of the most vital "wings" of the grand army of reform!

Our Membership.

MANY members have been admitted who have been elements of weakness rather than of strength. We want numbers, but we want moral power and moral worth more, and no matter what our numerical strength may be our moral force and character will be the measure of our real power for good.

Let us, however, be clearly understood; while members should

be admitted with care, they should not be excluded without the exercise of still greater care; it were better to admit improper persons than exclude one suitable candidate. The doors of our Order should be open to the whole of the human kind, regardless of creed, colour, race or sex, and none should be excluded, no matter how deep their degradation, provided they give reasonable hope of having an earnest desire for amendment.

Nevertheless, we should take care that we do not allow our beautiful Institution Service to be regarded as a farce by admitting members who join merely to gratify an idle curiosity, or, as some have styled it, "for the fun of the thing." There is no fun in our work. It deals with human joys and sorrows, sins and suffering, crime and poverty; with human hearts and human destinies; and we have no place for mere curiosity-mongers.

How to Vote.

WE direct the attention of the friends of temperance to the following resolution, adopted by the beer brewers' congress at Cincinnati:

"Resolved, That politicians favouring prohibitory enactment, who offer themselves as candidates for office, be everywhere strenuously opposed, and the more so if it be found that their personal habits do not conform with their public professions."

Here is a splendid opportunity to treat the beer brewers to a dose of their own logic, and we hope that every temperance elector will carry out his principles as well as the brewers do theirs. Every temperance man who is in earnest, who means anything when he says he is opposed to intemperance, should resolve in his own mind "that politicians favouring the sale and use of in-