

MILITARY TEMPERANCE. [1]

We copy the following interesting items from the *New Scotia Athenaeum*. No class of men for a hundred years past, has suffered more through the use of Alcohol than soldiers. What a Waterloo or the climate of the East or West Indies, could not do, a few years of peace have done; that is to kill the bravest fellows that ever lived, by the evil custom of constant tipping.—The Highland regiments seem very favorable just now to temperance. Many Officers and Soldiers in Niagara and Toronto, favor the good cause.

"The following correspondence between Mr. J. Shields, Quarter Master Sergeant 42nd Royal Highlanders, and the Rev. P. G. McGregor, President Halifax Temperance Society, has been handed us for publication:—

Halifax, N. S., January 5, 1852.

REV. SIR,—The enclosed sum of £6 8s. 9d., I beg you will accept from some of the non-commissioned officers and men of the 42nd Royal Highlanders as a donation to the funds of the Halifax Temperance Society.

The hearty desire evinced by yourself and others connected with the Society over which you have the honor to preside, for the welfare of the Soldier, has induced this expression of their regard for the cause you advocate; and those who now contribute towards this offering, would also make grateful acknowledgments for the kind attentions received.

I have the honor to be, Reverend Sir,
Your obedient humble servant

J. SHIELDS,
Qr. Mr. Serg't 42nd R. H.

The Rev. P. G. McGregor,
President of H. T. S.

Halifax, January 5, 1852.

SIR,—The success of the friends of Temperance in this City in enlisting so many supporters of the Total Abstinence principle among the Non-commissioned officers and men of the 42nd Regiment Royal Highlanders, is more than a sufficient reward for any exertions made or attention shown.

The gift which you have now placed in my hands, affords another evidence that these attentions are more than appreciated. Please to assure those who have contributed, that this sum is thankfully received, and will be speedily applied to advance the Cause which I trust will be ever dear to us.

I am, your's respectfully,
P. G. MCGREGOR,
P. H. T. S.

To J. SHIELDS,
Quarter Master Sergeant of the 42nd R. H.

"We are truly glad to learn, that only one man of the 42nd Royal Highlanders was put in confinement on New Year's Day for being intoxicated. This is unprecedented in the Garrison—New Year's Day is a dangerous time to those who have been brought up in the habit of social drinking which has characterized the sons of Auld Scotia in time past; and in a community like this, where so many reside in the neighbourhood of the Barracks who are licensed to decoy and kill, the above named fact is indeed worthy of being recorded."

NIAGARA.

"Three of the resident Clergymen in Town have agreed, amidst their numerous other duties, to deliver alternately a lecture every month on the subject of temperance. The Rev. Mr. Young commenced the series on the evening of the 9th inst., and, as far as I have heard, acquitted himself to the satisfaction of all who were present. The Hall was nearly filled, and he was listened to with the most marked attention. The members of the "Order" were there regaled on the occasion, as did also the Cadets. It is supposed the Daughters of Temperance will also attend in future, dressed in their distinguishing ornaments."—[Mail.

We cut the above from the correspondence of the Mail, and are pleased to hear that the energetic temperance men of old Niagara are not flagging in their endeavor to advance the good cause. The Division numbers over 150 here, and have acting in connection with them a fine Section of Cadets and a large Union of Daughters.

There are few places in Canada where the Sons have done more good than in this town. The above movement on the part of three of the resident clergymen is highly commendable, and worthy of imitation every where. Let the powerful influence of clergymen and the Press unite, and the evil of intemperance and curse of alcohol will soon disappear.—[Ed. Son.

QUEBEC SONS.

The following letter was kindly handed us for publication.—[Ed. Son.

DEAR EDWARD—I beg to enclose you a programme of a soiree which we attended last night, also the Morning Chronicle, with a short account of the proceedings. I think I scarcely ever attended so pleasant a meeting, it was productive of much good, and I think will be the cause of a great accession to our Order. The low price of tickets is a great inducement. We don't calculate on profits, but to do good, to show the public what we are in our aim. In fact it is "Casting our bread upon the waters." The Sons who appeared in regalia were scattered over the meeting in a room like your St. Lawrence Hall, and all stood up at the first tone of the band of the 54th Regiment. The attendance at the refreshment tables was excellent. About fifty or sixty were taken off the front seats first to the Refreshment Rooms, where tea, coffee, cakes, apples, jelly, &c. were served, and so on in rotation. The speeches were the most appropriate I ever heard—practically explaining the nature of the Order, the difference between it and the old total abstinence society—why the Order was required—answering objections to joining it, and showing why it was absolutely necessary that it should in a measure be a secret society—that the greatest part of the secrecy was in hiding the faults of our brethren—that we went after them after default until they were beyond all hope of amendment or saved.

Bro. T. White, late of Toronto Division, is one of the most promising young men I have ever heard. He has made two or three public speeches here, which have endeared him to the inhabitants generally. His speeches are well delivered and very appropriately interspersed with anecdotes. Taking into consideration the great majority of French Canadians who do not mingle with any other people, I think we deserve credit for having 150 members in our division. A new division is to be formed in a week or two. The Daughters number about 50—the Cadets about 120. I never heard any thing more delightful than the Cadets last night; they had their appropriate speeches so well, and delivered them so manfully, that every person seemed delighted. About six of the band are Sons; and I saw four sergeants with the "White, the Red, the Blue" over their red jackets.

I think it would be well if you would submit to Ontario Division the propriety of getting up a musical soiree in St. Lawrence Hall. Calculate so that you will be no losers, and it will have a good effect. You may show them the enclosed programme and newspaper, if you have time, under the proper head at your next meeting.

JOHN MORPHY,
Of Gough Division.

TEMPERANCE IS PRINCE EDWARD.—The Sons of Temperance held a Convention on the 26th ult., at Picton, in the County of Prince Edward, when the following resolutions were passed.—"Moved by J. P. Roblin, Esq., seconded by Calvin Pier, Esq., and Resolved—That in the judgment of the convention, public opinion in this country is not prepared to abolish at once and immediately all the public houses within the county; but that it is the opinion of the members now present that an effort should be made to put a stop to the tipping by neighbors in the several public houses, and that therefore application be made to the Municipal Council of the town of Picton, praying them to pass a by-law to prevent the Inn-keepers in the town of Picton from selling spirituous liquors to any person living within the limits of the corporation, and that application be made to the various Township Councils, praying them to prevent Inn-keepers in country places from selling spirituous liquors to any person living within a distance of three miles from their respective houses."

To the Editor of the Son of Temperance

PINE DIVISION—VIENNA.

DEAR SIR,
Amongst the many notices of Divisions, to you so large a space in your excellent periodical is voted, I find nothing of Pine Division, No. 131, located at Vienna, in the Township of Bayham, and therefore, with your permission, make a remark with a view to supply that deficiency. Vienna is pleasantly situated in the valley of Otter, three miles from its mouth; and has, for last few years, experienced a more rapid growth than, perhaps, any other place in Canada West owes its prosperity to the trade in pine lumber which, manufactured in large quantities at and the vicinity, is exported to New York and American markets. Previously to the introduction of the Order of the Sons in 1850, the old Temperance Society had for some time been defunct, Intemperance with its attendant vices, had increased to such an extent as to obtain for the village an enviable notoriety throughout the surrounding country. At this time a few reflecting individuals, concluded to make an effort to stem the flood of intemperance so rapidly setting in, by introducing the organization of the Sons, and in July 1850, Division was formed. The success of the experiment was soon the theme of general remark; Order, contrary to expectation, became highly popular, and so rapid was its growth that the Division at its celebration and festival on New-Year following, numbered one hundred members, possessing a large share of the wealth and respect of the place. The salutary change, too, effected the community through its influence, was the price alike of surprise and congratulation. The character of the Village was redeemed. An Anniversary Celebration, which passed off with great eclat, the ladies presented the Division a banner and Bible which cost sixty dollars. For last two quarters the Division has been undergoing a pruning process which will always be necessary after the first excitement has subsided, and in consequence has not increased; but it is a 130 good members, and will henceforth experience growth more healthy though, perhaps, less. In fine, with a commodious hall well furnished a fund of \$300, protected by an Act of Incorporation, this Division may be considered as permanently established—a beacon light, throwing its rays over the dark and stormy sea of Intemperance, to point the shattered bark to the calm and a haven of Total Abstinence.

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Vienna, 27th Jan., 1852.

HORRIBLE.—About three weeks ago, a woman by the name of McCarthy, who owned occupied a house in Sandy Town, Bayham, fell from the fire when in a state of intoxication, and burned to death. It may not be amiss to add the house of this victim of Alcohol, stands in that in which the Town Council, a majority of whom are "Sons," will shortly meet to License Town, wonder if these Sons of Temperance, when legalizing the sale of the destructive poison, think of the widow McCarthy!

ANOTHER FACT.—A short time ago a named McQuiggan, who resided about a mile from Vienna, after a two or three days spree around taverns, started for home at night with a bottle of whiskey in his pocket. His body was found the next day within call of his own house with the bottle by his side.

Verdict: "Died from the effects of cold Whiskey."—[Fillis.

OSWEGO DIVISION.—The following are the officers elect for this Division:—D. McBrogue, W. E. Mark, R. S.

ED NATHANIEL SPENCE, who lately nearly died at London, is said to have been intoxicated the night of the misfortune.