

AMERICAN SUMMARY—TEMPERANCE NEWS.

For the present feeling of the Legislatures of the respective American States, has been pretty well tested. The friends and enemies of total prohibition have met, and the country has seen how the strength lies. Few could have expected so gratifying a result, few could have expected so mighty a change in public opinion.—*The Maine law principle* or experiment is but a year, scarce a year old, and as yet is but imperfectly understood by many of the people or even legislators.—Many of the legislators are directly interested in the traffic themselves or through friends and most of them were elected upon a different issue, than that of Temperance. Six months ago scarce an American paper emphatically recommended the people to make the Temperance question a political one, yet now we find them all agreeing on this principle. American institutions rest on virtue in the people, and intemperance begets vice of all kinds, consequently insidiously saps those institutions. With a true republican this issue is all important. **WE SAY PROHIBIT THE TRAFFIC**, and let that issue be put hereafter to American and Canadian voters. All the interests of society are injured by this evil, **LIFE, MORALS AND PROPERTY**. The question has been before the legislatures of the great and prominent American states of the Union and great advances have been made, principles admitted and truths elicited. By small majorities in assemblies not elected on the Temperance issue, and without sufficient agitation the prohibition Bills have been lost. Such has been the case in New-York state with her three millions of people—in Pennsylvania, New Jersey—Rhode Island, Connecticut, Indiana and some others. In Pennsylvania a Bill upon a wrong principle was introduced in the Senate, (allowing of the sale of Alcohol if over 31 gallons,) and was rejected by the Lower house on principle. We cannot, however, say that it is not well to take half measures on the good side, merely as advance steps. In New-York state a decisive vote has been come to, 45 yeas for the Maine law and 69 against it. Among the last we regret to see a majority of *democrats*. Now we tell the Democratic party, which we have generally supported in the Union, that this question will seal their fate, if they do not change. They depend as they suppose, chiefly on votes of foreigners naturalized, but this will not do, for even the Irish and Germans are getting temperate in the States. To succeed in the American States the Democratic party must advocate virtue and its adjuncts.

THEN NEAL DOW has been defeated in Portland, Maine, by the votes of the anti-temperance, assisted by the loose fish Temperance men. True the man elected over him is an advocate of the Maine law, yet he is not a thorough one. Neal Dow is a *glorious man*—he is in Temperance in America, what Kossuth is in European Politics, unique, honest and glorious. He deserved a better return, but still it is merely a temporary defeat, and one that should teach us the necessity of increase in *Weichman Clubs* and Divisions of Sons.—Taking into view one year's proceedings in the American States with these expected defeat, the result is glorious and satisfactory.

THEN IN MASSACHUSETTS, by the last accounts, we hear that the Maine law has actually passed and will become a law. This state in *wealth and knowledge* is second to none in the Union, and with the examples of Massachusetts and Maine all will follow. For in part we are sanguine that within four years, nearly every American State will be *Maine law* in its laws. Neal Dow was defeated in his election for Mayor of the city of Portland, chiefly through the money and votes of dealers in rum—many of them naturalized foreigners. It was their death struggle and that of intemperance with a good cause. All moral movements progress by degrees but will succeed. Not one in history ever failed. Vice will flourish for a time, but like Mahometan will end with a few hundreds of years. United States Slavery is doomed, so is intemperance, if not that republic will retrograde. The human mind cannot stand still, it must advance or retrograde.

Br. John M. Collins, D. G. W. P. of Canboro' informs that the Order is in a sound state in that vicinity. On the 18th March, he organized a new Division in Canbor, with 23 charter members, called the *Beacon Light Division*, 361. He says it is increasing rapidly.

General Carey and J. B. Gough are lecturing in Ohio, which is preparing for a great struggle.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

Kossuth was at Washington on the 17th April, and visited on that day the tomb of Washington at Mount Vernon, with his wife and a large company of friends, among them Senator Seward and his lady. On the 20th, he was to be at Boston, upon the invitation of the Legislature of Massachusetts.

In Great Britain, the new Militia Bill was before the House of Commons, proposing to drill 80,000 militia ready for military service. Messrs. Hume & Cobden opposed it.

We see also that a Grand Union of the Daughters of Temperance has just been organized in England.

In New Brunswick, we see the Legislature have passed the act called the Maine law, in so mutilated a state, that it is neither one thing nor the other. So says the *Telegraph*.

In France, the new Constitution had been set into working order. Napoleon denied any desire to be made Emperor, all of which is deception on his part. He seems the tool of the military whose Emperor he will be during the year. There are 30,000 political prisoners in France—ergo, she is quiet! Lives there no Brutus there?

The Gold Mania in Australia is increasing—it seeming that Gold is very abundant there.

TEMPERANCE HOTEL IN LONDON, ENGLAND.—A Mr. Graham opened on the 18th March last, a new Temperance Hotel in London, upon which occasion a dinner was given to 50 eminent Temperance men, speeches were made, &c. Such houses are getting fashionable there. A regular cold water dinner, in Cameron style, was given in Graham's Hotel.

EXCHANGES AND NEW PAPERS.

The *Life Boat*, of Montreal, a monthly juvenile Temperance Magazine, has been received. It is got up with taste and spirit, and is creditable to its youthful proprietor. Price 2s 6d per annum. It consists of 16 octavo pages, printed on good paper once a month at Montreal. It is issued for the benefit of the Cadets and young people.

The *National Temperance Chronicle*, of London, has reached us and contains much English temperance news. Temperance men in Great Britain are alive.

The *Cadet* of Toronto, has again appeared with an improved appearance and deserves support by all Cadets.

The *Canada Temperance Advocate* of Montreal, which without the smallest provocation slandered us last January, after a silence of two months, comes out on the 1st of April instant, with a hesitating apology, covering his retreat with a statement he knows to be untrue, that is, that we made the first attack or gave the first provocation, we challenge proof. On the contrary we always spoke well of it and thought ourselves on the best of terms, until we were most wantonly vilified just at a time when persons in *Upper Canada* were about renewing their subscriptions. *C.S.P.* is a man of noble feelings, and detests as we do the *low tricks of Editors*. The flimsy selfishness of some men is easily seen. If we could not advocate the Temperance cause, without a resort to slander, such as emanated from the *Advocate* of last January, we would quit the cause forever.

THE SCOTCH TEMPERANCE REVIEW—TEMPERANCE IN BRITAIN.—This able and useful Monthly has come to hand for April. We always peruse it with pleasure. From its columns we see that the American Temperance Lecturer Brother Keiogg, is now lecturing in Scotland and is highly spoken of. He is an active Sober also. It is strange that as yet, we see no account of our Order, (the most useful one on earth,) being introduced in old Scotland. The noble Scotch in Canada are very friendly to it. A great meeting was held on the 16th march in Edinburgh for the benefit of the working classes, to change the joy night from Saturday to some other night, and to get up reading rooms; for the purpose of putting down drunkenness in these classes. The *Duke of Argyll* occupied the Chair, and spoke strongly in favor of total abstinence. William Chambers, Esq. the eminent Scotch publisher also addressed the audience. A large meeting of the Glasgow Temperance Association had been held on the 4th of March. It seems it consists of 12,000 members, having added during the year 1177 adults and 1038 boys.

The *Quebec Gazette* and American Temperance Magazine do not come to hand regularly.

THE ANNUAL SOCIAL MEETINGS, DAUGHTERS AND CADETS OF TORONTO.

Came off on Thursday last at the Temperance Hall with great eclat. The Hall was well filled with members of the three Orders, numbering perhaps a good sprinkling of lookers on. We can only allude in short to the matter, promising it to enlarge. The meeting was very enthusiastic speaking good. A great amount of interesting was laid before the audience, relating to Orders in Toronto. Brother J. W. Woodall, behalf of Ontario Division, doing himself good and fully showing that OLD ONTARIO is the largest, wealthiest, and most useful Division. Brothers Swallow of Yorkville, and Colwell of Coldstream, Claxton of Toronto, R. Lawrence, Smiley of Don Mills and Johascha's Divisions, acquitted themselves with credit. The Sectuous of Cadets were well represented and the Unions of Daughters by Mrs. T. Mrs. Rowell. That old and veteran friend of Brother Dick, filled the Chair, and also represented Toronto Division.

THE SOIREE AT LAMBTON—Came off on the 20th. A large attendance for the season took place, 300 persons present. A procession of about 100 Cadets and Daughters of Temperance, with Banner Cooksville Temperance Band paraded the street. The day was unusually beautiful and fine. Was served in a large Building, the best that could be used ordinarily as a cooper shop. The audience very attentive during the speaking. A speech with a representation of our Saviour, and the well of Jacob painted thereon, was presented to the ladies of the village to the Division. Presented by Mrs. and Miss Rogers, presented to Miss Rogers read the address, which was credited to Br. Jackson of the Lambton Division chair, and made some very appropriate remarks to the ladies.

Quite an array of speakers presented themselves on the platform—viz., Br. Durand, Alcorn, Greg, Antwerp, Rose, Howard, Milne, and Ward. Br. Durand addressed the Cadets in a few words. Br. Durand addressed the audience for half an hour; then Br. Gregory, Howard, and Milne, addressed the audience in turn. The arguments advanced were good. Trust will have a most happy effect for this growing Division. We cannot omit here to mention the zeal of father Milne, who on that day, over 70 years old, rode 15 miles on horseback to the Soiree & the same distance back. Here is a new young. The ladies here talk of getting up a Division of Daughters. The address which has just been read, we will insert in our next.

AGENTS.

We regret to say that we hear from but a few Agents. It is impossible for the editor of this paper to do the good of the Order, and also to spend his time from editorial duties in collecting money. A more accurate might easily recruit not only money but subscribers. One hour spent in the Division, would enable any agent to do more than we are labouring for. We will soon personally or by agents meet our subscribers, and hope they will pay. However wait for this as remittances can be sent.

For subscriptions of last year and of this meeting in January or February we will accept of no six months subscriptions or of subscriptions 5s in advance or 4s in clubs. Of this paper for 1852 are given for our debtors not allow subscribers to stop in the middle of the year, and all who have commenced the year time on for the year, as we will collect whether they stop or not. Subscribers of 1851 received 24 Nos. for 5s.

Our Carrier boys are never allowed to take money without our written authority.

We issue this paper in May, on the 31st day thereof.