

becomes our solemn duty, then, to do all we can to spread this good thing throughout the country. If we have heard a lecture, let us tell our friends all the strong arguments against drinking, which were used—let us talk on this subject wherever we have opportunity, and the good effects of this will be soon apparent. He told several good anecdotes, in conclusion, illustrating the duty of persevering in what was right.

The Rev. Mr. Cox came in about the close of the meeting and was called upon, by the chairman, to say something. He was not prepared for giving an address, but he made a few good remarks on the subject of the evening, and urged upon those present who had not yet signed the pledge, to come forward and do so then.

The meeting was closed by singing the doxology. A considerable number signed the pledge.

### DIFFICULTIES OVERCOME BY PERSEVERANCE.

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUNG TEETOTALERS.

To *persevere*, is to continue in any undertaking, or course of action, whatever difficulties may impede our progress. Difficulties and trials we must expect in every state of life, and in every pursuit. But if our opinions, or practices, or engagements are right, we should persevere in order to attain the objects of our desire, and to retain them; otherwise our efforts will be abortive and little or no advantage will be derived. This should be kept in view by young people. How can they acquire, retain, or advance in knowledge without it? How can they maintain their position in every moral undertaking, acquire influence, become benefactors to others, or realize advantages themselves, without it?

Take for illustration the youngest scholar at school, and observe his onward course as he perseveres in each rising step. Is he required to learn his A, B, C, to spell and to read? What a host of obstacles appear to his vision! But he applies himself, determined to learn, and to obey his instructors. How rapidly each difficulty vanishes! What happy consequences follow! The whole alphabet can be readily repeated, letters and syllables can be put together in words, and the words so combined can be easily read. So in relation to *Arithmetic*. Figures in their combination appear very puzzling. How perplexing each division of the science of numbers, single and compound, with the rules appended! But by *perseverance* one difficulty after another is overcome, and the child becomes a good arithmetician. He can repeat accurately his numeration and multiplication tables. He can work sums in addition, multiplication, division and subtraction. Nay, he ascends higher in the scale, and can calculate and reckon, and otherwise employ figures suited to his requirements. The same may be said of other branches of knowledge. *Writing*, to the beginner, is often very troublesome. He is taught to hold his pen in a certain manner, and closely to imitate the copy before him. How can this be effected? By *perseverance*. In this way he learns to write with ease; the letters are properly formed, he daily approximates to the pattern before him, and he experiences peculiar satisfaction. By this determined, self-applying, and persevering course, he masters grammar, geography, history and other branches of knowledge, perhaps under very great difficulties, and rises to distinction and usefulness. Innumerable facts attest the truth of this observation in every age, without any respect to class or country.

If, then, my young friends would succeed in any undertaking, they must *persevere*. Are they enlisted under the banner of temperance, and do they desire its progression and ultimate triumph?

They must persevere in their adherence to the pledge they have adopted, and in their zealous advocacy of the cause they have espoused. They have accomplished much, but much more may be effected by perseverance. The "*John Williams*," and the "*John Wesley*," two missionary ships, have been built and set afloat for missionary purposes by their laudable and persevering efforts. They have performed other good deeds, and if they are inclined and will persevere, they may accomplish yet greater things. By children and youth much may be done for the treasury of our Temperance Societies, for the support of the *Temperance Advocate*, for the increase and vigor of our membership, and for the diffusion and triumph of our principles. Let them begin in good earnest, and persevere in spite of obstacles, with prayer to God for His guidance and blessing, and success is certain. Many a good cause would have failed but for the indomitable perseverance of its friends. Howard persevered, and obtained a victory. Wilberforce persevered, and his benevolence triumphed. Williams and others persevered, and success attended their Missionary labors. And had not the early friends of the Temperance enterprise persevered, we should not witness what we do at the present day. It is to the untiring zeal of such men as Beecher, Delavan, Douglass, Father Chumley, Father Mathew, and distinguished worthies in England and Scotland, that we owe, under the Divine blessing, the present position and extensive influence of the great principle by which the Temperance reformation is distinguished.

But what great difficulties remain to be overcome. Drinking usages yet prevail to an alarming extent. Not so much, indeed, in our Province as in the Fatherland, but yet to an extent to require much watchfulness, diligence and perseverance on the part of our juvenile friends, no less than those of riper years. There are Canaanites yet in the land, and by moral force they must be subdued. We must not, from mistaken kindness and non-interference, spare the deadly foe. There must be no truce between us. We must continue to agitate and to labor, till the objects of our noble mission are accomplished. Lukewarmness and inactivity damage our cause, and give our opponents advantage over us. Spare them we must not. They will be thorns in our side, and snares to us. Fight, fight, hearty, beloved youth, in this moral warfare, until victory is proclaimed on the side of truth and righteousness. Be not discouraged, let not little clouds bewilder you, let no supposed lion in the way slacken your efforts, but persevere in your cause, and the mountains will become a plain, and the little one a thousand. Now is the time for renewed, vigorous action. Arise, plead, possess the land, and render praise to Him "from whom all blessings flow."

"Friends of temperance" onward go,  
Fear not ye to face the foe;  
God and truth are on your side,  
Needful strength will be supplied."

J. T. B.

Bytown, November 24, 1849.

### A SALUTATION.

A Happy New Year to you, *Dear Advocate*, and a Happy New Year to our friend the Printer, who causes you to come so oft with your smiling face to visit us at our respective dwelling places; and a very Happy New Year to all whom you visit, both far and near, both old and young; and a peculiarly happy time may it be to those who, considering what a benevolent cause you are engaged in, and with what patient perseverance you plead