

MOTHER.

Fond mother, you can conceive of no affliction which would cause you so much deep sorrow, which would strike with a more piercing blow upon your tender affections, than to have your son come home to you staggering under the influence of the inebriating cup. Nor can you experience a more excruciating anxiety than that caused by the knowledge that the son in whom your affections are centered, is, while absent from your fireside, among dissipated and worthless companions, engaged in the revelry of Bacchus—wasting the golden hours of youth, ruining his constitution, destroying his character, and sinking his immortal soul into eternity. Yes, dear mother, it would be difficult, very difficult, indeed, to find a cause which would inflict a deeper sting than this. Therefore, mother, think of this—then guard well your household shrine, that you may be spared all the painful afflictions which flow from the inebriating bowl, that you may never in sorrow see your household germs wither in disgrace to the grave.

In order to guard against this affliction, precept and example are both requisite. If the children of your heart see you drink the fatal beverage, and hear you advocate its innocency, they will undoubtedly do the same, unless the Providential hand arrests them, and makes them to see the deadly serpent which coils around the cup. If by your example they are led to indulge in this vice, you must expect affliction, for ruin lies 'neath the fair disguise.

Upon you, loving mother, much of the future of your children's life depends; therefore, as you value sweet peace and contentment, and all the endearments of home, avoid this fearful path of error, for from their influence in moulding the character of the future man.

Fond mother, your home may be your earthly paradise or your earthly chaos, as you choose to make it. You may make it happy and cheerful, no matter how scantily it be provided with this world's goods, by bringing your children up to total abstinence and piety. But if the olive branches of your home are led away, and become fascinated with the fair devil, wine, no matter how much that home may be blessed with riches, peace, joy and contentment take wings, leaving it desolate and cheerless. No home can be truly happy for any length of time if this demon be a guest, for

"It leaves a wreck where love before  
Was won't with gentle sway to reign;  
Contentment owns its ferrous power,  
And flies with all her peaceful train."

Remember, mother, that as the twig is bent, so shall it grow; therefore, seek to rear up your children under strictly Temperance principles; seek to impress upon the tablet of their hearts the beauties of total abstinence, and to make them realize the fearful effects arising from the use of strong drinks, and you will be blessed beyond the power of human mind to conceive. This principle firmly fixed, devoted love for Christ is more easily introduced into the heart.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND SECTION.

(Continued.)

PORTLAND, Jan. 24th, 1867.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON W. P.'S REPORT.

Your Committee to whom was referred the G. W. P.'s Report beg leave to submit the following:

Your Committee feel gratified that the G. W. P. exhibits an interest in the welfare of Sections not shown at all times by incumbents of his office.

Your Committee trusts that the suggestions by the G. W. P. in regard to the Report from the G. D. Committee, shall receive that impartial consideration which the subject demands.

While your Committee are anxious to suggest such measures for the carrying out of total principles as the G. W. P. would desire, yet they would rather this matter should be dealt with by the Committee appointed to revise the Constitution.

Submitted in T. V. and T.,  
W. J. RING,  
WM. BAIRD,  
A. G. BLAKESLEE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON G. S.'S REPORT.

G. W. P.—Your Committee to whom the Grand Secretary's Report was referred beg leave to submit as follows:

We are glad that the G. S. has manifested his zeal for our cause, by visiting all the Sections, except Carleton Union and Northumberland, during the quarter.

We are pleased to know that the Order has not fallen back any this quarter; but regret that the Associate Patrons of some Sections do not come up to the work as they should.

We rejoice to know that we have two such energetic brothers as the G. W. P. and G. Sec. We cannot express our gratitude for the boon they are about to give us, in the shape of a paper for the benefit of the Order, which we would specially recommend to the deepest consideration.

Submitted in T. V. and T.,  
D. BERRYMAN,  
W. J. PRATT,  
JOHN F. RING.

On motion, resolved that a Committee be appointed to publish a Circular, urging the claims of total abstinence upon the young, and distributed among the Sabbath Schools and Ministers of the Gospel.

A. G. BLAKESLEE, }  
D. BERRYMAN, } Committee.  
J. S. MITCHELL, }

On motion the G. S. adjourned to meet on Monday evening, Feb. 4th, in Germania St. Hall.  
SAMUEL TUTTS, G. Sec.

TILLEY SECTION entertained the public on Thursday night, 23th ult., at the Mechanics' Institute. The meeting was quite a success, and reflects much credit on the Committee of management. The audience numbered about 600. Dialogues, recitations and speeches were the order of the evening. Our space will not permit us to give a lengthy report. The programme was as follows:

RECITATIONS.

The Lost Inebriate, by . . . Bro. E. Everitt.  
The Englishman, by . . . " A. Watts.  
The Beacon, by . . . " R. Patchell.

DIALOGUE.

Sick in his own dospito, . . . B. Hartt & C Parker.

RECITATIONS.

Absolom, by . . . J. B. Dudley.  
Follow your Nose, by . . . Mannaton.  
Belshazzar, King of Babylon, W.F. Hatheway.  
Water, by . . . J. Cumberland.  
Donnybrook Fair, by . . . Wm. Cummings.

DIALOGUES.

The Will—The Will, by . F. W. Hatheway, C. Parker, B. Hartt and J. Cumberland.  
The Learned Apothecary, by . Wm. Cummins, J. B. Dudley and E. Everett.  
Rolls and Alonza, by . W. F. Hatheway, S. Cummins and J. Cumberland.

RECITATIONS.

Battle of Flodden Field, by . . S. Cummins.  
The Drunkard's Child, by . . . B. Hartt.  
All of which were well spoken, some exceedingly so.

The Rev. Mr. Caroy then addressed the meeting. He spoke principally to the young in relation to early habits, and the evils resulting from the use of intoxicating drinks. The Rev. G. O. Henstis, G. W. P. of the S. of T., followed, with a brief yet eloquent address, also principally to the young.

The Chair was ably filled by Bro. O. D. Wetmore, P. G. W. P. of the S. of T.

Several odes were sung during the evening. The meeting closed by singing God Save the Queen. The parents and friends of the boys who took part in the meeting must have been delighted.

FIREMEN'S DIVISION, No. 20, Sons of Temperance, last month, celebrated their Sixteenth Anniversary, by inviting a number of friends to partake of some of the best of good things. At 3.30 o'clock, by way of opening the entertainment, the members and their guests were introduced to a table stacked with oysters in the shell, which resulted in the most extraordinary opening ever witnessed. This feat accomplished, no one found any difficulty in opening his mouth—from which we received a number of the liveliest and most side-splitting speeches we ever heard. Good music added to the enjoyment of the meeting. At 9.30 o'clock all concerned were invited to seat themselves at another table, groaning beneath an indescribable array of cake, pies, doughnuts, cheese, coffee, &c. &c., all of which was pronounced by connoisseurs to be the most palatable they ever partook of. After these things were disposed of, in a very satisfactory manner, came a continuation of the speeches before mentioned, which were kept up until the hands on the dial pointed to the figure one. The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem, terminating the best meeting of the kind, we will venture to say, ever held in this city.

A SERMON, the fourth of the course, under the auspices of Firemen's Division, was preached in the German St. Baptist Church, by the Rev. Mr. Caroy. This sermon, like the three preceding ones, was excellent, and must result in much good. It was difficult to obtain seats for all who attended.

PUBLIC MEETINGS.—Gurney Division, No. 5, S. of T., held two public meetings, one in the basement of the Centenary Church, and the other in the basement of the German Street Baptist Church. The former was an excellent meeting, the latter we could not attend.

SALTER SECTION, C. of T., had a very pleasant re-union on Wednesday evening, 27th ult. Hot coffee and other good things were freely passed around. Recitations were given by Masters John Fleetwood, Joseph Coram, and James Collins, and speeches by Brothers S. Tutts, W. J. Ring and J. Beamish. Some very nice singing was produced by a few ladies and gentlemen; and the band of Carleton Union Section played several tunes in a very creditable manner. This Section is under the management of Brother Cowie, who seems to be imbued with a strong desire for the propagation of the principles of Temperance among the youth of Carleton. May this Section be, like him whose name it bears—true as steel.

FIREMEN'S DIVISION is itself again, 15 Members have been initiated since the present quarter commenced, and still they come. Sons of Temperance, go and see it.

VICTORIA DIVISION is looking well. It was entertained on the night of the 1st inst., by Bro. A. Rowan, of Firemen's Division, who read a lecture on Havelock; the room was well filled.

A little boy in G—, signed the Temperance pledge; his mother had signed years before, but his father had not. Said the little boy, 'I shall never break the pledge till mother does.' This he felt was setting the strongest seal to his promise. Who would not admire such a boy and such a mother? What influence have Christian mothers!