

In connection with this we give the following extract from the journal of a Temperance agent in England.

I cannot close my letter without referring to one case in particular, which proved to me that we have in our ranks men in humble life who, though generally unknown, by their example and practice do honour to the cause. Picking my way through mud, wet grass and dirty pools, I came up to a labouring man who was very busily employed in turning over clods of earth. The welcome hand was soon given, and the warmth with which he entered into the theme of Temperance clearly showed that in him it had found a true friend. In a very intelligible manner he gave me his history, "I have reason to love the cause, for it has made me what I am. At fourteen years of age I ran away from home and went to work in a brick yard. There I learnt to drink and soon became as great an adept at it as any of the men. Two years afterwards I entered upon railroad work and always chose the heaviest labour, in order to obtain the best wages. I was always considered one of the best workmen, but up to twenty-five years of age I spent all I received in drink. Then I cared for no one, and would do anything. But serious thoughts at last came over me, and I determined to make an effort to save myself from ruin. I signed the pledge for six weeks, and that was just 6 weeks before Christmas. I said then that if I lived over it I would sign it for life. That was in 1844, and I remember it well. It was hard to keep it, but I did, and at the end of six weeks I found myself so much the better, and made a vow that I would never touch the drink again. Six months after this I asked myself the question, 'Why did I smoke? What service was it to me?' For years I had not less than five or six ounces of tobacco every week, and not to speak of the money wasted, the habit was strong upon me. But I determined to give that up, and I did. It was six months before I got over my liking for it, but although I thought I should die for want of it, I fought the battle and obtained the victory. I may say, however, now, that I dare not tamper with it, even by attempting to use it for killing the insects on my flowers. Time passed away, and I began to learn to read. When I signed the pledge I could only read the alphabet, but I obtained the children's spelling books, and by dint of perseverance soon mastered them. Many a night, when people have been in bed and asleep, have I set up thumbing those old spelling-books. When the reading task was accomplished I taught myself to write, and this made me love study better. Instead of spending the money on drink I bought books, and have now a nice library. In my leisure hours I have learnt Pitman's system of phonographic shorthand, and am now studying Curwen's system of singing. My course of study has led me to adopt personally the Vegetarian system, and I have made a speech about it. I find that it agrees with me, and I think it right for others; but I like men to think for themselves on these matters. I should not forget to say that at thirty years of age I married, and for the following reason. When I was in the habit of drinking I made up my mind that I would never marry until I obtained £50 to insure my life. When I became a teetotaler I obtained this, and then seeing my way clear, I got the knot tied. I have now two children. I work for myself, have between three and

four acres of land to call my own, and am as independent as any man living. Nothing gives me more pleasure, than to be able to look back on the time when I signed the pledge, for I have cause to thank God for it every day and every hour."

Let the labouring classes of this country contrast the position of this man with that of the drinker mentioned in the former part of this letter, and they will have one of the best arguments for adopting our cold-water system that can possibly be obtained.

ADDRESS TO THE HON. JUDGE MARSHALL OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The following address has just been presented by the Executive Committee of the Alliance to the philanthropic gentleman above-named.

"In the name of all friends of Sobriety and order we thank you for your zealous and successful labours, in aid of the cause of the Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic. A veteran in the temperance army you might without shame have retired from the fatigues of public employment, and have passed the remainder of your life in well deserved repose.

"You have, however, preferred a still more worthy course. You have nobly dedicated the close of an already long career of usefulness and honour to the service of humanity, and the advancement of the true welfare of your fellow men. May your life long be spared, and your heart abundantly satisfied in beholding the fruit of your labours. Accept this testimony of our admiration of your devoted courage, and our gratitude, not only for your present and former aid in this country, but for your past efforts in the colonies, and your promised assistance in the future. You carry with you the cordial affection of all with whom you have been associated, and of all who like yourself desire true social progress. We again extend to you the hand of fraternal regard.

"Signed in behalf of the Executive Committee Council of the United Kingdom Alliance."

JUDGE MARSHALL'S REPLY.

"To the Executive Council of the United Kingdom Alliance for the Legislative Prohibition of the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors.

"HON. GENTLEMEN,—Receive my respectful and best acknowledgements for your cordial approval of my assistance in our united efforts for the removal of the greatest scourge of civilised humanity. This distinguished testimony is the more valuable, and more grateful to my feelings, because afforded by those who so well know the vast importance of the whole subject, and who are so zealously and actively engaged in conducting those benevolent efforts.

"Under the firm and long abiding conviction that I have been providentially required and led to devote my time, and such ability as I possess, together with a portion of my pecuniary means, to the furtherance of the excellent temperance reform, I shall ever esteem it to be a pleasing and honourable duty to persevere in my best efforts in such a truly exalted and useful sphere of exertion.

"That Divine Providence, which has hitherto so graciously sustained and protected me throughout all my journeyings and exertions in the cause, will, I hope and trust, continue to favour me with such a measure of health and vigour, that I may for some fur-

ther period experience the enjoyment of assisting in a work so directly tending to advance social improvement and happiness, as well as sound morality and religion.

"I consider it both an honour and a privilege to be thus united and co-operative with your noble association, in endeavouring to effect the speedy and final removal of the most gigantic and pernicious obstacle to the promotion of all the best interests of individuals and society.

"May the Author of all good long spare your valuable lives, and still strengthen and encourage you in your benevolent efforts, and afford you the happiness of beholding their full and final triumph.

"JOHN G. MARSHALL."

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A TEMPERANCE STORY.

I was in the medical staff of the army, during the revolutionary war. I was rather young to be there. My constitution was one of the best. Had it been otherwise, I should, no doubt, have fallen a victim to the habits which I contracted in early life. My tendencies were convivial; temptations to intemperate drinking and gambling were always present, and importunate; we were a clique, by ourselves, with no one to molest or make afraid; and no one thought himself degraded, by being drunk.

I married, very early in life, when I was little better than a boy. The girl that I married was thought to be a great deal too good for me, by everybody but herself. I was not intemperate then; and, for a time, my wife, and our little home seemed all the world to me. She had a little property; and, in about a year after our marriage, she gave birth to a daughter. Bad habits soon got the mastery of my better feelings. The attractions of the gay circle at the tavern, or the quarters of some comrade, became irresistible; and the very consciousness of the neglect to which I was subjecting the woman, whom I had promised to love and to cherish, began to make her presence undesirable, and home a place of mental and moral punishment. Qualms, and struggles, and gnawings of the worm that dies not, doubtless there were, neither few nor far between; but the temptations were irresistible, I was lost. I knew it. The details of a thousand cases are such the same. The little modicum of property that my wife brought me had dwindled away, piece after piece. Where had it gone? Down my insatiable throat! I had swallowed it, or gambled it away! No memorial remained, but rags and tatters. We were very poor. A more uncomplaining woman God never made. She struggled to hide even her tears, to save me from pain on her account.

Let me pass over some three years of misery, and come at the conclusion of the whole matter. One bleak December morning, I was about going forth, as usual, from my wretched habitation, when my wife put her hand upon my shoulder, and pointing first to our sick child, and then to a few brands upon the hearth, reminded me that those were the last, and that it was bitter cold. As I turned away, I promised to send her some fuel immediately.

I soon met some of my comrades; and resorting to the tavern, we passed the hours, as usual, in drinking and revelling, until near midnight, when I staggered homeward. It