

To the Editor of the Montreal Temperance Advocate.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I again ask the privilege of using your valuable and interesting journal, to make known to your readers some of our proceedings in the cause of Temperance,—“the cause of all mankind.”

On the occasion of the August Session of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance being held in the village of Aylmer, the Aylmer Division of Sons took that opportunity of holding their Annual Celebration. It took place on Thursday the 11th instant, and the following is a short summary of the proceedings. A procession was formed at noon of the different Sections of Cadets, three Divisions of the Sons, with their large and splendid banners, the members of the Grand Division, and the members of two Unions of the Daughters of Temperance, all in full regalia, headed by the brass band of Bytown, marched through the village, after which we were conducted from the rays of a scorching sun under the canopy of a beautiful and large marquee, 120 feet in length by 40 in breadth, beautifully decorated. Immediately refreshments of excellent quality and in abundance were served up to a company of over 500 persons, and soon after our appetites had been appeased and our thirst satiated with good tea and coffee, the meeting was opened with singing and prayer. Our Worthy G. W. P., Mr. Kneeshaw, presided, who, after a few very appropriate remarks, called upon several members of the Order, who expatiated on the beneficial effects of total abstinence, and of the curse and misery resulting from the moderate and immoderate use of Alcohol, the King of all evils. The enactment of a prohibitory Liquor Law in Canada engaged the attention of some of the speakers, who urged upon the audience the necessity of their immediate action and personal influence; and may God speed that law. The proceedings were enlivened by the melodious strains of the band. Notwithstanding the excessive heat of the day, the patient attention of the audience was protracted to a late hour, and all left impressed with the opinion, that proceedings carried on in such a legitimate and moral way as the present were among the best means of conversion from the ways of intemperance. Great praise is due to the members of the Aylmer Division, and to the Daughters of Temperance in that locality, for their exertions in causing such a successful and hardly to be surpassed public entertainment, one which will never be forgotten by those who participated in its pleasure. The members of the Grand Division have to thank our brethren in Aylmer, and the members of their families, for the kindness bestowed on them, and the hospitable manner in which they were received and treated during their short sojourn there. A very melancholy and unfortunate accident occurred, (which threw a damper over our anticipated pleasure,) to our worthy brother, Mr. Gordon, of Aylmer, while engaged in the erection of the Tent, where, it appears, that a part of the heavy wood-work gave way and struck him, causing a fracture below his knee. He was, however, at the time of our departure, doing well and out of danger. May God in his infinite mercy soon restore him to his avocations and to the enjoyment of his family circle. The result of our deliberations as a Grand Division shews a still continuing increase in the numbers to our blessed Order throughout Canada East, and an increasing spread of the principles of total abstinence. I hope that immediate means will be taken by all Temperance people to carry the Maine Liquor Law in our approaching Parliament, and when law, to be fully prepared to carry it out. We will hail with much pleasure, the visit in September next, of that to be remembered champion of Temperance, Hon. Neal Dow. Let us give him a hearty reception as a due appreciation of his merits as a man, and as the Father of the Maine Law.

Yours in the bonds of

L. P. and F.,

W. E.

Montreal, 12th August, 1853.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

SIR,—I beg to ask your correspondent 'Ο Υἱὸς τῆς Εγκράτειας, whether the statements made in his communication published in your paper of the 15th June last, and in which reference is made to the “*Neighborhood of Vaudreuil*,” were, or were not, intended to refer to this locality, and to parties resident here? If they were so intended, then if he be possessed of any honor, or justice, or even of common honesty, I call upon him to declare himself, and substantiate the truth of his assertions. If he cannot, or will not do this simple act of justice, he can only be regarded as a vile slanderer. The fact that statements of so grave a character have been made *anonymously*, must throw a certain degree of suspicion upon the purity of the motives of the writer of that article, until he does honestly and openly prove his statements. Truth, Sir, needs no such disguise. “Every one that doeth evil *hateth the light*, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be *reproved*. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.”

It is not usual, nor perhaps necessary, to notice anonymous articles of this character; nor would I do so now, had not your correspondent in some measure declared the place to which he intended his remarks to apply, by referring to the “*Neighborhood of Vaudreuil*.” The article is generally regarded here, as a libel on this place. It professes to set forth the trials and sufferings of an original founder, and a member of the Temperance Society lately formed here. Now, Sir, the founders and members of this Society are all well known here, and no such case as the one so *pathetically* described by your correspondent is known among them. Neither have they any connection, nor sympathy, with the parties who have caused that article to be published. In proof of this, I beg to refer to a Resolution, passed at a late meeting of the Temperance Association here, condemning the article as a *slander*.

When your correspondent shall honestly come forward and, *in propria persona*, makes good his assertions, I shall be prepared to meet him in like manner.

Until then I beg the same privilege accorded to him, and subscribe myself, with more consistency, however,

‘Ο Υἱὸς τῆς Αληθείας.

Pointe a Cavagnal, Vaudreuil, August 10, 1853.

[FOR THE TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.]

### Cases of High Wines.

No. 2.

We now proceed, according to promise, to unpack case No. 2; and, as our readers have had a sample of their quality, they will be prepared for a taste of the second, which, though of the same deleterious species, is of the feminine instead of the masculine gender.

Two sisters, who, through the social family glass, had imbibed such a relish for its flavor, that, though both young, of robust health, and able to earn as much as most women, and more than some, they could not refrain from spending the greater part of their earnings in procuring it, having met with a family misfortune, were induced—as is too generally the case, instead of receiving the affliction as a friendly warning to fly from it and take the Pledge—to allow it to become an oblivion for their misery and a hiding place for their sinfulness; but how fatal is this delusion! The raging thirst for high wines became, as is always the case, stronger and