

for several years in the United States, and for about a year past they have been in progress in this Province. The first Division was formed in Brockville, which is at present the Grand Division for Canada; and, the Divisions are multiplying rapidly in different sections of the Province. The object of this Institution is to promote the Temperance enterprise. A deficiency has all along been seen and felt in the Temperance Society; which is this, it is difficult to keep certain persons in the Society, even after they are pledged to its principles. It would seem that the manner of admitting Members is not sufficiently solemn, or that something is wanting to act as a tie, or cement to hold the Members together. The numbers can be easily swelled in any place; but many of them soon drop off for want of something that will be felt to be more binding; or for want of something that shall make it more to their interest to keep sacred their pledge.

It is contended that the Institution of the Sons of TEMPERANCE has brought about a remedy for the defect of which we speak. The Order is a Benefit Society. Every person entering pays an Admission Fee, and every Member pays a monthly sum into the Treasury; and other means are used to increase the Funds of the Society: which Funds are at the disposal of the Societies, respectively, for the benefit of the needy and afflicted Members, and the Widows and Orphans of Members. It is a sort of Savings Bank, and every Member has more or less at stake. To remain is to perpetuate his claim—but to violate his pledge, or withdraw, is to cut himself off from all claims upon the Funds of the Association. A monied obligation is certainly a binding one; that is, we mean, where there is a chance of receiving money. The manner of receiving Members into these Divisions, is said to be, exceedingly impressive and solemn; so much so that none, except the very lowest and the most unprincipled, will be likely to violate their pledge.

This movement in the Temperance Reformation is, we believe, enlisting a class that hitherto has not been reached, in Canada, to any considerable extent; we allude to our

civil rulers, our professional men, and our legislators. While this class of Society, in other parts of the world, has been foremost in the Temperance cause, in our country the greatest opposition, the cause has met with, has been from this quarter. If the Sons of TEMPERANCE can but reverse this order of things in Canada, in relation to the subject of Temperance, it must certainly bring about a new era in the cause here.

The subject is one worthy of consideration. If this Institution is reaching unfortunate inebriates, that no other instrumentality has been able to reach, and is restoring them to their reason and to society, and is moving a mass of mind upon the subject of Temperance that has not before been moved, then certainly it is worthy of all praise!

We say to our readers, look at the subject; enquire after the fruit, and if you find it of the right sort, give your support to the object. The world is full of intemperance and sin, and every means that can be used to purify and save men should be employed.

THE PRINTING OFFICE A SCHOOL.

Printers are not more intelligent than other artists, if they do not stand at the very head of all craftsmen in this respect, it is because they do not turn to their own advantage their superior opportunity for mental culture. A certain amount of learning every Printer must possess. He must be a practical grammarian, good in orthography and punctuation, and whether a good or a bad penman himself, he must be capable of reading readily all sorts of manuscript; and he must acquire a knowledge of men and of things in general, sufficient to enable him to understand at once whatever is put into his hands for composition. If he has not obtained this amount of learning before he comes to the office, he must get it there; and that too forthwith. Here then we have the foundation for learning and knowledge; and every day spent at the case, or in proof-reading builds thereupon.