

plague and famine have swept off the human family by hundreds and by thousands,—but alcohol has spread its baneful effects over the whole world, or as far as civilized man has penetrated, it has blunted the efforts of the Christian Missionary in heathen lands, and destroyed the fondest hopes of the parent at home. The statesman and the Philosopher, the man of power, and the peasant have been laid in the drunkard's grave, expensive education and brilliant talents have been prostrated, domestic happiness dethroned, and misery and woe have terminated the existence of its unhappy victims. Then are our duties plain, before us, and for our encouragement we should bear in mind that the harder the conflict, greater the victory.

Perseverance must be indelibly inscribed on our Banners—we must nail our standard to the mast, and onward must be our march in defiance of all opposition. Already has the great lever been applied to the bulwarks of intemperance, and by perseverance (with the aid of our auxiliaries) we will not only shake its foundation, but down it will come, down it must come.

Your Committee are much encouraged when they bear in mind, that small means when judiciously applied, effect great purposes—the smallest tributary stream that flows into the great Atlantic augments and replenishes that mighty ocean, upon which float the great navies of the world.

In taking a retrospective view, we find that this Society, at its formation, was composed of only seven or eight individuals, the butt and the scoff—not of the votaries of Bacchus alone, but also of the wealthy and intelligent, and men in the highest stations and rank in life. But what are we now? a formidable host of invincibles, ready with the aid of our auxiliaries, and the assistance of Providence to beat down all opposition and carry out a great moral reformation, well calculated to be a blessing to the human family.—*Telegraph St. John's, N. B.*

TEMPERANCE CELEBRATION.

On Wednesday the 6th inst., the Sons and Cadets of Temperance in Gananoque celebrated the first anniversary of the introduction of the order of the Sons of Temperance into the village, by a procession and soiree. The members of both institutions assembled at 4 o'clock, p. m., and, preceded by the Gananoque brass band, discoursing heart stirring music, marched through the village. At 7 o'clock, the Sons and Cadets, with their friends, met in the stone schoolhouse to the number of 250 persons, which was more than the building could conveniently accommodate, but by the admirable arrangements of the committee of management, there was very little confusion or want of order. The room was tastefully decorated with evergreens, and had a beautiful appearance. The chair was taken by P. W. P., William S. Macdonald, who, after some suitable remarks, called the attention of the meeting to the ample supply of delicious cakes, tea and coffee, which their fair friends had provided for them. This part of the business having been disposed of, the chairman called for—not a flowing bumper—but three hearty cheers in honor of the most illustrious lady of the realm—“The Queen; God bless her.” This was responded to in such a manner that

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and the band played the national anthem with good effect.

The next sentiment proposed was—“The progress of temperance throughout the world,” which called forth much applause, and a speech from the Rev. Henry Gordon, whose zeal in the temperance cause has always been warm, and who is now a member of the order of the Sons of Temperance. Mr. G. referred to the rapid progress which the order had made. He showed that it was founded on christian principles, and expressed his belief that it and similar institutions were so many satellites revolving round that glorious

luminary—the Church—and feared not that their united labors would result in good to man, and glory to God.

Mr. E. R. Wheeler next delivered an address on the influence exercised by females in promoting temperance and every good work. The chairman then craved all the honors to “The Daughters of Temperance.”

Mr. W. Brough returned thanks on behalf of the D. of T., and went on to speak of the almost incredible progress which the Sons had made in Gananoque during the past year, and vindicated the order from various aspersions brought against it.

“The Cadets of Temperance” was next proposed, and warmly received. Mr. G. Mitchell, W. P., of Gananoque Section of the Cadets, delivered an able speech in reply, and was followed in short addresses by P. W. A. Bliton and Charles Hynes, both members of the Section, who, notwithstanding their youth, acquitted themselves in a most creditable manner. The “M. W. P., chief officer of the order of the Sons,” and the “G. W. P. of the Sons in Canada” were the next sentiments proposed, and were received with the utmost enthusiasm.

The last named officer, J. L. Macdonald, Esq., replied.—He felt proud of the high and honorable position to which he had been elevated by his brethren; he rejoiced in the good which the order had achieved in reclaiming the victims of alcohol, and denounced as unworthy the name of men, those individuals who are so base as to endeavor to lure back the reclaimed to their former habits. “The neighbouring Division of the Sons” having been proposed as a sentiment and duly applauded, Mr. Vanson, of Vansondale, rose to reply. He deplored the unfortunate condition of the drunkard's wife, and lamented that the laws of the county afforded her no satisfactory redress. He strongly condemned Magistrates for granting so large a number of tavern licenses.

Mr. Robert Brough next briefly addressed the meeting on the motto of the S. of T., which was displayed in large letters on the wall—viz., “Love, Purity and Fidelity.” Shortly after, the Chairman vacated his seat, and Mr. W. Brough was called to occupy the same. A vote of thanks was then passed by acclamation to Mr. Macdonald for his conduct in the chair, which he acknowledged. Various short speeches were afterwards made, and the following sentiments proposed and rapturously cheered—viz., “Cold Water, one of Heaven's best blessings to man,” “The I. O. of Rechabites,” “The I. O. of Oddfellows,” “The Band and choir whose services have so much enhanced the pleasures of the evening,” and “The Ladies, for their labors of love connected with this Festival.” The speeches were agreeably blended during the evening with music from the band, and with ode and songs from a vocal choir led by Mr. George Mitchell.

The company separated shortly before midnight, all highly delighted with the manner in which the evening had been spent, and the Sons and Cadets more determined than ever to carry on the war against Intemperance.—*Brockville Recorder.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

Lochaber, March, 1850.

SIR,—As a long time has elapsed since anything appeared in the *Advocate* respecting the cause of Temperance in this locality, I therefore send you a brief account of its progress, which you may publish, should you think proper to do so.

In the month of January 1849, a few individuals, friendly to the cause, met with the intention to re-organise the old Society; but after some discussion, concluded to organise a new one, which was accordingly done, and named the Phoenix Total Abstinence Society; 42 names were obtained as a commencement.