

ed the banner to Miss Snure and she read the address to the Cadets, and presented the banner to the Worthy Archon who received it expressing his thanks and showed it to the audience. The Worthy Patron read an answer, after which the audience were dismissed highly satisfied with all that was done.

I remain yours in L. P. and F.

A CADET.

Churchville, Nov. 9, 1851.

The above has been in our hands about ten days. The Section of Cadets in this village is, though small, a very flourishing one, and well managed.

Let every section in Canada strive to improve itself in knowledge, order, good behaviour, and Temperance principles. Cadets in section rooms should observe order, listen to wisdom, and respect the Worthy Patrons, showing to all the world that Cadets of Temperance not only are truly temperance boys but that they are lovers of decency, quietness, and piety; avoiding the use of profane and indecent language and every thing that would cast reproach on their beautiful institution. We invite remarks from all Sections in Canada and accounts of their progress which we will gladly publish.—[EDITOR SON.

### A GREAT MASS MEETING OF AMERICAN TEMPERANCE MEN

Is to take place on the 28th January next. The object is to effect the legislative action of New York State in the temperance cause, and if possible to enact the Maine law. With this view petitions from Sons of Temperance, Temperance men, Rechabites, Daughters and Cadets will be sent into Albany when the legislature takes action on the matter. A grand movement is making to concentrate all the forces on one point legislative action. The two Grand Divisions of New York State, as will be seen by the letter below, copied from the "Utica Teetotaler," are acting in unison in the matter. The winter movements in Canada should consist in meetings and the diffusion of knowledge on temperance subjects, so as to prepare the public for some good future law. No better means can be adopted than by taking some good temperance paper and by lectures and addresses in divisions and out of them. During the passing winter we will give the fullest and freshest American and English temperance news. We strongly recommend action in every division by circulating petitions. We have published the Maine Law in full and can supply a few copies of it in our paper. If desired we would cause a few thousand copies to be struck off at a cheap rate as an extra.

#### THE ALBANY MEETING.

Everything so far indicates that the meeting in Albany on Wednesday, the 28th of January next is to be a Monster Meeting! Our intelligence from the western and northern parts of the State, and our knowledge of the state of feeling in Central New York, the responses of different temperance orders and organizations, as well as the indications of a general rally of the Sons of

Eastern New York, together with the temperance masses in that section of the State,—all confirm us in the impression. The letter below, from that stirring temperance man, Dr. St. John, the G. W. P., of the G. D. of Eastern N. Y. is in the right spirit, and may be regarded as an index to the feeling now generally pervading our brothers of Eastern New York:—

BALLSTON SPA., Dec. 4th 1851.

W. Bailey, G. S., W. N. Y.:—*Worthy Brother*.—Your kind favour of yesterday is received, although I have not received the Journal of the A. T. U. for the month, and my suggestion in that paper of a temperance gathering in Albany was made before I was aware of a similar intention of the Western G. D. For myself I entirely concur with you for an adjourned session of the Eastern D. G., that the temperance organizations of every name, may consult together in one formidable array, and appear before our representatives in legislative session, in one mighty irresistible phalanx. I shall immediately communicate with G. S. Edgerley on the subject. Farther than this I believe that our noble order of the whole State, meeting for one grand object will have the effect of healing forever what little may be left unsettled in our late unhappy differences. You perceive dear Br. that I am for union of effort, but shall have to counsel with others of our G. D. in the matter, and will do this very soon.

I am, dear sir, fraternally yours,

E. ST. JOHN, G. W. P.

### REMARKS ON THE MAINE LAW AND NEW YORK TEMPERANCE MOVEMENTS.

We extract from the last "Utica Teetotaler" the following remarks on the Maine Law. This law is in temperance legislation what total abstinence was in the original temperance agitation. It is the only cure. So long as we have taverns so long will we have drunkards. The time must come in Canada when the dealing in liquors as a beverage must be interdicted by law.

"The 4th Reason sets forth another truth that the Law of Maine meets the approbation of thousands of the wise and good as opening a new era to the peace and thrift of human society.

Her own citizens are exultant at it, and say there is no prospect of repeal. Men of high standing, who distrusted its wisdom and expediency now give it their adhesion. Hard drinkers and drunkards have expressed satisfaction at the thought that they may now die sober men; and even venders irritated for the moment at a loss, are expressing great satisfaction at a change in their business which leaves them no longer cursed but blessings to the community. In other States the law has been contemplated with great admiration.

To sustain this proposition the proceedings of the National Temperance Convention at Saratoga and of State Conventions, and the opinions of eminent men are quoted as proof.

The Sixth and last reason is a plea for the constitutionality of the law of Maine, which is very well, but we do not think that point entitled to a very grave consideration. The fifth reason as to the manner best adapted to bring to a successful issue the temperance cause we shall urge on our readers to a renewed consecration of their energies to the campaign now before us.

The statistics of drunkenness, of pauperism, crime, family and social misery, waste of property, health, life and soul, the fruit of the traffic in intoxicating drinks, though most alarming and distressing, have been presented to you to your very loathing; and you have stopped your ears and hardened your hearts until there is a remedy. Well, fellow citizens, HERE IS A REMEDY, such as the world never saw before. So it has proved in Maine. Receive and apply it; and so it will prove in the State of New York.

Adopt the Maine law and the greater part of your 25,000 miserable drunkards are at once reformed men.

Adopt the Maine law; and the vast band of young men, moderate indulgers and hard drinkers, now between the outer and inner circle of the horrid whirlpool, are arrested and saved.

Adopt the Maine law; and these dark and frightful scenes of obscenity, profanity, riot, contention and murder, now witnessed, even in licensed dens throughout the State will be known no more.

Adopt the Maine law; and half of your pauper establishments will be to be let; your Jails and Penitentiaries will be almost tenantless; your Insane Asylums will be without half their occupants, and full three-fourths of all your taxes, now paid by the sweat of your brow, will be remitted to you and your children.

Adopt the Maine law; and your noble seamen will enter your ports safely and go unscathed by the land sharks who now lurk in their dens to strip them of their all:—your Sabbaths delivered from their most awful desecration, will become quiet and blessed; your railroads and steamboats will be cursed with no run-casualties and more than half your desolating fires will be known no more.

Adopt the Maine law; and twenty millions of dollars, now worse than wasted in your State, drawn out, year by year, from the pockets of your citizens by those who cry "By this craft we have our wealth, Great is Diana," but who give nothing of value in return, may now be expended upon your farms, your dwellings, in the improvement of your towns, and cities, on the education of your children, and the temples of your God; and your State before another generation shall occupy your places will be surpassed by none other on the globe as a blessed abode for man. Will you not look at things and say "It shall be so."

All Legislation hitherto adopted for the protection of the people from the evils of intemperance, has been false in principle and utterly insufficient for its great object.—*New York State Temperance Address.*

➤ NELSON CUMMINSVILLE DIVISION  
Numbers about 50 members, but it is a division of zeal, harmony, and intelligence.

To the Editor of the Son of Temperance.

SIR AND BROTHER:—

As you are receiving communications from all parts of the Province, and hearing of the great success which is every where attending our heaven born cause, I have no doubt but you will be glad to hear from this part of the work. We have a very good temperance society in the village, numbering about 140 members; but I am sorry to say that the officers who were appointed for the current year, have been rather inactive in the great and good cause; in fact, Sir, such was their zeal in the beginning of the year when they were appointed, that they were afraid the society would become defunct; and what was the reason, think you, Mr. Editor, because we had formed a division of the sons, thinking we would neglect the old society. Have the sons done so?