

## WHEN WILL TEMPERANCE PRINCIPLES BE THOUGHT OF BY VOTERS?

This is a question frequently asked of one another by temperance men. It is a question at present we see agitated in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and very generally in all the American States. In Maine and Ohio the people have determined to put down the licensing system by voting for men favorable to total abstinence. Drunken law makers will never put down the system. Is this not true? If so why are not the Sons and temperance men alive to it in Canada? If any other question such as the Clergy Reserves, Free Trade or Elective Institutions are desired to be carried in this Province, the cry is go to the Polls and vote for them. Why not then go to the Polls and vote for strictly temperance men? It need not be urged that this is interfering with party politics. It is not so. Temperance men belong to all parties as do Sons. If they vote on this question it is done on public general grounds to put down a world wide admitted evil. How can a true Son vote for a drunkard? Such a man is incapable of discharging his duties any way. Let us all think seriously on this great question.

## THE CAYUGA CHIEF AND MRS. BLOOMER.

This spicy and excellent paper of the 26th August, contains a likeness of Mrs. Bloomer in the new costume, together with a short history of her life. Mrs. Bloomer is the Editress of a temperance and literary paper at Seneca Falls, N. Y. She is the wife of a lawyer, and is young and talented. Her husband is the Post Master at this town, and was lately the Editor of the Seneca Courier. We have as yet said nothing on the subject of the new costume, and cannot at this time say much. One argument used against it is, that it is immodest. Pray did those urging such objections ever object to dresses low on the neck? Which are the most immodest? Yes but one evil does not warrant another—true. Yet after all it will be found to be correct in morals that it is not so much the fashion of the dress as the education and manners of females that cause immodesty. In the eye of reason and common sense the bloomer dress is as modest as the long skirts. It is decidedly more picturesque and healthy.

## MARKHAM SOIREE.

28th August, 1851.

This meeting came off on this day, according to notice. The day was delightful, and those having the management of the matter had arranged it with good taste and order. At about one o'clock, as we arrived in the village, the procession was formed near the Temperance Hall, and marched through the principal streets, headed by the Unionville Brass Band. We noticed portions of the Unionville, Stouffville, Sparta, Brougham, and Richmond-Hill Divisions. A few brethren from the Toronto Divisions were also present, and two from Yorkville. The Divisions of Whitby did not attend. There were about two hundred Sons present, and about forty Daughters, in full regalia walked in the procession. This was the first time we had seen the daughters in regalia as an order, in Canada. The fine banner of the Stouffville Division looked very well. When the

procession ended, all in attendance returned to the plot selected for the Soiree, where we found the ground selected well laid out, and seats and tables neatly arranged. The eatables were of the best kind, and every attention paid to those partaking of the feast. A little more shade (as the day was hot) would have been desirable. That very excellent friend of our order Brother the Rev. M. Climie, of Bowmanville was called to preside over the meeting. A number of speakers occupied the seats, among them the Rev. Messrs. Boyd, Stewart, Dick, and others, and Dr. Russell, Bis. McPhail, Swallow, Reesor, Milne, White, Eckart and Crosby,—all of whom joined heartily in the joyful occasion, and most of whom addressed the assembly. There were about 300 persons present, nearly one-half being ladies. Some very good speeches were made. All seemed delighted, and heaven seemed to smile on the effort. If all were as well pleased as we were, there was no lack of satisfaction. Prior to the procession, a Banner was presented by the ladies, and an address delivered, which we did not hear. The busy time of the year with farmers prevented dozens from going who otherwise would have gone.

## GRAND TEETOTAL DEMONSTRATION IN ENGLAND.

The *British Banner*, of London, gives a full and excellent account of this great meeting, and a copy of an address presented by the Temperance men of England to the Queen, against Intemperance. We may find room in our next for the address. Samuel Bowly, Esq., of Gloucester, one of the best men of England, took the Chair. A vast assemblage of Temperance men visited the Crystal Palace in procession, with music. Numerous meetings were held, at one of which, in Exeter Hall, Lawrence Heyworth, Esq., a member of Parliament, presided. The cause of Temperance is making rapid strides in England. Total Abstinence from all intoxicating drinks, or down with moderate drinking is all the talk.

## TEMPERANCE SOCIETIES IN INDIA AND AUSTRALIA.

Are progressing rapidly by the last accounts. Indeed, the whole Saxon world seems at present moving on this question aright. Drunkenness has held men in bondage for 150 years, and its days, we hope, are numbered.

## SCARBORO' DIVISION, No. 287,

James Martin, W. P., John Christie, R. S., meets on Wednesday. Organized 12th March, 1851, by the Rev. Mr. Kribbs. The Division has now 14 members, and is located in a well-settled neighbourhood. With exertion on their part, there is a chance for them to greatly increase and to do much good. Brothers in a division must not lay on their oars. All must be active.

## HARVEST HOME DIVISION.

This division is situated some four miles west of Yonge-street, near Br. Milne's Mills, and meets on Tuesday. It was organized about a month ago, and is increasing some. Richard Heron is W. P. It has some very staunch and thorough-going brethren in it, and we hope to hear of it increasing very much this coming autumn. The country around is very thickly settled, and the farmers very well off. We can assure them they cannot sustain a better cause than that of the order of the Sons.

## BRUNSWICK-HILL DIVISION, No. 170.

This division is very young, and has grown very much of late. There are now 49 members in it. The order of the Sons takes very well in Markham and Pickering. Those who fully understand the principles of the order love them best. This division bids fair to

become a strong one. Here we will say, and we say to all divisions, that when you have organized your divisions, and got them in fair working order, the work is only just begun. Sons of Temperance must be up and doing all the time.

## GLANDFORD SOIREE.

The ladies of Glandford Division presented it with a beautiful copy of the Scriptures on Thursday, the 21st day of August last. About 200 persons were present. Miss Springer presented the address and Bible, assisted by Mrs. Fergusson. Br. Eli Bertram, we are informed, delivered an excellent speech and address on the occasion. Br. Cook and Br. Choate desire it mentioned that they are greatly indebted to this brother for his efforts, and wish all divisions to know that he is really a very useful and competent speaker. The kind and good brothers and ladies of this division should have had our voice to assist, had it been possible: but it was not so. We wish them success.

## PARIS DUMFRIES SOIREE.

We perceive, on looking over the *Paris Star*, that the Sons of Paris have had a grand celebration at their beautiful town. The turn out was numerous on their part, and that of the divisions from Br. Utford and Galt. A beautiful address was read to, and one received from, the ladies, and a fine banner presented.

## THE GALT DIVISION.

Also, a short time since, had a fine meeting, which was addressed by numerous speakers, among them, Br. McQueen, of the *Huron Signal*.

## HEAR THE FARMER DIVISION OF WENTWORTH.

To the Editor of the *Canadian Son of Temperance*.

Glandford, August 19, 1851.

SIR & BROTHER,

Glandford Division, 269, was organized April 27, 1851, and commenced with 13 charter members. Br. Michael Shafer, W. P., and Br. P. B. Shafer, R. S.—You will see we had only nine weeks in our first quarter, at the end of which our return was 65 members, and 7 proposed. Our meetings were truly interesting, and concord and peace reigned among all.

John W. Fergusson joined us by card, and was very useful to our division, having a good knowledge of the order. Our night of meeting is Monday. For the present quarter, Br. D. K. Choate is W. P., and Br. Z. Choate is R. S. I am happy to inform you that we are in a thriving state at present. Seven were proposed last Monday night—some noted drunkards being among them. We are breaking into the ranks of the enemy with great slaughter. We are now 75 strong, and have no doubt before the quarter is out will number 100. We have also a small section of cadets—14.

In conclusion I say, let us all live in peace and strive to advance the cause of man, and at the same time that of God on earth.

Yours in the bonds of the order,  
JONATHAN COOK.

## GIVE US MORE SUCH MEN.

West Flamboro' Mountain Division, No. 203, John Niff, W. P., and John Dodd, R. S.

We are soon to have a section of Cadets, and perhaps a union of Daughters, if success should attend the efforts of Br. W. M. Murrell, who lectured here last evening, to a numerous and very attentive audience; and I think to very good effect. He talks hard against the rum-seller; but can he or any other man use language sufficiently strong to set forth the evils of the horrible practice of *dealing out poison*, as they do? Impossible!! There are many Teetotalers who do not appear to see the evils of the traffic, or conclude that the vendors of the cursed stuff must necessarily be bad men. But they want to have the *wool pulled off their eyes* a little further, that they may see also that our legislature have a duty to perform in this affair, and may know how to