

APPENDIX.

A PROPOSAL.

That a new Society be organized, namely, The Temperance, Law, and Order Society.

That the first object be, not to prohibit, but to regulate and control the licensed sale of liquor, and to enforce existing laws.

That it be chiefly a society of farmers, others not excluded; and that each full-pay member shall pay one dollar a year; and that the entire sum so collected shall go to pay for accommodation now ostensibly given for nothing, that is, water, and the use of driving shed, or stable when available, for horses belonging to full-pay members, while in town, without feed; also for the freedom of the bar and sitting room; it being understood that no member is expected to treat, or spend money over the bar, unless he so chooses.

That all persons, male or female, who are not full-pay members, are invited to be associate members by paying 25 cents a year; that they can vote in common with full-pay members as regards the disposal of their own money; but not as regards the bestowal or withdrawal of money contributed by full-pay members. Nor can they claim shed, stable or water privilege except for horses owned by full-pay members. But if they vote the greater part of their own contributions to swell the sum paid by full-pay members to hotel keepers, let them be entitled to the freedom of bar or sitting room without treating, or spending money unless they so choose.

That a committee of full-pay members be appointed to distribute the money so raised among the hotel keepers in the district, township, or county where the society exists, somewhat in proportion to the assessment levied on the property occupied by said hotel keepers.

That a Lodge be established in every school section; that the meetings be monthly or quarterly; and that the entertainment be in keeping with the object in view; singing, reciting, reading, spelling, debating, &c.

But our aim is not so much to lay down rules as to propose a system. We merely ask if something like the foregoing would not be the best way of trying either to regulate or prohibit the liquor traffic? Breweries and distilleries may be left to legislators; but it seems we must have public houses; and the occupation is not necessarily disrespectable. We are supposing that the money given as aforesaid would amount to two or three percent of the capital now