

the welfare of the class from which he rose, and is now, with his pure and by his talents, exerting a good influence in the British metropolis for the mental and moral improvement of the working classes. Often does his name figure in the British papers; and the writer presumes, without personal knowledge, that *John Cassell, Esq.*, is one of the benefactors of the day. Here we have an instance of the good effects of the Temperance Reformation. One man reformed, the means of reforming large numbers, and rising in life, a valuable and influential member of society. This is a pleasing reminiscence.

But the writer has also pleasing reminiscences in Canada. Upwards of fourteen years has he traversed different sections of the United Province. In the year 1841, it was his privilege to lecture and to preside at a soiree in the House of Assembly, in the present Canadian metropolis. Some efforts were then made to promote the Temperance reform; and the witnesses have multiplied there and in its neighborhood, who can testify to its triumphs and beneficial tendencies, among whom a Cameron, a Halé, a Musson, a Matheson, and others, pass before the mind's eye. So in Montreal there are witnesses who would do honor to any community, who, by their labors in the Temperance cause, have rendered the entire Province their debtors. To avoid any thing like invidious remarks, we may say in a word their name is *Legion*, for they are many. The *Canada Temperance Advocate* is a monument of their industry and success. In the towns and smaller communities of Western Canada, as the writer goes back and compares the past with the present, many pleasant incidents arise to his recollection. In the *Ottawa District*, and the country around it for many miles,—*L'Orignal*, and *Hawkesbury*, and *Vankleek Hill*, *St. Andrew's*, *Martintown*, *Cornwall*, *Clarence*, &c.,—names and deeds arise in quick succession, which we cannot here record, the recollection of which is very pleasant; but the fruits appear in healthful institutions, and the liberal support rendered to the *Canada Temperance Advocate*. So it is with *Bytown* and *Perth*, *Richmond* and *Lanark*, and other places in that section, where the writer is favored with friends who are co-workers in the same enterprise. It is so likewise in *Brockville* and *Prescott*, in *Kingston*, *Belleville*, and *Toronto*, in *Hamilton*, *Niagara*, and *St. Catherine's*; and it is no less so in the Ontario country, *Whitby*, *Oshawa*, and *Brooklin*, *Duffin's Creek*, and other places, where Sons of Temperance, or members of what is called the Old Society, male and female, are materially aiding this benevolent enterprise.

Some indeed have opposed the efforts of the friends of the good cause, but even their opposition has been overruled for good. This is a pleasing recollection. The writer remembers presiding at a public meeting in *Lowestoft*, *Suffolk*, where about seven or eight hundred persons were assembled. A still was in operation, analyzing some beer, that the liquid fire might be exhibited to the audience, with suitable comments. An opponent to the cause objected, and said that he would not believe what we stated unless we sent for a pint or quart of ale from a certain house, and before him and the audience placed it in the still, and then showed the result. We invited him to the platform, we sent for the ale, and when it was brought, and we were about to place it in the still, he took hold of the pot, drank the whole, and thus turned his stomach into a still, to the merriment of many. The excitement produced hastened the conclusion of the meeting. But his opposition did good, for we soon learned who it was that opposed; that he was an interested party, was engaged in the traffic, and a pawnbroker also, all of which gave an impetus to the cause. Other facts might be adduced, but we forbear.

And have my readers no pleasing reminiscences? Doubtless they have. It cannot be otherwise. May they multiply. But, be they few or many, they should be turned to good account. Let them induce thankfulness to God, from whom all blessings flow. Let them cement the bonds of friendship and Christian love. Let them stimulate to more active zeal in every good work. Let them awaken a more general interest in the Temperance movement, more vigorous efforts to accomplish all its designs, and more earnest prayer for the Divine benediction to crown it with success.

The reminiscences of the past afford encouragement and warrant hope. In the language of the honored Carey, we should "attempt great things, and expect great things." Now is the time for action. There are men in the field ready for work. Many of them are working, adopting various measures, co-operating under different organizations, but all convinced that one bold movement must be made, in the way of Legislative enactments, to bless this growing country with peace and prosperity. Let there be no delay, then, in hastening this measure. Now is the time. Many are longing for it. Many pray for it. Many will rejoice in it. Ere, then, the Parliament convene, let every thing be prepared in the shape of petitions, that the wishes of the people may be known, and their power be felt by the wise men of the East.

J. T. B.

Whitby, 27th December, 1852.

Rough and Ready Readings.

G. W. Bongay was at *Providence R. I.* on the 7th December last. There was a first rate Temperance Convention on that day.

Prof. J. W. Cornings, in his excellent "Streams from the South," published in the *Cataract*, gives the following postscript to his last:

"POSTSCRIPT. Dec. 12th. On going to breakfast this morning, I noticed blood upon the sidewalk, from which I inferred that a murder had been committed, as the consequence of the rowdiness and drunkenness of the last night. Stepping into the house, I saw the dead body of a man who had been stabbed to the heart by a drunken young fellow about 2 o'clock this morning. So I suppose a second judicial death will be the consequence of this murderous demonstration of the power of rum."

The *Jewish Chronicle* for December contains the conclusion of an excellent address to the Jews, concerning Christ. The *Chronicle* is published at New-York, monthly, \$1 per annum.

The *Canada Christian Advocate* is the best religious denominational paper published in Canada. Variety and excellence distinguish its selections and editorials. "Do you belong to their Church?" says one. No sir, never did, but we will commend excellence, wherever we find it.

The *Maine Temperance Watchman* is to be enlarged. It is worth it—go ahead.

The *Napanees Bee*, always a welcome exchange, is to be called *The Emporium*, and is to be enlarged and improved.

The *San Francisco Herald* says, that the Spiritualists or Rappers had a certain communication, that General Scott was elected President. They obtained their information from General Cass and Trueman Smith, with whom they conversed in spirit. Strange times these.

Judge Curtis, of Rhode Island, has decided in the *Greene case*, that the liquor law of that State is unconstitutional. Shout all, ye demons of darkness. Our work is not done, but we shall persevere. In the meantime, consider the following dialogue from the *Rochester Temperance Journal* :—