

Ignorance or thoughtlessness may not see, but he is a very *indifferent* person who does not see in the various papers of the Newspaper Press the fruits of the traffic in intoxicating drinks. Without the Newspaper Press, which is so valuable to us, any man or woman who is *not* above making an observation, may see in each of their localities enough to awaken them and convince them, that the traffic is a curse!

I call, therefore, on every one, whether within the ranks of the temperance army or not, or if only merely *approving* of the efforts of temperance men, to consider that there is a duty incumbent on them, for which *some* day, and that a "*great day*," they have to answer for its non-performance according to the "talents" given and bestowed; and it is a duty for all and every one to find out and to know, if they have a talent in keeping and in trust at all. Let each one inclined to a performance, consider himself or herself as though he or she was a President, Worthy Patriarch, or Grand Worthy Patriarch, Secretary or Committee, and therefore individually to work, less or more, but that continually, in the cause of temperance. To be instant in season and out of season. I do not ask any one who may read these words to do anything but what I do myself. *I consider myself Grand Worthy Patriarch of the Grand Division!* That's my idea, and having that idea how can I be idle? I push aside, as in my way, the common lazy and listless expression of thought, namely "that's not my business," it is meddling with what I have nothing to do, let others do it, I have not time, I have no money to spare, I am in business, &c., &c. But the adoption of the idea of duty and support in the temperance cause, makes it a very important personal business, as much so as providing the meat or clothes for the body. I address myself more immediately to professing Christian people. *No one of that class is safe in any duty who acts otherwise.*

I am, yours sincerely,

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### (G).—TEMPERANCE.—LAZINESS OF TEMPERANCE FRIENDS.

(To the Editor of the Christian Advocate.)

SIR,—It is cheering to observe the movement by the address from the Hamilton Division Sons of Temperance, signed by Mr. Freeman, as published in your truly valuable paper of the 24th instant. Your paper contained also, some time ago, a synopsis of a very excellent lecture on the Prohibition of the traffic in Intoxicating Drinks, by the Rev. Dr. Irvine, of Knox's Church, Hamilton. That lecture should have been widely circulated; and should be, if not yet done.

I write this in reference to the first paragraph (there are others) in the above address, as to Divisions of Sons of Temperance "*bestirring themselves*" in this great and good cause.

1. There has been, and there exists, a very great and indolent feature in all the temperance associations, viz.: a backwardness to push the cause, in season and out of season, into every corner of the localities where these temperance associations exist. Members, I am afraid, are not charitable enough, think only of *themselves* that as they are apparently *safe*—and they are only apparently—"the de'il tak' the hin'most" as to others. Now, I consider that throughout every place where the Sons of Temperance exist, and where *other* societies exist, their chief endeavour should be *outside of their meeting rooms*.

2. They should endeavour, with all good thinking men, in any station of life, from your talented member, Isao Buchanan, Esq., M.P.P., to the laborer who does his daily work, and also of every church, to enlist a sound practical feeling and a help towards the temperance cause—a cause the course of which I fondly hope is progressing in Canada, and I trust will be yet estimated as one to be considered as far, far beyond the consideration of roads, bridges, sidewalks, or conveniences of life. And how much of the latter engross nearly all our attention in public life. What is the value, the truly honest value, of all the pro-