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SUPPLEMENT TO THE

TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE,

DEVOTED TO TEMPERANCE, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE & NEWS.

PLEDGE.--We, the undersigned, do agree, that we will not use Intoxicating Liquors as a Beverage, nor Traffic in them; that we will not provide them as an article of Entertainment, nor for persons in our Employment; and that in all suitable ways we will discountenance their use throughout the Community.

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OUR SUPPLEMENT.

A Supplement is something new in the history of the *Temperance Advocate*, and will not, we hope, be regarded with disfavor on the part of our subscribers. Our principal reason for its issue at present, is to enable us to give insertion in our columns, to the numerous communications with which we are favored at this season of the year, without encroaching upon the space usually allotted for that department in the *Advocate* itself. No doubt our friends will appreciate this renewed evidence of our determination to give them full value for their money.

Great Times in Old Pelham!

Dear Sir,—It is, doubtless, now a long time since you have heard either good or evil report from the good old township of Pelham; and if yourself and those better deserving to occupy the columns of your noble paper, will excuse the innovation, I will now give you a brief account of the doings of the Temperance folks in this vicinity, from the time I last wrote, to the present time. But here I see a difficulty, and am almost persuaded to lay down my pen. Before this letter can possibly appear in print, or even before it reaches the office of the *Advocate*, we shall be so advanced in numbers and influence, that it will be a statement of things that *have been*, but not of things that *be*.

In April last, I told you that we had a great Temperance meeting—that we were about reorganizing our old society—expected to do a great deal of good—and sundry other things, “too numerous to mention.” And I can now tell you, that we have kept up our monthly meetings, with one or two exceptions, from that time to this. Our meetings have been generally well attended, and a deep and growing interest has been, and still is, clearly manifest. But the zealous teetotalers of Pelham, never willing to be behind the times, must go the whole figure. They could not think to remain inactive, while Division after Division of the Sons was being organized all around them. They could not rest satisfied without knowing all about the dreadful “secrets” of the Sons. Accordingly, they petitioned the Grand Division for charter after charter, until there are now two Divisions in the interior of the township, and one on the southern boundary, in connexion with the township of Wainfleet. The first two, are “Bethlehem Division” and “Pelham Division,” the latter is “Evening Star Division.” Besides these, there is a Division at St. Johns, known by that name, just beyond the eastern limits of this township, which also has several members in Pelham. The aggregate of these four Divisions is now about two hundred; all organized since the first of April last.

The Sons are doing great good here—for themselves—for each other—and finally, for everybody. Everybody says so; and “what everybody says, must be true.” We have those amongst us, or rather we are amongst those, who know what it is to drink moderately and immoderately, and its consequences; true, there are those who do not feel an interest in our success, that say it is all very well now, but it will not last long—this one will not stick to it, and that one will be drunk before six months—and so on to the end of the chapter. But, thank heaven, they have been disappointed; and I hope they will be, as long as they thus prophesy. There are many hundreds and thousands of once drinking men now in union with the Sons, whose

zeal and integrity are not to be questioned by the most rigid teetotalers; and they are exerting an influence that cannot be overrated, and certainly is not imitated by any other class. And well they may; they have the theory and the practice both of a drinking and a sober life, hence their free access to all classes. But their *ability* to do good is not all; it is their *interest* to do so. No sooner does a drinking man take the pledge, and show by word and deed that he is in earnest, than he is restored to the good-will and confidence of all, the tavern and the shop-keeper may look side wise, but they would think none the less of his word or his note for all that.

The Pelham Division of the Sons, like many others, has come up to a degree of importance amongst new institutions, that seems to attract the attention of the ladies; and on Monday evening, the 13th January, they did themselves the honor to present a very nice copy of the Bible to that Division, at a public meeting held by the Division, in the Presbyterian Church. The services of the Rev. J. F. Ryerson, of St. Catharines, had been obtained, and he addressed a large audience with great power and telling effect. Small meetings are out of the question, when Mr. Ryerson is to be speaker. The Rev. S. King, presiding minister of the church in which the meeting was held, was also present, and not only present, but one of the most active in arranging and conducting the meeting, and acquitted himself nobly in addressing it. Mr. A. W. Taylor, W. P. of Bethlehem Division, as well as a large number of that Division, was present, and spoke with his usual ease, pointedness and ability.

The presentation address was delivered by Mrs. Chamberlain, and it is due to her, and those of the ladies who took part in the ceremony, to say that it was well conducted, and was neither least nor last of the interesting exercises of that impressive meeting. [Since we received the foregoing, we have been favored with an account of this presentation from another quarter, and take the liberty of inserting the address and reply, referred to, with which our correspondent has furnished us.]

ADDRESS.

WORTHY PATRIARCH,—We, the Ladies of the Northern part of the Township of Pelham, and friends of the cause of Temperance in general, but of the Order of Sons in particular, do here present your Division with a copy of the Word of God, as a token of our high respect for you, and our anxiety for the prosperity of the enterprise in which you are embarked; being fully persuaded that no organization can prove a *lasting* good to mankind, only as it is based upon the principles drawn from this precious Book.

In your badge, we discover three colors,—red, white, and blue, which you inform us, is emblematical of Purity, Fidelity, and Love; to the Bible you must have gone for these graces—and from that Sacred Volume we hope you will draw all your principles—and by it regulate all your actions.

“Though small the gift, we here bestow,
And trifling to the sight;
What vast, stupendous changes show
The wonders of its night.
Then engrave its precepts on your hearts,
Its counsels on your minds:
And may your future lives impart
A blessing to mankind.”

Do this, and you may ever rely on us that we will render you what *alop* we can. You have our *hearts*, our *influence*, and our *prayers*, for your prosperity; for we feel—as *wives*, *mothers*, *daughters*, and as *sisters*—that your happiness is, and will be ours; and, therefore, may God speed you, until

“Your flag unfur’d, around t’c world,
Shall wave o’er land and sea.”

The Worthy Patriarch, Mr. A. W. Taylor, then made the following

R E P L Y .

In behalf of the Division I now represent, I wish to return you our thanks, for the support you have ever given to the Temperance movement, by contributing your means and influence; and we have here this evening, a striking illustration of your untiring zeal in this glorious enterprise, by the presentation of this invaluable treasure: for, when considered as the Lamp of Life, suspended by the Father of lights, to guide us through this moral gloom and spiritual darkness, to that haven of rest where intemperance shall never invade—we must truly acknowledge it as the best and clearest proof of your well-wishes for our Order, as Sons of Temperance; and here, with the warmest effusions of my heart, permit me to return you the thanks of this Division, for the priceless Volume thus bestowed upon us by you. And be assured, that while we thus feel that we have the mighty influence of the fair daughters of Temperance, that we will march forward to the conflict with buoyant heart and step, expecting that the star of Temperance will soon ascend the zenith of its glory, and the influence of that monster (whose touch is like that of the torpedo) shall cease, and its poisonous fangs no longer spread themselves over the vitals of our fellow-men.

Be assured, that this blessed Book shall be highly prized by us, and porused, we trust, with care. Again, we would beg to thank you for the Bible, together with your able address—hoping that you may ever dwell beneath the benign influence of Him who is the author of that Book which you have now presented. And may the star of Temperance hover around your dwelling, until all your sons—become Sons, and all your daughters—marry Sons!

At a late hour the parties retired to their homes, well pleased with what they had seen and heard, doubtless, each one under the conviction that he was returning from one of the greatest, perhaps the greatest Temperance meeting, as yet, ever held in the Township of Pelham.

But the chapter does not end here. The ladies of South Pelham, which, I might say, is another name for Bethlehem Division, thought what had been done, might be done again. Accordingly they set themselves to work, appointed a committee to circulate a subscription, raised the funds, purchased a Bible, that will compare with any, and fixed upon Thursday, the 6th inst., at two p.m., for the time of its presentation. The meeting was convened at the Town Hall. The Rev. Mr. Ryerson, had been again solicited, and was promptly on the spot, and addressed the meeting with his usual and well known zeal, power and ability. The house was crowded to excess. There were about six hundred persons in the Hall, and perhaps, a hundred, at least, who could not get in, were obliged, though reluctantly, to return home. The number of Sons present was about two hundred and fifty, the most of whom, with many others, were obliged to stand on their feet during the whole time of the meeting. To preserve order in a crowd thus situated, might, under ordinary circumstances, be very difficult, but the interest of this extraordinary meeting was such, as to render it a matter of no difficulty. The meeting was called to order by the presiding officer of that Division, Mr. A. W. Taylor, and opened by prayer, from the Rev. Mr. Ryerson. Mr. S. W. Folger, also an officer of the Division, was then called upon, and made some very appropriate remarks, that merited and received a cordial reception. The next thing in the order of the exercises was the presentation of the Bible. The ladies who conducted this ceremony were, Misses Sabina Rice, Rebecca Taylor and Mandu Ward; the address was given by Miss Taylor, and was delivered in a clear, distinct and graceful manner; and I have no fear of being accused of bestowing unmerited praise in saying, that the whole proceeding of presentation was done up just right. Rev. Mr. Ryerson was then called upon to address the meeting,

which he did to good purpose, for about an hour and a-half. I have neither the time, the room, nor the pen to give the outline of his address, but I believe the hundreds who constituted that meeting, will sustain me in saying, that it was one that Mr. Ryerson alone is capable of giving. The following is the address above referred to; Mr. Taylor's reply I cannot furnish, but it was what people of taste expected to hear, knowing from whom it was to come:—

A D D R E S S

WORTHY PATRIARCH,—We feel it a privilege, as well as a duty on this interesting occasion, to offer to you, and through you to the Officers and Members of the Star of Bethlehem Division of the Sons of Temperance, our heartfelt gratification in beholding the noble, the self-denying, and the persevering efforts which you have made, as a Division, to extend the blessings of sobriety and virtue; and we rejoice that those efforts have been crowned with most eminent success.

Your organization has for its object one of the most exalted purposes, that can engage the attention, and enlist the sympathies of the truly benevolent and philanthropic; and judging from the past success and future prospect, we rejoice in believing that a few more years of persevering exertion—a few more efforts well directed—a few more plans judiciously executed—will rid our beloved land of the fearful and despotic reign of King Alcohol.

We watch with intense anxiety the success of the Temperance cause. It involves our dearest interests, and solicits our liveliest sympathies, and we would cheerfully yield our ready support and co-operation to every measure, that will hasten the long wished for consummation, when the detested tyrant shall be dethroned, and the mild reign of peace, joy and prosperity everywhere prevail.

And, although the rules of your Order do not permit us to sit in your councils, and take part in your deliberations, we feel bound to second your efforts, and wish you God speed, with an institution so fraught with everything true and ennobling—an institution that preserves those who are our hope and joy, from those habits that would alienate affection—dethrone reason—destroy virtue—render them outcasts from all pure society, in this life, and the source of many tears, when a premature grave shall close forever over the last woe of humanity.

May we not, then, be forgiven, for venturing beyond the sacred threshold of the domestic circle, and thus publicly declaring our attachment to the holy cause in which you are so zealously and successfully engaged.

And as a token of our well-wishes, and our desire to contribute something that may assist you in spreading the benign influence of an institution, so intimately interwoven with our own happiness and the happiness of all mankind; we desire, in behalf of the ladies of Pelham, to present through you, to the Worthy Chaplain and Members of the Division over which you preside, this Stand and a copy of the Sacred Scriptures, to be read in your stated meetings. Hoping that you may draw therefrom, consolation for the afflicted—hope for the desponding—and timely counsel for the fallen and degraded. And, finally, that the Members of the Star of Bethlehem Division may look at the counsels of the Most High as the beacon-light of their hopes, and putting their trust in the Lord of Hosts, gird on the bright armour of their warfare—and march firmly on to victory, till the subtle foe is conquered, and every slave of Alcohol rescued from the fearful thralldom of the cruel tyrant shall stand erect, in the ennobling consciousness of moral freedom—and be thus happily restored to the arms of the loved ones from whom he had been so long estranged. Then

The young shall hail the saving hand,
That grasped them when pursuing,
With disipation's thoughtless hand,
The path to endless ruin;
The weapons of your righteous war,
Love's garlands are entwining;
And peace sprake as when Bethlehem's Star
Was o'er the shepherds shining.

And, in conclusion, Worthy Patriarch, as a token of our regard for the honorable position you occupy, through the choice of

your brethren, we beg leave to present to you, and your successors in office, this Regalia, [here the Ladies presented Mr. Taylor with a beautiful Satin Regalia,] bearing the colors emblematic of the motto characteristic of your Order—Love, Purity, and Fidelity; and may propitious heaven spread the day, when o'er every land shall wave, the broad banner of the free!

Proclaiming, to our doomed and suffering race
 "Peace upon earth," good-will to mankind:
 Love, Purity, Fidelity, the brightest Stars
 Within your Order's sky—your motto these:
 By these shape your course, o'er life's dark sea,
 Upon them look for guidance and support—
 When the wild wave is tossing, and the blast
 Is howling round your rent and shivering sail:
 And by their pure and golden light, may you find
 A sheltering haven, and a sweet repose!

ONE OF THE CROWD

Pelham, Feb. 10, 1851.

Richmond, Bayham, Dec. 26, 1850.

Sir,—At this happy season of the year, when all are desirous of pleasing and of being pleased—the Ladies of this place took it into their heads to present to the Sons of Temperance here, a splendid Bible and Cushion for the use of the Division. The presentation of which took place last evening, in the splendid room occupied as a Division room, by the Rising Sun Division, No. 125, of the Sons of Temperance in Canada West. The room, though large and commodious, was densely filled with a very orderly and respectable audience, composed of the Sons, their wives, friends and neighbors. The Conductor and Assistant-Conductor then ushered into the room the deputation of Ladies headed by that unimpeachable opponent to strong drink, the worthy Mrs. Wheaton, to whom, in connection with her noble-minded husband, Mr. Orson Wheaton, may justly be ascribed, (under Divine Providence,) nearly all the credit for the great good resulting to the people of this place, from the salutary check now placed upon the drinking customs. But to return to the Division room. After several appropriate odes and songs sung by the company, and other preliminaries gone through, Mrs. Wheaton, with true benevolence beaming from her maternal countenance, came forward and commenced the following

ADDRESS.

Rising Sun Division S. of T, N. 125.

WORTHY PATRIARCH,—The Ladies of Richmond and vicinity, have presumed to present to the Sons of Temperance a Bible—a free-will offering. Please to accept of this Bible, as a proof of our approval of the measures you have adopted to promote the cause of Temperance.

We know that the Temperance cause is a good cause; and every person, both male and female, ought to awake up, and be doing something to deter the progress of the bold invader.

It is admitted that all mankind are brethren, then why should so great an evil as intemperance rest upon any person. All good principles are spiritual gifts, and Temperance is one of them. Then let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. And it is the sincere desire of every good female, that you may succeed in convincing men, that there is no good in anything that can be called strong drink. We hope and trust, that you will prize this Gift, but not so much for the sake of those who in the present, as for the love of those sacred truths which this book contains. We wish you to love this Bible,—read it in your Division room, that every Son may hear and understand: and we hope that it will be like bread cast upon

the waters. You have done much to exalt yourselves in our estimation; and we are truly delighted and very thankful, to see fathers, husbands, brothers and sons, clothed and in their right minds, and pursuing that course which will secure them from the grasp of that foe that has robbed men of their reason—women of cheerfulness, and children of a father's blessing.

But we no longer look at the dark side of the picture, for truly the Temperance tree is spreading its branches over our happy land, and the nations are being healed by the virtue of its leaves. We trust that you will take this Bible for the man of your council: you will find it good for doctrine and reproof, for correction and instruction. And by a strict adherence to its principles, you cannot fail to accomplish all that is great and good, and secure to yourselves a name, that shall serve as a password for you to enter that mansion, where the righteous receive their reward. And, furthermore, you will find this Bible to be a perfect rule, a square and compass, and the great Worthy Patriarch above, always present to instruct you in the use of those instruments—so that your work shall be done in such order, that your building will come together without the sound of axe or hammer. Perhaps this body of fraternal brotherhood may have enacted laws, or even have passwords, which they do not think proper to publish: that does not trouble us, as we fully confide in your principles, as represented by your emblems; and we are perfectly satisfied by seeing the fruits produced from such most noble principles. "Let brotherly love prevail." We look forward with pleasing anticipation to that day, when every faithful Son of Temperance, having taken this Book for his guide, will be distinguished by a badge of honor, that shall dazzle the eyes of the beholder, and outshine the sun;—then may we say to the atheist: "Behold, ye despisers and wonder, and perish." And now, we say, go forth conquering and to conquer, till all that can be gathered shall be encircled within these, your three cardinal principles, Love, Purity, and Fidelity, and be safe from the power of that wicked King Alcohol. Then angels may approve of your Order, and rejoice at your conquest: while we shall hear your triumphant voices mingled in one harmonious concert, ascribing to those principles, Victory! Victory!! Victory!!!

Our Worthy Patriarch, William Veltch, Esquire, then rose and delivered the following

REPLY.

Mrs. Wheaton and Ladies of Richmond and Vicinity.

In behalf of this Division of the Sons of Temperance, I receive with great pleasure this Sacred Book, as a proof of your approbation of the measures we have adopted to promote the cause of Temperance. And although I hope this Sacred Volume is highly prized by every Son of Temperance, for the truth which it contains, be assured it will lose none of its influence upon our minds, when we call to mind that it was presented to us by the Ladies.

If, in your opinion, we have done anything towards ameliorating the condition of our fellow-men—while we have your influence and sympathy in our favor, we will be excited to renewed exertions and energy in the cause, and go on our way rejoicing. It is not the wife and family of the Son of Temperance, who dreads his return from the haunts of intemperance and vice; but when the hours of labor or of business are ended, they hail his approach to the domestic circle with joy and gladness. We rejoice with you to behold the noble tree of Temperance spreading its branches far and wide; and trust the day is not far dis-

tant, when, in connection with the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, it will overshadow all mankind.

The rules of our Order, we trust, are for the harmonious working of our Society; and our passwords are only calculated to insure our Order against impostors and the unworthy.

May the Great Patriarch above, enable us so to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest, the important truths contained in this Book,—that not only we, but the *generous donors*, and all mankind, may secure an inheritance in that kingdom, where there remaineth a rest for the people of God.

With you, we look forward with pleasure to the day, when those who are now bound in the chains of King Alcohol—looking to the bright example set before them by the true Sons of Temperance—will at once burst their fetters, shake themselves from the dust, and join our ranks. And, while the Ladies look on with approbation, and aid with their *powerful influence*, we have no doubt of obtaining the victory.

JOHN LIVINGSTON, W.A.,
Division, No. 125.

Zorra, Jan 13, 1851.

Sir,—Permit me to remark, that the good cause of Temperance is at a very low ebb in this place, and intemperance appears to be on the increase; yet, we have a few names in this our tectotal Sardinia, who have not defiled their garments. And while our hearts are cheered by the glad tidings which your invaluable periodical brings, of the onward march and victorious career of our principles, we feel encouraged; and our hope is strengthened, that this place will not much longer resist the renovating and saving influence of the genius of Temperance— which like an angel of mercy, is scattering its blessings on every hand.

J. C.

Brock, C.W., Feb. 14, 1851.

Sir,—I have delayed writing to you till now, for the purpose of having an opportunity to bring before, and press upon, the minds of the office-bearers and members of the Temperance society in this place, [South Division, Brock.] at their annual meeting for the election of office-bearers for the present year, the claims of the *Temperance Advocate* on them for support. The meeting referred to, took place on Wednesday last; on which occasion, the Rev. Cornelius Flummerfelt and Mr. Bettes, delivered excellent addresses to a crowded audience. The cause, which has been almost dead in this place for some time past, has received a new impulse, which, it is hoped, will continue throughout the year, as the society has resolved to have monthly meetings regularly kept up, which will no doubt tend to keep alive an interest in the cause, and keep before the public mind the claims of total abstinence, and the advantages derived from a strict adherence to its principles. It may be mentioned that Mr. Flummerfelt has undertaken to lay before the other societies, in different parts of the Township, and other localities, as he has opportunity, the claims of your excellent periodical—may he be successful in making a considerable addition to your subscription list, for it is a shame to us tectotals who have experienced such benefits from our principles, to grudge two shillings and sixpence a year, to keep up and sustain a newspaper to advocate the cause, that others may share in the advantages, and ourselves be kept from falling. May you, Sir, be sustained, and enabled to advo-

cate the good cause of Temperance, until public opinion become wholly saturated with it—and then the battle is gained.

JAMES BREDNER.

Compton, Feb. 20, 1851.

Sir,—I have been instructed by the ancient and honorable order of Rechabites of Tent No. 32, Compton, to inform you of our encouraging prospects of increase, and that we expect to accomplish, as Rechabites, much more during the present year than the past. The enemy is trying to do his utmost to carry out his vile purposes in this vicinity; in almost every street in our little village, the monster demon is daily, and even hourly dealt out by the lesser or larger quantity, in order to build up some few individuals, who do not stop to consider that though they may flourish in affluence for a season, that it is at the expense of the dearest interests of their fellow men.

It is true, some progress have been made in the temperance cause. In our remembrance, alcohol made far more devastation, both with respect to the number and respectability of its victims; for both Captains and Esquires in days of yore, so indulged in this vice, that they not only squandered their properties, but became public nuisances, and oh, what misery in the family was the consequence! Their distracted wives, and half-naked and starved children, who once bounded with joy to meet their sober father, would shun his presence, and the very dog seek a safe retreat from the rude usage of his beastly master. There may be instances still of the kind above described; but it is due to ourselves to say that they are comparatively rare; and the distilleries that used to be so thickly scattered over the country, are now few and far between. It is not too much to say that these changes have been effected through the efforts of temperate men of every class; and while we rejoice in what has been accomplished, we must not forget that very much still remains to be done; and if the consistent, persevering efforts of temperance men were necessary at the first, it is not less so now, to banish the intoxicating cup entirely from our land; and let no remnant temperance men of every name, that our work is not done till that be effected.

R. S.

Richmond, Feb. 25, 1851.

Sir,—The Temperance cause, by the blessing of God, is in a flourishing condition in this section. We have a Division of the Sons of Temperance in this village, one at Vienna, one at Aylmer, one at Deerham Forge, one at Temperanceville, one at South Dorchester,—all within 10 miles of this place, and all increasing in numbers rapidly. Our motto is still—onward, until King Alcohol, with all his hosts, is banished from our otherwise happy land.

O. W.

Dundas, Feb. 26, 1851.

Sir,—Permit me to call your attention to the anniversary of the Sons of Temperance, which was celebrated in this town, on the 18th inst. When the hour arrived, a large number of the Sons of the Dundas Division, who number about 230, with a number from the Hamilton and other Divisions, marched through the principal streets to the Town Hall. Half-past six o'clock was the hour appointed for the tea to be served, but the Hall was filled long before the time, so great was the excitement. We had excellent speeches from the Rev. Messrs. Boyd, Gmley and

Davis; and the entertainment furnished by the choir and band belonging to our town, it would be difficult to excel. I never was at a better Temperance meeting.

The day following, at twelve o'clock, the children belonging to the juvenile society, in connection with the children of the Sons of Temperance, which were about 200, met at the Town Hall, to partake of refreshments, which were prepared for them by the friends of the Temperance cause. Every eye sparkled, giving evidence not only of joy, but also of a determination to persevere in the good cause they have entered on.

JOHN WARE.

Georgetown, February 28, 1851.

Sir,—It is some time since I wrote to you respecting the propriety of total abstinence amongst us. Although I have been romiss in this respect, our prosperity has not been retarded by it. We are still on the increase, every month gaining ground, and with renewed vigor pushing our battle to the gate, and shouting as we fight, that victory shall be ours,—Temperance must prevail. We have held the anniversary of our society under truly pleasing circumstances. A deputation from the "Division of Sons," in this place, waited upon the Temperance Committee, desiring that the anniversary of the old society be held in connection with their *soiree*, to come off on the 6th of February. It was agreed upon, as it would demonstrate to the public that there is nothing like antagonism between us; but that on the great subject of temperance we are indissolubly one. The evening came. It was a clear cold night, yet temperance hearts were warm; the division room was filled, over 200 persons sat down to partake of a rich repast, prepared by the sober heads and steady hands of temperance sons. Why, sir, the tables groaned beneath the ponderous weight of cakes, viands and tea. There were fathers and mothers, sons and daughters of temperance, quaffing down the smoking element to their hearts content; all happy, cheerful and smiling. After discussing cakes and tea, the Chairman called the meeting to order, made a few appropriate remarks, and then called upon the Secretary to read the report as follows:—

Ladies and Gentlemen,—

It is a source of pleasing consideration to the intelligent and contemplative mind, to view the rapid and increasing success that has attended the "Temperance enterprise" throughout the world. Its progress has been astonishing, notwithstanding the formidable opposition it has had to encounter. It has triumphed over the long-established customs, habits and interests of society, and has, in a great measure, made them subservient to its interests, and men who stood aloof from it for years, considering it all fanaticism, are now amongst its foremost friends; and others, who for a long time looked upon it with indifference and apathy, have thrown off their useless reserve, and are at this moment numbered with its advocates; and many more, who a short time since, hated the name of temperance, from the fact that they were connected with the traffic, either as manufacturers, or dealers in the liquid poison, have now relinquished connexion with the trade, convinced that the making, selling and using of intoxicating liquors is alike injurious to society, and the best interests of man. It must, also, be gratifying to the lovers of the temperance cause, to learn that the very men who, at the last session of the present Parliament, declared that they would rather vote for a direct tax on Temperance Hotels than wags, voted at the last session for the Hon. Malcolm Cameron's bill, for the suppression of intemperance, and also, for the amended license law, brought in and carried through by the Hon. Francis Hincks. This shows the power of public sentiment, when brought to bear upon any important ques-

tion, and that the very persons the most violent and boisterous in their opposition to the Temperance movement, were made to feel their position, from the fact that their popularity was in danger. We have then nothing to fear upon this point. Let us, as Temperance men, make good use of the power which the authorities will tend greatly to advance the interests of our beloved cause. Your committee rejoice in the delightful thought that total abstinence has had a salutary effect upon many persons in their locality, in reclaiming them from the haunts of vice and inebriation, restoring them to the bosom of their families, and to the joys of their homes. Alas, in enlisting the energies of others, who were inactive, but are now, with might and main, engaged with your Committee in trying to arrest the monster evil—intemperance—in his blighting, blasting, withering, wasting progress, and to roll back the all-devouring surge that threatens to inundate the joys, the hopes, the prospects and the comforts of our fellow men. Your committee cannot report that progress they desired to see, yet they feel happy in saying, that during the past year they have had some increase. At the close of last year, the number of members reported was 296, to which may be added as an increase 32 persons who have united with us, making our number in all, 328. We have held 12 regular monthly meetings, and at those meetings we have had about 40 addresses from different persons, amongst whom are the following: the Revs. John Clark, Wm. Willoughby, and Thomas Dick; also—Messrs. Ferguson, of Guelph, and Samuel Alcorn of Toronto, who is with us this evening. Your committee have endeavored to act as faithful to their trust as possible. On the 28th of October last, your committee met to consider what measures should be adopted to awaken interest on behalf of Temperance, in the different villages of Esqueness; it was resolved that the Societies in those villages should be visited. A deputation was sent to the following places:—Acton, Hornby, Stewarttown, Norval and Williamsburg. As the result of their efforts, 56 persons joined the pledge. A short time since, your committee were solicited to hold a Temperance meeting on the town line between Chinguacousy and Esqueness; the invitation was attended to, and a flourishing society organised, numbering over 80 members. Thus, to the number of teetotalers in our township, they have been instrumental in adding 168 new recruits to the cold water army.—To God be all the praise. In addition to these matters, their agent for the *Canada Temperance Advocate*, Mr. P. W. Dayfoot, has sent the names of 30 persons as subscribers to that active and efficient auxiliary to the Temperance reform in Canada. Your committee would not forget to state that there is in our thriving village, a vigorous division of the "Sons of Temperance," numbering 28 members, in full standing, who are laboring in unison with this society, to promote the high and noble objects of total abstinence amongst us. Let it be borne in mind that the division of Sons in Georgetown has been divided into three separate and distinct divisions; one in Stewarttown, and the other in Williamsburg. There is in connexion with the division in this place, a section of Cadets numbering 20 members, who are being trained in the true principles of Temperance, taught in the morning of their days to despise the drunkard's drink, and to hold in utter contempt that great destroyer of human happiness—*alcohol*. Let us then, as Temperance men, and Sons, say to these young teetotalers—Rise up then ye young, hope of your country, and to the world exhibit one general combination of moral courage, intelligence and purity, and with corresponding efforts say to the whole earth, that the hour of her redemption is come. Happy! thrice happy! ye who may thus have the honor of dashing away for ever, the cup of drunkenness, and washing the foul stain from our country's glory. Happy the generation who may rise up in stead of their fathers, and, like the rainbow above the retiring cloud, reflect, from the one end of the universe to the other, the glories of the millennial sun.

JOHN FREEMAN, President,
JOHN ELLIOTT, Secretary.

The report having been read, it was adopted, and the following persons chosen officers for the ensuing year:—Mr. P. W. Dayfoot, President; Mr. Elijah Leavens, vice President; and John Elliott, Secretary. The Chairman then introduced Mr. S. Alcorn of Toronto, to address the meeting. He gave us a rich intellectual treat; it was an admirable address, replete with fine senti-

ment, keen thought, and beautiful imagery. While he was speaking, I could not help thinking of the lines of a living poet—

"Behold! what fire is in his eye; what fervour on his cheek—
The glorious burst of winged words! how bound they from his tongue?"

The full expression of the mighty thought, the strong triumphant argument;

The rush of native eloquence, restless as Niagara—
The keen demand, the clear reply, the fine poetic image,
The nice analogy, the clenching fast, the metaphor bold and free:
The grasp of concentrated intellect, wielding omnipotence of truth,
The grandeur of his speech, in his majesty of mind,—
Bold champion of the right."

After delighting the audience for nearly two hours, he sat down amidst their applause.

Our odd, old friend, the Rev. Mr. Deaney, was next called upon, who rose up saying his back ached, and that his predecessor had shot away all the powder, so that he had none to print with, and under such embarrassing circumstances he could not make a speech.

It was now getting late; the usual motions were then put, among which was the following:—That the thanks of this meeting be given to Mr. John Freeman, late President, for his able services and attention to the interests of the total abstinence society, over which he presided during the past year, in approbation of which the meeting rose up. The thanks of the meeting was then presented to the Chairman, Mr. Alexander Brown, for the ability with which he presided over the meeting. I have trespassed too long upon your patience; but you must excuse me, for I live a long way from Montreal, and I only speak to you on paper once a year.

Yours truly,

JOHN ELLIOTT, Sec.

Beamsville, March 1, 1851.

SIR,—While looking over the pages of your own, and other journals of a similar nature, (as far as the question of Temperance is concerned,) it is cheering to the lover of the Temperance cause to mark its progress. The principles of total abstinence are daily spreading, and no one will question the final result. Intemperance is a scourge, and this place has been deeply smitten by it. It has been noted for its long train of devotees to the bottle, but the tables are almost completely turned. The "old society" has long existed here, and at times without any appearance of vitality—yet it did exist, and although buds of promise now and then were crushed by intemperance, yet the principles of the old society obtained a firm lodgment in the minds of many, and the cause was not left without a few witnesses. That organization, "the Sons," which is so peculiarly adapted to carry out the principles of total abstinence, has been engrafted in the old society in this place.

On the 6th of April last, a Division of the Sons was organized in this place; its principles appeared to take fast hold on the minds of the community, and they have met with—and I think I am safe in using the term—unprecedented success, considering the size of the place. Above 200 have been initiated into our Order, since we were first organized; about 20 have removed and withdrawn, and we now number about 175 or 180 "good Sons and true." Some of these, if they had been seen nine months ago, and not seen again till now, would not be recognized, without a very close scrutiny, as the same persons; such are the effects of Sonship—and still they come.

The Ladies here have not been indifferent to our prosperity, as they have presented the "Sons" with one of the most splendid Banners you could imagine. But as there is too poor a driver to this quill, to do justice to this part of the subject, I will forbear.

We are erecting a Hall, in connexion with the Township Council in this place, about 36 x 60 feet, to be built of brick, on a prominent site, which, when finished, will be a commodious building for the purposes designed, as well as an ornament to the place. One fact is certain, that the "liquor traffic" in this place is becoming "small by degrees, and beautifully less."

Hoping that we, with others, may all enjoy prosperity, till

Our flag unfurled, around the world,
Shall wave o'er land and sea.

A. BICKHAM.

A Sketch in Unnatural History.

By a Member of Gananoque Division, S of T.

As a building is now in course of erection in this village, for the reception of one of a species of animals, which, in almost every part of the world, has inflicted misery and ruin on the human race, perhaps the Division will indulge me with a few minutes of their spare time while I attempt to describe some of the habits of this animal, and mention some facts connected with its unnatural history. The animal or rather monster to which I refer, is called

THE WORM OF THE STILL.

This monster will suffer in a comparison with any of those creatures which are most dreaded and shunned by man. The lion has a majestic appearance, and has been said by some naturalists to possess great courage and generosity. The alligator has its uses in the economy of the tropics. Even the serpent, though man appears to hate it by instinct, has beneficial qualities; it operates as a check on organic redundancy, preventing the brute population from increasing more rapidly than the means of subsistence. The jackal and hyena, odious creatures though they be, are useful members of eastern society, consuming carrion, which otherwise might feed the plague. Similar defences might be set up in favor of the tiger, the vulture, the shark and other voracious monsters, but the Worm of the Still is an animal in whose favor hardly anything can be said. Of all the creatures in the heavens above, on the earth beneath, or in the waters under the earth, it is the most destructive and untameable. "Its poison is as the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps."

The dragon monster of which we read in ancient fable, poisoned the earth with its breath for miles around, and human beings sickened and died in consequence. This was bad enough, certainly, but the breath of the Worm of the Still is a great deal worse. It not only diffuses itself over whole countries, but, packed up in casks, finds its way to the remotest corners of the earth, so that it often happens that the breath of the same monster, which has killed hundreds in France or Britain, will also suffocate hundreds in Canada. For do not vessels arrive at our ports every year laden with little else than this poison, barrelled up and sold under the names of French Brandy and Scotch Whisky? The pestiferous breath of the Worm of the Still has tainted the atmosphere of every country on the globe. The natives of Europe, Asia, Africa, America, Australia and Polynesia, all bear testimony to its deadly effects. Whole Indian tribes have been suffocated by it—cut down like travellers in the desert by the deadly Simoom. Civilized nations have suffered severely—millions of their population, including philosophers and poets, statesmen and divines, have inhaled the noxious fumes and died. Our own neighborhood has not escaped. Yonder graveyard contains the bodies of not a few who fell victims to this insidious and destructive poison. So far, however, we have escaped the curse of having a Worm of the Still breathing among us. But it seems that we are not much longer to be exempted from this evil. It appears that in defiance of public opinion and in utter contempt

of the light which has been thrown on this subject, one of the monsters is to be introduced here, and that ere long we may expect to see it doing the work of death in our midst.

It is an important and interesting fact concerning prodigious animals, that not one of them has been designed to prey on man. That a lion or a tiger sometimes surprises the traveller among the brushwood of Africa, or the jungle of Bengal, is certainly true. But such catastrophes are accidental and but rarely occur. The function of the carnivora appears to be to "maintain the balance of power" between the contending swarms of earth's irrational offspring, and their food generally consists of the "lower orders" of creation. Not so the Worm of the Still. It passes over the inferior creatures, and preys on man alone. This most monstrous of all monsters feeds and fattens on human wretchedness.

The Worm of the Still is more decidedly poisonous than any other animal. Its poison is produced in such enormous quantities that it requires to be stored up in large barrels, whereas that of the copperhead and the rattlesnake needs only small bags to hold it. Moreover, the poison of a serpent may be swallowed without doing any harm, there being no danger from it except when injected into a puncture; but that of the Worm of the Still operates from the stomach with such force as to cause stupor, delirium and death.

Another melancholy fact is, that the Worm of the Still extracts its poison solely from human food, of which it consumes immense quantities. Yes, a large portion of that golden grain which, you have been delighted to see waving on our fields with so much luxuriance and beauty, and which our Heavenly Father has sent for food to his children, will be converted by the Worm of the Still into that deadly poison by which it destroys its victims. At present we hear a terrible outcry about the potato rot, but hardly a word about the millions of bushels of grain that will be swallowed by the infernal monster, and by it converted into body and soul destroying poison.

Fortunately for mankind, the Worm of the Still cannot spring upon its prey like a tiger, "nor go about like a roaring lion, seeking whom it may devour." Indeed, it possesses no locomotive powers whatever, and would be absolutely harmless but for the co-operation of human beings. Its retreat is generally by the side of a stream or in the neighborhood of large cities. Like all wild animals, the stench of its lair is intolerable, and there have been instances of persons perishing by incautiously venturing into the deeper parts of its den, where they were choked by its noxious effluvia. There, surrounded by fire and smoke, the monster both day and night elaborates its poison, which is collected with greater care than if it were milk, and sent to all parts of the country. And strange to tell, men are every where to be found who regard this poison as their chief good, and who, to obtain it, will freely give gold and silver, houses and lands, yea all that they possess.

Some twenty or twenty-five years ago, the dreadful ravages of the Worm of the Still excited general attention, and led to an attempt to tame, if not destroy the monster. The expedient was ludicrous enough. It was the drinking of the weaker poison of another monster of the same family called the Brewer's Vat. The whole affair, as might have been expected, proved a failure, and ended in disappointment. A few individuals, however, who had taken part in this abortive attempt, subsequently made a discovery, which, like all great discoveries, was chiefly remarkable for its simplicity. It was an infallible method of being safe from the Worm of the Still, the Brewer's Vat, and all similar monsters, and consisted simply in letting their poison alone. The scheme was laughed at by some, opposed by others, and some men pretending to be the only authorized expounders of the Bible, went the length of denouncing it as infidelity in disguise. But the scheme spread notwithstanding, and is spreading still. No man arrived at years of discretion need be destroyed by the Worm of the Still, and parents who teach their inexperienced and unsuspecting children to imbibe the deadly poison, deserve to be punished, and that they will be punished is as sure as that there is a God in Heaven.

Another part of the discovery is the interesting and important fact, that this monster will perish if nobody drinks its poison. Thus the same beautiful and powerful principle—"let it alone" at once preserves mankind and destroys the Worm of the Still.

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