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TEMPERANCE SOCIETIES.

We have always been in favor of any movement that has had a tendency to promote the growth of Temperance principles. While admitting, of course, the undoubted fact, that hotel-keepers are engaged in a business that has been legalized by act of parliament, we never could conscientiously say a word in its favor—verbally or otherwise. The traffic bears on its face the imprint of ruin and desolation. Therefore we are opposed to it whether the place in which it is carried on be a first-class hotel or a low groggery. Both are bad for the public morals—the principle difference being, that while the former is the resort of the better classes, the latter is frequented by the scum of society; and it has been often remarked, that many of the patrons of the low groggeries have at some by-gone day sipped their claret and champagne in the gilded saloons of "palace" hotels. The descent from marble halls and good society, to low dens of infamy and the vilest of vile "society"—and often to a horrible death—are almost common events in the history of every nation.

To meet this growing and gigantic evil, Temperance societies were organized. The first of which we have any record, was started in Preston, England, on the 23rd of August, 1832, by Messrs. John King and Joseph Livesey. The pledge—a fac-simile of which, together with the signatures of the charter members, can be seen at this office—read as follows:—

"We agree to *abstain* from all Liquors of an *intoxicating quality*, whether Ale, Porter, Wine, or Ardent Spirits, except as medicine."

The rapid growth of Temperance principles from this time (1832) to the present, has been almost phenomenal. And although it has been met on every hand by the most determined opposition—opposition that would have most effectually "squelched" out of existence less important movements—it to-day wields a powerful influence in all classes of society. Politicians of every stripe—no matter how much they may be opposed to it personally—are compelled to pay some attention to the demands of its adherents. Indeed, we venture to aver, that, as regards East Grey, the future would be M. P. P., or M. P., will stand a good chance of being left out in the cold, if he be not a sound teetotaller. If Temperance legislation is to be secured, it necessarily follows that there must be less beer and whiskey guzzling parliamentarians than there are at the present time.

Temperance societies have been doing a good work in the past, and are still doing a good work; but the time has come when they must make their influence felt outside the lodge room and social circle. Their sphere of usefulness for good, should not be confined to such narrow limits; they must work *outside* as well as *inside* the lodge room, if the grand principles of the fraternity are to be far-reaching and all-powerful in there results for good to degraded humanity.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Instances of cruelty to animals have recently come under our notice. Persons have been seen driving horses through the village whose shoulders were a mass of raw flesh, the skin having been worn off by the friction of the harness. This is one of the worst species of cruelty imaginable; and that any one, calling himself a man, should be guilty of abusing a poor dumb animal in the manner stated, is a shame and disgrace to the boasted civilization of the nineteenth century. And if these persons will not take warning and have mercy on their animals, they should be made to feel the heavy arm of the law, which is very severe in cases of this kind.

"INDEPENDENCE."

Sir Richard Cartwright's speech in the Grand Opera House, Toronto, a short time ago, has given rise to considerable discussion in the press—yea, and even in the pulpit, for the Rev. Dr. Wild delivered a sermon in the Bond street church a week ago last Sabbath, on the subject. It is almost needless to say the Rev. Dr. does not agree with the doughty knight, altho' he pays the latter a much higher compliment than we think he deserves.

There may be quite a number of Canadians who are "thirsting for glory," in the shape of Independence or Annexation with Uncle Sam, or something else, but they are sadly in the minority. The language of two-thirds of the people of this Dominion might be summed up in the words of a well known journalist:—"Accursed be the arm and withered the aim, that would sever our connection from thee, Old England!"

Of course all the independent journals—the dailies, particularly—are delighted at the thought of such a brilliant but rather uncertain politician as Sir Richard espousing their pet hobby. But goodness gracious! its hard to say how long Sir Richard will retain *his own* impressions. And then the Queen kingted him, you know, and it would be a terrible thing to *come down* to plain *Mr.* Cartwright again!

"WRANGLING."

It would seem to us that the letter from a Eugenia correspondent in this issue of THE ADVANCE, bears on its face the imprint of uncharitableness. It may be possible—we will not presume to say it really is the case, however, as the other side of the question is yet to be heard—that the Temperance people of that neighborhood did not take part in the recent surprise party to our esteemed friend, Rev. Mr. Grandy, by special vote of the lodge. It cannot be questioned but that there were some Temperance people at the party in question—and members of Eugenia Division of Sons of Temperance at that. Our correspondent did not say that the *Division* took any part in it, officially; he simply said that the "*Temperance people with the worthy Patriarch at their head,*" &c., &c., put in an appearance.

"*Truth's*" remarks are, to say the least, ungenerous, if not uncalled for, and show a disposition to grumble, growl, and snarl, that is not at all in keeping with the character of a Christian and a gentleman.

"CUTS OF WEATHER!"

We never knew that there was such a thing as "cuts of weather" until after reading the following in last week's Thornbury *Venture*;—

"The weather from Nottawa was quite chilly, *sometimes we were going through cuts fifty feet thick!*"

Now, when a gentleman who boasts that he is not an ignorant and impudent boy," (like some other editors he knows of, you see!) allows the Queen's English to be murdered in this shocking manner—without even so much as a faint protest—we are justified in entertaining doubts as to his ability to cope with the aforementioned "ignorant and impudent boys.'

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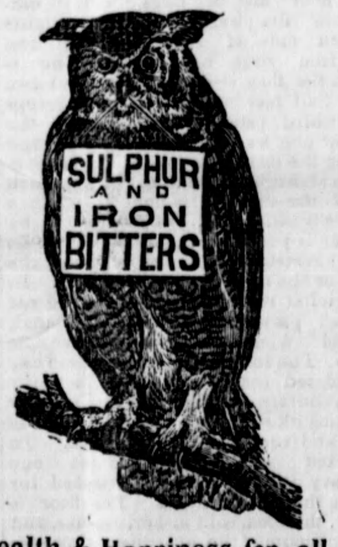

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