THE BAND QUESTION.

To the Editor of The Herald :-

SIR,-I have been given to understand that one of the leading Reformers of the village has been dunning some of the members of the band for the rent of the hall where they practice. This may seem to be all correct at first sight, but on closer examination it shows as glaring a piece of inconsistency and injustice as I have ever seen. If the band is indebted to any one for reat, they certainly have a right to pay it, and will, without doubt, do so: but it illbecomes a "leading Reformer" to make a practice of dunning those whom he and his friends are indebted to. There is a great deal of expense connected with the keeping up of a band, and, of course, there are other claims besides rent which must also be met. Now. would it not be more sensible, more honest, and more in accordance with the spirit of British justice and fair play, if the gentleman who has been making himself so very busy in this matter, would turn his energies into another channel, and see what he could accomplish in the way of getting that "little account" of \$19, (which the Reformers owe the band for playing at Unionville) settled. If he should be prevailed upon to thus exert himself. there can be no doubt but what the amount would be quickly raised, for he is one who laughs at difficulties sufficient to confound an ordina y mortal. Should he, in his wisdom, see fit to raise this \$19 (and interest) there would be no more trouble about the rent. The band boys are I have every reason to believe an honest lot of fellows; and this "leading Reformer" or his friends should not imagine that because they repudiated their obligation, that the band intend to act equally dishonorable. Just give the band what they worked hard for, and they will endeavor to make it go as far as possible in the way of settling accounts. Although not at present a member of the band I have a good deal of sympathy for them in their present difficulties; they must have a very hard time to make both ends meet, as there is considerable expense piling up constantly, and nothing coming in to meet it. No one in the village; I am sure, wishes to see the band go down; but if they are

gations ? The Council should assist them a little. In other villages I noticed Bands are given grants of fifty and one hundred dollars. Now, I think the village fathers should, at least, give them a hall free, -see that their rent was paid. They have quite enough to pay without this. Hoping the matter will be taken into consideration.

can they succeed; how pay their obli-

A LOVER OF JUSTICE.

ANTI-TREATING.

To the Editor of the Herald.

DEAR SIR,-Yes, this is a comparatively novel heading for a letter but its just the right word in the proper place, for my purpose is, with your permission. to draw the attention of your readers to a society now forming near you,-I mean the "Teston Anti treating Brotherhood." Two years ago this month an Anti treating Society was formed in All Saints parish in this city, and the notices of its meetings which appeared from time to time in the daily papers, attracted the attention of Mr. Jas. Armstrong, of

Teston, who with several other gentlemen will now endeavor to establish a society which will I believe, commend itself to a very large majority of the people in whose midst it will exist. The hab t of treating in this country has attained such a degree of power, if I may use the words, that it is troublesome and very often, as many a man can unfortunately testify, exceedingly dan-gerous. Everybody knows the customary mode of procedure in a bar room or saloon, so it is unnecessary to mention it here; further than to say that those most likely to oppose the system of shutting down on all giving o: receiving of treats in taverns and saloons, are the loafers who hang about such places on the chance of having a drink at some other man's expense. The men who keep taverns in the country, I am sure do not want to become rich at the expense of other people's bodies and souls, and I can readily imagine that they will be rather pleased than otherwise to have their houses rid of those loungers of whom I have just spoken. There can be no doubt of the evil occasioned by DOMINION treating, and I have little hesitation in saying that many a man becomes drunk purely to accommodate his friends who having accepted his offered drink feel

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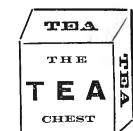
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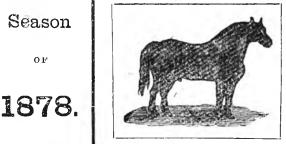
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