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PRIZE ESSAY

The Evils of Intemperance.

In thinking over the title of this Essay, I am at a loss to know how to limit myself to six pages of foolscap in dealing with it, even in my simple way. "The Evils of Intemperance" is a subject which if ably recorded, would fill a page the length of which would cover this fair Dominion from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

We will first look at this great evil as affecting the man who drinks; the poor drunkard himself. We meet a poor, miserable wreck of humanity, with shaking limbs, which oftimes refuse to perform their office, and leave their owner lying on the street, or in the ditch, with bloodshot eyes, from which gleams no ray of that intellect with which a kind Creator furnished him. Constitution ruined, character gone, family disgraced, nothing before him in this life but poverty, misery and distress. And what are his prospects for another life? that which never ends. When we read in God's Word that stern decree, "No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of Heaven", we find in that fiat a sad answer to the question. Poor, lost brother, for we cannot hide the fact that he is still our brother. May a loving Saviour call so loudly at the strongly-barred door of your heart, that through its hardened recesses the invitation may be heard, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Then think of the drunkard's family. Think of the wife whom he took from her parents' home, and vowed to love and cherish till death; think of her in many cases toiling at the hardest kinds of labor for a scanty pittance, wherewith to furnish food for her helpless family, while he, who should, by the laws of nature, be the "bread-winner," is ever on the watch to snatch what he can, (either by force or stratagem) in order that his craving may be satisfied. Oh, think of the drunkard's wife, of the ill words, curses and blows, which are her portion, and which must fall with deadlier force when she thinks of the different life she hoped for when she placed her hand in his, and promised to be faithful till death. Poor heartbroken sister! may a pitiful Father help you to bear your grievous burden through this life, and fit you for a brighter home above, where "The Evils of Intemperance" can never blight, and where you need not hang your head in shame as the drunkard's wife.

Let us now think of the drunkard's children, poor children, whose home is the drunkard's home. Compare the home of happy children, that Heaven of childhood, where the loving smiles and tender sympathies of a gentle mother soothe all their little troubles, and the firm counsel and helpful hand of a proud father is ever held out to them to prepare them for filling places of honor and usefulness in their path of life; Compare this home, I repeat, with the so-called home of the drunkard's children. See them, ill-clad, ill-fed, uncared for mites of humanity, shunned and scorned by other children, hearing the loud whisper, "Their father was drunk again last night and beat their mother." See them when they can no longer bear the taunts and jeers on the streets, slink off to this "burlesque" on the "sweetest word in our language." See them creep softly in for fear that father is drunk again, and steal to their comfortless pallet, supperless, alas, glad to thus escape the blows and kicks of a drunken father. Poor little ones, for whom Jesus died; happy for you when in childhood you are called home by the same loving voice which many years ago spoke in tender accents the words, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

And now a word or two on the "Evil" as regards the country at large. The ablest judges of Great Britain, our own and other countries, state boldly the fact that nine out of every ten crimes are committed by persons who are intoxicated. The greatest physicians of our day assert that the habit of intoxication ruins body and mind.

Then in regard to financial facts, we have it on the best authority that in Great Britain alone the sum of one hundred millions of pounds is spent annually on beer, wines and spirits, and we call on all intelligent people to confirm the fact that ninety-nine per cent. of this money would have done as much good and infinitely less harm, if it had been thrown into the depths of the sea.

Had we space we might quote statistics as regards jails; poor-houses, asylums, &c., which would still further show this giant "evil" in all its hideousness: but we are limited to certain bounds, and must close.

We might mention that in a paper of to-day, we saw a statement made by the Archbishop of York, England. His Grace said that, if he had half of the amount spent upon intoxicating drink in the United Kingdom, he could buy with it, half the [illegible] country.

We are glad that England is aroused on this question. We rejoice that the United States is lifting up her voice and crying shame on the accursed traffic. It brings still greater joy to our heart to know that our own Canada is stirred from ocean to ocean, and that this beloved Ontario, "Our own, our native land," is sending county after county to swell the triumphant army of noble men who work for the restoration of the fallen, and that the "infidel" question of Cain is being answered by the voice of thousands of Christians to-day. "I am my brother's keeper." And we cannot shirk this responsibility, or escape the consequences of refusing to honor and obey the Divine command, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.'

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FIRE BRIGADE MEETING.

Minutes of Regular Meeting of R. H. F. B. held in Council Chamber on evening of Jan. 2nd 1885.

Captain in the Chair. Fireman Storey acted as Secretary.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

Committee on Entertainment on New Year's reported as follows:

Receipts from Concert	$50 25
Expenses do. do.	25 45
Balance	$24 80

Moved by Fireman Duncan, seconded by Fireman Snyder, that report of Committee be received and adopted—Carried.

This being the first Regular Meeting of the year, the election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with.

Moved by Foreman Redditt, seconded by Foreman Savage, that Captain Sanderson vacate the Chair and Fireman Rupert take the same.—Carried.

The election resulted as follows:

Officers for 1882.

Captain, J. H. Sanderson acclamation.
Lieutenant, W. Pugsley do
Secretary, H. A Nicholls do
Treasurer, W. Pugsley do
Foreman of Hose, B. Redditt do
Foreman of H. & L. P. G. Savage, by ballot.
Steward, A. J. Rupert, by ballot.

At the conclusion of the election, short and appropriate speeches were made by the Captain, Lieutenant, Foreman of Hose, Foreman of H. & L. and Steward,

Moved by Lieutenant Pugsley, seconded bp Fireman Tyndall, that a special meeting be held on Friday, Jan. 9th, to settle up the business of 1884 and pay the men.—Carried.

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VILLAGE COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the Village Council was held in the Council Chamber on on Tuesday evening, Jan. 6th, '85.

The Reeve in the chair. The members were all present.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid:—

M. Teefy, Clerk. disbursements for the past year	$14 57
M. H Keefler, printing	2 30
J. McConnell, for tramp, board & lodging	50

Mr. H. F. Hopper introduced a By-Law regulating billiard tables in the corporation of Richmond Hill. After the By-Law was read a first and second time, the Council formed itself into a committee of the whole for the purpose of filling in the blanks. Mr. Crosby in the chair.

Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Moodie, that the first blank be filled by placing $40 for the first table and $25 for each additional table.

Mr. Law moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Crosby, that the blanks be filled by placing $150 for the first table and $80 for each additional table.

The amendment being put was declared lost, Messrs. Brown, Moodie and Hopper voting for the original motion.

The second blank was filled by the words sixteen years, under which age, no person is to be allowed to frequent the billiard parlor without the written consent of his parent or guardian.

The third blank was filled so as to read as follows:—The hours for running the billiard parlor shall be between 9 a. m. and 11 p. m., Sundays excepted.

The By-Law was then passed, and the Reeve and Clerk signed the same and attached the seal of the corporation.

The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

M. TEEFY, Clerk.

PERSONALS.

Rev. J. D. Leek will preach in the Methodist Church of this place next Sabbath evening.

Rev. W. R. Barker will preach Missionary Sermons next Sunday at Newtonbrook and Downsview.

Among the successful candidates at the recent examination, Victoria College, Cobourg, we notice the name of Mr. W. T. Norman, of Richmond Hill High School.

We are pleased to notice by the Brampton papers that Miss Lillie Langstaff, eldest daughter of Dr. James Langstaff, passed her examination successfully at the Model School of that place, and took a creditable stand among the competitors.

MARRIAGES

CASELY—PEARSON—At the residence of Mr. C. Casely, father of the bridegroom. Headford, on Wednesday, Jan. 7th, by Rev. W. B. Booth, Mr. Daniel Casely, to Miss Rebecca Pearson, all of Markham.

DEATHS

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