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Correspondence for this column must be written plain and unambiguously with ink, on one side only of white paper. Let them be short and to the point.

THE ORDER

Numerous societies have been formed all aiming at the detronement of Alcohol and rescuing fallen humanity from the dreadful realities of an inebriate's life, and to save those who have not experienced the pangs of a burning thirst for that which "giveth its color in the cup." The particular organization to which we devote a few lines is the rising and promising order of Good Templars. It embodies the very elements of success. It is an offspring of the present age. No mouldering monument marks the place of its origin. No dusty records tell of its triumphs in other days. It is imbued with the vitality and aspirations of the present day. It sprang into existence from the necessity of the times, the necessity of some new and powerful agent to roll back an intemperate tide which was sweeping over the country, scattering misery, woe and death in its course. It came to rescue fallen humanity from the lowest depths of degradation and vice. It sets a bow of promise in the cloud of the inebriate's destiny, and thus far nobly has the order fulfilled its mission, and carried redemption to many a desolate captive of appetite and passion.

Yet this noble Order has foes to contend with; foes who would blast the long hopes of philanthropists, that would render every effort useless to save man from the starless, hopeless night of eternity. Among our enemies we note that class of persons who have proved recreant to the trust reposed in them. Who would voluntarily assume the obligations of a Good Templar, and without a just sense of their responsibility violate those solemn obligations, and thus sacrifice that which entitles them to the respect of an intelligent community. I appeal to you whom I once called Brother, if you can interpret your course in any other way than tampering with your own convictions of justice and right. On what principle of morals, religion or right will you justify your step. How dare you to be led by the tempter into the circle of power that has hurled millions from happiness and heaven down to the lowest hell. Your first step was a wrong to your own immortal nature. Listen to the voice of one who illustrates the sin and shame of the first step.

"Oh, my condition! There is no hope that I should ever change. The waters have gone over me; but if out of the black depths I could be heard, I would cry aloud to all those who have set a foot in that perilous flood. Could you look into my desolation and be made to understand what a dreary thing it is when a man shall feel himself going down a precipice with eyes open and a passive will, to see his destruction and no power to stop it; and yet to feel it all emanating from himself, to perceive all goodness emptied out of him and yet not able to forget a time when it was otherwise, to tear about the piteous spectacle of his own ruin could he see my fevered eye, feverish with the last night's debauch and feverishly looking forward for this night's repetition of the folly; could he feel the body of death out of which I cry hourly with feeble and feeble out cry to be delivered, it were enough to make him dash the sparkling beverage to the earth." How awful is that warning—"at last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

RESULTS OF INTOXICATION

Mr. Cann, was a noble young man, physically and intellectually noble. He was of a royal family, and the inheritor of a large estate in Germany. He was admired by all of his young acquaintances and friends, which were many. His character was lofty and noble, but unfortunately he became addicted to drinking, he spent a great portion of his time in saloons and gambling houses, and spent thousands of dollars yearly for liquor, for himself and friends, and would have spent much more but it was only paid to him by his guardian in annual installments, but even as it was his wild career, was cut short.

One day he went to the express office, and received a large amount of money, he and some of his friends became intoxicated, as they were returning home, they went to cross the river; he went to step into the boat, lost his balance, fell over board, and was drowned.

Thus we see hundreds, who, if they do not by the steady use of liquor, bring on poverty, or disease, they meet with some sad accident, or commit some crime, and even die deaths worse than this.

Let every drunkard take warning by this unfortunate man, and cast down the cup before it is too late. And let every good Templar make an effort to rescue their fellow men who have fallen by its potent power.

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