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FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

AMERICAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

THE fourth Anniversary of this national institution was held in the Rev. Dr. McAuley's Church, Murray street, on Thursday evening, the 14th of May. The house was well filled with a highly respectable audience. In the absence of the President of the Union, Gen. Cocks, of Virginia, the chair was taken by E. C. Delavan, Esq. Chairman of the Executive Committee. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mark Hopkins, D.D., President of Williams College, Mass. and an abstract of the report was read by the Rev. John Marsh, Corresponding Secretary.

On motion, by S. V. S. Wilder, Esq. of New-York, seconded by Professor Hough, of Middlebury College, it was

Resolved, That the report be accepted and printed under the direction of the Executive Committee.

The Rev. Dr. Humphrey, President of Amherst College, Mass., offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the American Temperance Union contemplate with gratitude to the All Wise Disposer of events, the continued advance of the cause of temperance among the nations of the earth, especially the late extraordinary movements in Ireland, which promise to deliver that beautiful island from the most degrading bondage.

Dr. H. engrossed the attention of the audience for a considerable time, chiefly with the latter topic ; and, with a beauty and force of expression peculiarly his own, elaborately described the deep degradation of Ireland, naturally beautiful, and containing rich veins of intellect, but destroyed by intemperance, and the extraordinary national enthusiasm which was now throwing off the evil ; the work of Theobald Mathew—no, not of Theobald Mathew, but of a higher power, honoring him as the great instrument, and which called for our special thankings to the Ruler of Nations.

John Tappan, Esq. of Boston, offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Rev. Thornton A. Mills, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Resolved, That the American Temperance Union feel a deep interest in the noble-hearted Irishmen who have made America their abode ; and hope that the

"Irish heart" here will respond to the call from sweet home, and that they will unanimously sign the pledge of total abstinence from all that intoxicates, and keep it when signed.

The Hon. Theodore Frelinghuysen, Chancellor of the University of New York, offered the following resolution, which he sustained for half an hour with great ability.

Resolved, That our confidence is unimpaired in the leading measures which have been pursued for the promotion of temperance in our country, and we do urge upon all our friends an active and untiring continuance of them; more especially would we impress upon all, the importance of a firm and consistent example of total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Nathan Crosby, Esq. of Boston, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the American Temperance Union regard the character of the recent reports of legislative committees as indicative of a great advance of our cause; and though they have not advised to the action asked for by numerous memorialists, yet a uniform acknowledgement of the correctness of their principles, shows that the time may not be far distant when every legislature will shudder at patronizing and legalizing the sale of intoxicating drinks, and will, by suitable statutes, protect the community from its evil influences.

The resolution was seconded by President Hopkins, of Williams College.

Elisha Taylor, Esq. of Albany, chairman of the Executive Committee of the New York State Temperance Society, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the reception given by the various Temperance Societies of Great Britain to the delegation of the American Temperance Union to their last anniversaries, was highly gratifying to the friends of temperance in America; and that we hope for the pleasure of soon welcoming to our shores some representatives of those noble associations which are fast working deliverance for our father land.

The resolution was responded to in a speech of much animation by the Rev. Dr. Patton, of New York, one of the delegation. Dr. Patton moved, that the Executive Committee be directed to express the strong sympathies of the American Temperance Union with the people of Ireland in their great temperance reform, and that our reports, publications, and congratulations be immediately forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary of the Irish Temperance Union.

The resolution brought up Mr. Samuel Stewart, recently from Belfast, who, as a representative of the Emerald Isle, was received with much cheering. Mr. Stewart, in a neat and handsome speech, thanked the Americans for the interest they took in his native land, and gave a brief account of the rise and progress of temperance there, especially of its recent wonderful advance under the Rev. Theobald Mathew in the south of Ireland. He fully confirmed the accounts in the public papers.

The Rev. E. N. Kirk concluded the meeting with a short, but powerful speech on the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution of the Executive Committee to call a National Temperance Convention in the summer of 1841, meets our full approbation, and that the time has arrived when we should hail with joy a Temperance Convention for the whole WORLD.*

The blessing was pronounced by Dr. Humphrey.

* Appendix A.

OFFICERS OF THE AMERICAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

JOHN H. COCKE, of Virginia, President.

Reuben H. Walworth, of New York, Lewis Cass, of Michigan, Matthew Newkirk, of Pennsylvania, Theodore Frelinghuysen, John Savage, of New York, Joseph Duncan, of Illinois, Sarsuel Hubbard, Lucius M. Sargent, Rev. Justin Edwards, D. D., of Massachusetts, Robert Lucas, of Iowa, R. T. Dunlap, of Maine, Rev. J. Roaf, of Upper Canada, Vice Presidents.

Edward C. Delavan, John Tappan, Theodore Frelinghuysen, John T. Norton, Christian Keener, John W. Leavitt, Executive Committee.

Rev. John Marsh, and Dr. Lindon A. Smith, Secretaries.

Jasper Corning, Treasurer.

John Wheelwright, Auditor.

Presidents and Secretaries of Societies constituting the American Temperance Union, for 1840.

AMERICAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

Samuel Hubbard, LL. D. President. _____, Cor. Sec.

MAINE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY—*Anniversary, Feb. 20.*

Hon. R. T. Dunlap, President. Phineas Barnes, Cor. Sec.

MAINE TEMPERANCE UNION—*Anniversary, Jan. 7.*

Hon. Asa Reddington, President. Rev. Thomas Adams, Cor. Sec.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE SOCIETY—*Anniversary, June 15.*

Hon. Joshua Darling, President. Rev. Edmund Worth, Cor. Sec.

VERMONT STATE SOCIETY—*Anniversary, Oct. 23.*

Hon. Jona Loomis, President. George B. Manser, Cor. Sec.

MASSACHUSETTS STATE SOCIETY—*Anniversary, May 26.*

Dr. John C. Warren, President. Dr. Walter Channing, Sec.

MASSACHUSETTS TEMPERANCE UNION—*Anniversary, May 28.*

John Tappan, President. James C. Converse, Cor. Sec.

RHODE ISLAND STATE SOCIETY—*Anniversary, Nov. 20.*

William Aplin, Esq. President. Charles Jewett, Cor. Sec.

CONNECTICUT STATE SOCIETY—*Anniversary, May, 3d Tuesday.*

Rev. Jeremiah Day, D.D. President. Rev. Herman Baldwin, Cor. Sec.

NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY—*Anniversary, Feb. 14.*

Hon. Reuben H. Walworth, President. Elisha Taylor, Cor. Sec.

NEW JERSEY STATE SOCIETY—*Anniversary, Jan. 17.*

Stacy G. Potts, President. Dr. James B. Colman, Cor. Sec.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE SOCIETY—*Anniversary, May, 4th Tuesday.*

Thomas Fleming, President. David McClure, Sec.

DELAWARE STATE SOCIETY—*Anniversary, April 17.*

Hon. Willard Hall, President. Dr. Henry Gibbons, Cor. Sec.

MARYLAND STATE SOCIETY—*Anniversary, Feb. 28.*

Hon. Stevenson Archer, President. C. R. Taylor, Sec.

- VIRGINIA STATE SOCIETY—*Anniversary, Feb. 28.*
Gen. John H. Cocks, President. _____, Cor. Sec.
- OHIO STATE SOCIETY—*Anniversary, Jan. 11.*
_____, President. P. B. Wilcox, Cor. Sec.
- INDIANA STATE SOCIETY—*Anniversary, Dec. 11.*
Jeremiah Sullivan, President. Joseph M. Moore, Cor. Sec.
- MICHIGAN STATE SOCIETY—*Anniversary, Feb. 11.*
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Dr. Samuel Sharp, President. _____, Cor. Sec.
- TENNESSEE STATE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.
_____, President. _____, Cor. Sec.
- ILLINOIS STATE SOCIETY—*Anniversary, Dec. 5.*
Dr. B. F. Edwards, President. A. W. Corey, Cor. Sec.
- MISSOURI STATE SOCIETY—*Anniversary, Feb. 5.*
H. R. Gamble, President. Samuel Knox, Cor. Sec.
- MISSISSIPPI STATE SOCIETY.
_____, President. James Burke, Cor. Sec.
- LOUISIANA STATE SOCIETY.
Gen. J. B. Dawson, President. S. P. Anderson, Cor. Sec.
- SOUTH CAROLINA STATE SOCIETY—*Anniversary, Dec. 5.*
Hon. Job Johnston, President. G. J. Snowden, Cor. Sec.
- WISCONSIN SOCIETY—*Anniversary, Feb. 18.*
Samuel Hinsman, President. S. A. Dwinell, Cor. Sec.
- IOWA SOCIETY—*Anniversary, Dec. 11.*
Robert Lucas, President. Dr. J. M. Robertson, Cor. Sec.
- DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.
Rev. Henry Slicer, D.D. President. J. Lasch, Cor. Sec.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

AMERICAN TEMPERANCE UNION IN ACCOUNT WITH JASPER
CORNING, TREASURER.

Cash paid out from Jan. 1, 1839 to Dec. 31.

For paper and printing	\$3147 20
Salaries, agents, rent, postage, discount, freight, fuel, &c. &c.	3734 43
Expenses in foreign countries	151 26
Balance of account	94 10
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	\$7126 99

Cash received from Jan. 1, 1839 to Dec. 31.

For Journals	\$3876 00
Donation from E. C. Delavan	2500 00
Other donations	260 00
Sales of publications	54 96
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	\$6710 96

Expenses exceeding receipts, \$415 93.

JASPER CORNING, Treasurer.

REPORT
OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A distinguishing feature of the age in which we live, is a resolution to triumph over moral corruption; a determination to break the chains of the worst of slavery, the slavery of degrading and destructive animalism.

In the age of our childhood, America and France were each struggling for civil liberty. In this of our manhood, we hear a voice from China, from Africa, from the Isles of the Sea, from Ireland, from Britain, from the cold regions of the North, from every part of our free and happy Republic, saying, we and ours will no longer be slaves to the poisonous drug, or the intoxicating cup. The movement is ONE, and it is mighty. If in our own land it has not, as in another, been national and borne onward with an enthusiasm which no benevolent enterprise has before enjoyed, still here it has, in the past year, steadily progressed, and gained, it is believed, a deeper and deeper hold of the affections of our countrymen.

In presenting their fourth Annual Report, the Executive Committee feel it incumbent upon them, first of all to express their grateful acknowledgements to the Great Disposer of all events, that they are still permitted to live and labour in this great and blessed enterprise; and then to present a brief statement of what has been done in the past year in the cause of temperance in each of the States composing the Union and in foreign countries.

MAINE.

In the State of Maine the cause has been well sustained by the Temperance Gazette, published at Augusta, under the patronage of the State Temperance Union. Two agents have been employed a considerable part of the year in travelling and lecturing. Rev. J. C. Lovejoy, and Samuel Chipman, Esq., the gentleman who has distinguished himself by his careful investigations in the State of New York. Under

the labours of these gentlemen, a uniform willingness has been manifested to adopt the comprehensive pledge. A State Convention was held at Augusta on the 3d of October,—an interesting meeting, at which it was

Resolved, That *legislative action* is among the appropriate means demanded in the present state of our cause, to remove a portion of the evil of intemperance, which no other influence can reach or control; and, that the suffrages of temperance men should aid in elevating those men to seats in our legislative councils, and those only, whose influence, in every capacity, in which they may be called to act, will be felt in favour of the temperance reform.

A memorial to the Legislature, respectfully requesting that the license law be repealed, and a prohibitory law be enacted in its stead, was adopted and sent forth to the people for signatures. This memorial was returned to the Legislature numerously signed, but produced no change in the existing law.

On the 4th of February, the State Temperance Union held its Anniversary. Two hundred and forty delegates were in attendance. The meeting embodied much of the talent of the State, and the discussions were of an high order. The subjects were, the foundations of temperance action; the means of reaching the mass of mind and removing existing prejudice; the importance of a consistent course of conduct in temperance men; legislative action; an hospital for drunkards, and the spirit rations in the U. S. Navy. On the latter subject, an able memorial was drafted and forwarded to Congress. From reports from 69 towns in the State, it appeared that, in nearly all those towns, there were regularly organized temperance societies, about one half of which were on the total abstinence principle; that in sixty of these towns, there are four hundred vendors of ardent spirits either in stores or taverns, but that not more than one in forty of these are licensed. Thirty of the returns spoke of the cause as advancing, others as stationary or retrograde. In relation to the influence of the reforms in the State at large, the answers were most interesting and heart-cheering. "Very happy," "very salutary," "most happy," "decidedly good," "great and glorious," are phrases used in the returns to express the results of the cause.

The following resolutions were, with great unanimity, adopted at the meeting.

1. *Resolved*, That the Temperance Reform, like the religion of the gospel, has its foundation in truth, and consequently the one as certainly as the other must ultimately prevail.

2. *Resolved*, That, to extend the influence of the Temperance Reform, we must not rest simply in the assurance that it is founded in truth: but means must be employed to bring this truth in contact with the whole mass of mind.

3. *Resolved*, That, on account of its religious bearings, the Temperance cause is entitled to a prominent place in the efforts and prayers of every friend of Zion.

4. *Resolved*, That, in the light of political economy, this cause is entitled to the serious attention of the statesman, as well as the christian and philanthropist.

5. *Resolved*, That there is ground to expect important results from the faithful individual efforts of the friends of Temperance, even in reclaiming those who have become addicted to habits of intemperance.

6. *Resolved*, That, notwithstanding the importance of individual effort, associated action is essential to the complete triumph of this cause, and that no man does his whole duty, whose influence is not felt in an associated as well as an individual capacity.

7. *Resolved*, That, in our associated efforts for staying the torrent and drying up the fountains of intemperance, we must never forget the pervading, though silent influence of individual character; and, if we would be successful in any measures that may be adopted to reclaim the inebriate or restrain the retailer, we must see to it that they are prompted by a spirit of love, and backed by a life of consistency.

8. *Resolved*, That a cause like this should never be suffered to languish for want of pecuniary aid; and every friend should feel it a privilege as well as a duty, to contribute for its advancement.

9. *Resolved*, That a correct public sentiment, on this as well as on every other subject, should be allowed to manifest itself in every suitable way; that one of those ways is the establishment of good and wholesome laws; that the best and most wholesome laws would be laws prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; and it is the deliberate and solemn conviction of this Union, that it is the duty of wise and virtuous legislators to conform their action to this high standard, and as soon and as fast as it is practicable to establish such laws.

In this State, temperance received a severe blow in the Aroostook expedition. Intemperance and war are kindred spirits. Where the latter reigns or is only contemplated, the former is sure to rage. What one man can do, has been clearly and happily exemplified in this State. For several years this individual, (the Hon. S. M. Pond, of Bucksport,) has been untiring in his labours, sparing neither time, money, nor effort to purify the county in which he lives; the result is, as clearly ascertained by recent investigations, that less liquor is sold in that whole county, than is sold in a single village in a population of 2000 in another county, where very little effort has been made.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

In New-Hampshire, the cause has suffered, it is feared, a retrograde movement. In a recent address to its friends, the Secretary of the State Society, Edmund Worth, Esq., says,

"A few years since—we could muster a host of valiant cold water volunteers to fight king Alcohol, the deadly foe to human happiness; but where are they now? We fear our forces have suffered for want of suitable discipline and exercise; that some of our officers have fallen asleep, and their soldiers have followed their example or deserted and