



VOICE OF INDUSTRY

WHAT WE LABOR FOR.

The Rights of Man to himself, to a permanent home on the earth, to the choice of industrial pursuits, to that for himself, to the hour of toil, to an equivalent for what he produces, to the best opportunities for education, and to freedom in every thing.

LOWELL, JANUARY 9, 1847.

INDUSTRIAL REFORM PLEDGE.

"We whose names are annexed, desiring of retaining to our own National Rights, to Liberty, and to the Rights of Man to himself, to a permanent home on the earth, to the choice of industrial pursuits, to that for himself, to the hour of toil, to an equivalent for what he produces, to the best opportunities for education, and to freedom in every thing."

THE NEW YEAR.

Since our last visit among our readers, 'old Time' has ushered in the 'New Year,' 1847. Custom, from time immemorial, has made the departure of the old and the dawn of the new year, a period of thought and reflection—of reviewing the varied past and looking onward to the hopeful future—of repentance for past transgressions, and resolves of devotion to duty for the remainder of life, and of cherishing fond anticipations of fame, honor and happiness, in coming days.

Another 'New Year' rolls round and how stands the parties in the race for wealth?—Look yonder at that elegant coach, with servants and liveries. One year ago the owner was a poor man, but now he is worth a princely fortune, and rides in splendor. He has won the prizes? and though at the sacrifice of the peace, comfort, health or even lives of hundreds—although he used his fellow mortals as beasts of burden—subjected them to unrequited and tedious toil, or sold them like cattle in the market—although he robbed them of their hard earned pittance by putting the cup of 'wicked poison' to their lips, and turned their wives and children, legions into the streets; yet he is counted and flattered, and the multitude, as they pass, wish him a happy New Year?

Look again! see that poor, haggard, and disconsolate looking man, in the custody of an officer of justice. About one year ago, he started upon a race for wealth; but he 'lost the prize.' And though he oppressed not the widow or fatherless, or did violence to the health and lives of any, yet he has 'robbed the law,' by stealing to satisfy the cravings of a hungry and destitute family and has been sentenced to the prison as a felon and robber, and as he passes along there are notes to wish him a happy New Year?

Reader, have you wished your neighbor a 'happy New Year?' if so, what are you doing towards enabling him to realize a year of happiness? And if you wish your neighbor a happy new year, why not the whole family of man? And are you doing anything for the happiness of the human family? Are you striving to abolish Slavery, Intemperance, War, and Servitude in all its forms? Are you laboring to abolish unjust laws and customs, and to build up the universal empire of Justice and Truth? If so, recollect that no good resolution should be put off till the 'New Year,' but that every day should be a day of resolves and self-denial, and that if it is any good we can accomplish, or any sin to be repented of, to-day should be the 'New Year.'

In conclusion we wish our readers each and all a 'Happy New Year,' and assure them we do not make an endeavor to do all in our power that may lead to a year upon which we have just entered happily, but to usher in that 'Happy New Year' when peace, plenty and love shall dwell among men, and they remain no longer strangers and aliens in the Earth's

PARTICULAR NOTICE. This is the last paper many of our subscribers will receive before their arrangements are paid up immediately. We shall be sorry to lose any of our readers, but however much we regret such a step, it becomes absolutely necessary, unless they are interested enough in our success, to do us the simple justice of paying for their papers.

THE DELAY.

We extremely regret that the encumbered condition of the Type and Printing materials connected with this office, has resulted in a suspension of the Voice for the last two weeks.

When our last paper went to press, we little anticipated our weekly visits would be thus obstructed, but in consequence of the inability of 'The Female Association,' (who were possessors of the property) to meet the demands against it, our operations were entirely suspended. To any one the least acquainted with publishing papers, especially with so much to contend with as is our lot, it will readily appear that our 'zeal was a hindrance' and not an easily settled.

But we are happy in being able to state to our friends and readers, that the old, and some new type has been purchased; all of which, together with the press and furniture is in the hands of good and experienced printers for the future publication of the Voice of Industry; and now we ask our friends and subscribers to recollect, that the prosperity of the paper depends upon them. Between thirty and forty dollars are required every week to defray its expenses. This sum of money can be easily raised if all our friends are vigilant and active. Let each one see that his or her subscription does not expire before it is renewed and paid for, and then see their efforts in preparing other subscribers.

The pecuniary affairs of the paper have borne heavily upon the editor as well as several friends and hard workmen, whose memories and generous hearts, far more deserve a monument by posterity, than your battle fields of Concord and Bunker's Hill, or your 'heroes of a hundred battles.' Were we to consult our ease, comfort, coffers, fame or glory, we should abandon the chief editorial for some other, but our sympathies are too strongly enlisted with the glorious cause of 'renouncing Labor,' to relinquish so powerful an instrument (however feebly conducted) as the Voice of Industry has been, in awakening the great interest abroad in community, in behalf of the toiling masses; and as it is destined to be, in hastening a better future for poor, disheartened and oppressed humanity. This, and this alone is all that encourages us to battle on against the giant systems of error and combined extortion; and our friends, shall we have your cheerful and hearty (for strong) grudging aid we despise, co-operation? The cause is yours, and your labor is yours, we only labor as one of you, consenting to 'sweat and be spent' for the general good. Should you prove true to yourselves, we shall have a long and loud response: 'Long live the Voice of Industry.'

OUR NEW HEAD.

We feel somewhat mortified in not being able to present our paper this week with a new illustrative Head, as we anticipated; but the one for which we have been at considerable trouble and expense to procure, falls so far short of our expectations, and so fully represents our design, that we choose to use the 'old familiar one,' until one of the 'right sort' can be procured. In the meanwhile we do not intend that the paper shall be any less valuable with the old head; nor would we insult the good sense of our readers, by intimating that they would prize the head rather than the matter of the paper.

CHELMSFORD—SOUTH FACTORY VILLAGE.

On Thursday evening of last week, viz, to gether with Fred Brown of Lynn and several friends from North Chelmsford, attended a meeting at this pleasant little village. The weather and traveling were quite unfavorable, therefore the School house was not filled. But quite a degree of interest was manifested by the audience. Eriest Rowe of North Chelmsford sang a very appropriate song on the Labor Reform, after which we spoke for some time upon the present condition of the Laboring Classes, and the necessity of some radical changes in our laws and institutions, to secure the laboring man and woman their rights, and bring peace, virtue and happiness to the family of man. As a remedy for the present evils which afflict the laboring people, we urged the necessity of diffusing the right kind of knowledge among the people, a reduction of the hours of Labor and the freedom and limitation of the Soil. Mr. Brown followed with a few forcible remarks. Friend Rowe and Edwards also spoke with feeling in relation to working men sustaining papers devoted to their cause. The meeting then adjourned to January the 11th, (next Monday evening). Let there be a full house.

TO CORRESPONDENTS. In order that all may have a hearing through our columns we must ask our correspondents to be as precise as possible. Let those who have any thing to communicate, be as brief as the nature of their subjects will allow, and to the point. By this course we shall be able to give all a hearing. A Spectator's next week.

GRATEFUL REMARKS. We understand that much joy has been occasioned among some of the particular friends of the Laboring classes, by the suspension of our paper for the last two weeks. Poor fellows, how disappointed they will be.

THE NEXT CONVENTION.

Less than two weeks intervene before the adjourned meeting of 'The Workmen's League' at Boston. Are our friends aware that only one week from next Wednesday is the time? If so are they up and doing?—There is much to be said and much to be done, and we want a good and true delegation from every town. 'Our friends, Agitation and Action are to save the working classes; your condition never will be made better while you are at home in stupor and apathy, or mourning over your troubles. We feel quite sure that our friends at Boston will make ample arrangements for a good and profitable meeting.

NOTICE.

The adjourned meeting of the Labor Reform League of New England will be held in Boston the third Wednesday and Thursday of the present month, (Jan. 19th and 20th). It is all important that there should be a full delegation from all the different Associations throughout New England, as business of deep interest to all working classes will come before the meeting. Let every male and female who wishes well to the cause of human improvement, human elevation and the Rights of all the People, see to it that they are there and ready to act!

H. J. STONE, Rec. Sec. Lowell, Jan. 6, 1847. N. B. Will the 'Manchester Democrat,' 'Essex Banner,' 'Dial,' and 'Farmer and Ledger,' please copy the above.

THE PRINTERS' FESTIVAL.—Although we have been unable to attend any of the preliminary meetings in this city, preparatory to the celebration of Franklin's birth, yet we anticipated the event with no small degree of interest until we saw it advertised to come off at a Tavern where Rum is freely sold! Now we don't know but it may appear consistent to the editor of the Courier, who we believe was the originator of the affair, and those connected with the Niagara to preach Temperance and denounce the Rum-sellers as worse than thieves and robbers, and then celebrate the birth of one of the greatest temperance men (considering to the age in which he lived) who ever blessed the world, at one of these same Rum-sellers' establishments.—What a report to go out to the world, that there is not temperance enough among the printers and publishers of Lowell to patronize a temperance tavern on such an occasion! We don't wonder that there are three-hundred or more Rum shops in this city, if such is the character of the Press and the professed temperance leaders.—We think it more congenial to the virtues and principles of 'old Ben,' to celebrate his anniversary over a cup of cold water at home, than foster the crying evil of intemperance. So gentlemen please set us down, 00.

THE MANCHESTER PIC-NIC.

We ask especial attention to the article on our Manchester correspondent, upon the late Corporation Pic-Nic.—This premium system of urging operatives to their utmost, to our mind is as much worse than horse racing, as horses are inferior to human beings. Induce operatives, by every stratagem, to strain every muscle and nerve, work by the jump and swallow their food half masticated, and then take a paltry pittance of the blood money to provide an evening's entertainment for them! And call this 'generosity! Liberality!' Woe! how large premiums the 'Stark Company' will award those overseers who will report at given periods the most healthy and happy operatives? Let us see whether it is operatives or dividends for which they are so solicitous.

CITY SUBSCRIBERS, who take their papers at No. 7 Merrimack St. will find them hereafter at Mr. Hervey's Bookstore, No. 113 Merrimack St.

We rejoice to learn that John Turner, the staunch teetotaler, and friend to the laboring poor is again in the Common Council of Boston.

We shall have a few words to say to a late correspondent of the Manchester American next week. Also upon the last report of the School committee of this city.

MR. PALFREY is elected in the fourth district over Frederick Robinson. Although we like Mr. Palfrey's Anti-Slavery views, yet we very much doubt his being a greater philanthropist or a stronger enemy to oppression, than his opponent. We know of no man better qualified (with a clear head and a generous heart) to fill a seat in Congress than Frederick Robinson.

DESPOTISM IN AMERICA.—A work of 186 pages upon the system of American Slavery and an enquiry into its nature and results, by the author of 'Archy Moore.' This is a book of rare merit, containing as it does the most concise and philosophical view of Slavery and its influence ever published. For sale at 112 Merrimack St. We advise our friends to get this work an attentive perusal.

CONGRASS. Nothing of interest yet! The Mexican War is likely to absorb nearly the season—giving the members time to take their 'rag.'

GOOD NEWS FROM THE WEST.

'Young America' comes to us pleasantly 'rich,' this week, and in addition to a large amount of interesting matter, all of which we wish we were able to copy; brings the following cheering tidings of the progress of National Reform in Wisconsin.

GLORIOUS VICTORY.

Palo Alto and Rañaca de la Palma thrown in the shade!—Matamoros, Monterey, and Tobacco totally eclipsed!—The second best National Reform Measure adopted by Wisconsin!—Hunkeler routed!—First Free State!

In the Constitutional Convention of Wisconsin the following article in favor of HOME-STEAD EXEMPTION was read the third time and PASSED, by a vote of 61 to 35:

Sec. 1. All property real and personal of the wife, owned by her at the time of her marriage, and also that acquired by her after marriage, by gift, devise, bequest or otherwise, from her husband, shall be a separate property: Laws shall be passed providing for the registering of the wife's property, and more clearly defining the rights of the wife thereto, as well as to the property held by her with her husband, and for carrying out the provisions of this section. Where the wife has a separate property from that of her husband, the same shall be liable for the debts of the wife contracted before marriage. Sec. 2. Forty acres of land, to be selected by the owner thereof, or the HOMESTEAD of a family not exceeding the rights of the wife thereto, shall not be included within any city or village, or instead thereof (at the option of the owner) any lot or lots in any city or village, being the homestead of a family, and not exceeding in value one thousand dollars, shall not be subject to forced sale on execution for any debt or debts growing out of or founded upon contract, either express or implied, made after the adoption of this constitution. Provided that such exemption shall not affect in any manner any mechanic or laborer's lien or any mortgage therein lawfully obtained, nor shall the owner, if a married man, be at liberty to alienate such real estate, unless by the consent of the wife.

Henry Kirk Wight was killed by falling through the 'elevator hole' in the Prescott Mill on Friday last. This is the second death in this city, within two weeks, occurring in this way.

THE OHIO TEMPERANCE ARTISAN—a new paper published at Cleveland Ohio, the second number of which is before us, looking very neat and attractive, but not Washington enough to suit our palate.

THE NEW ENGLAND WASHINGTONIAN came to us last week enlarged and beautified. We have spoken of this paper before, as the ablest and most rational temperance Journal in the country, and as yet have seen nothing to lead us to change our mind and we have only to add that it is now the most elegant in its mechanical appearance.

This is all our conscience will allow us to say. Will it do?

THE SALEM OBSERVER appears before us in a new dress, enlarged and otherwise improved. Some how or other we have been led to think this paper more than half persuaded to become a Christian.

LOWELL FEMALE INDUSTRIAL REFORM AND MUTUAL AID SOCIETY.

The following Preamble and Constitution having been adopted, we would most strongly urge upon every female operative, as well as others who are compelled by necessity to support themselves by their own industry, to avail themselves of this opportunity to help in this humane and protective cause. Let us unite together and protect each other. In health and prosperity we can enjoy each other's society from week to week—in sickness and destitution share in and kindly relieve each other's distresses. The young and defenseless female, far away from home and loving hearts, can here find true sympathy and aid. We do hope and confidently believe that many of our toiling sisters will come in next Tuesday, sign the Constitution, and eugize heart and hand in this benevolent cause. Our meetings will be held every Tuesday evening, at eight o'clock, at the Reading Room, 76 Central street. The officers for the coming year will be chosen Jan. 12. Let there be a full attendance. Now is the time for Action. H. J. STONE, Sec'y.

PREAMBLE.

The time having come when the claims of Industry and the Rights of all, are engrossing the deep attention, the profoundest thought and energetic action of the wisest and best in this and other lands—when the worthy toiling millions of earth are waking from the death-like stupor which has so long held them in ignorance and degradation, to a sense of their true dignity and worth as God's free men and women, destined to eternal progression and ultimate perfection, we, females of Lowell, feel that we also have a work to accomplish—a high and holy destiny to achieve. We desire it a privilege and also a duty we owe to ourselves and our race, to aid in helping hand, feelings, though it may be, to assist in carrying forward the great 'Industrial Reform' already commenced, and which is progressing with such unlooked for success, in the Old and New World. To assist in scattering light and knowledge among the people—to

encourage in every good word and work, those who are devoting themselves, and all that they have, to the cause of human elevation and human happiness.

We feel that by our mutual, united action, and with the blessing of high heaven, we can accomplish much, which shall tell for the progress of Industrial Reform—the elevation and satisfaction of mind and morals, in our midst—the comfort and relief of destitute and friendless females, in this busy city.

With this high aim and these noble objects in view, we most solemnly pledge ourselves to labor actively, energetically and unitedly, to bring about a better state of society. In order the more successfully to accomplish these objects, we adopt the following

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. This Association shall be called the LOWELL FEMALE INDUSTRIAL REFORM AND MUTUAL AID SOCIETY.

ART. II. The objects of this Society shall be the diffusion of correct principles and useful practical knowledge among its members—the rendering of Industry honorable and attractive—the relieving and aiding of all who may be sick, or in want of the comforts and necessities of life, or standing in need of the counsels and sympathies of true and benevolent hearts. Also to encourage and assist each other in self-culture, intellectual and moral, that we may be fitted for and occupy that station in society, which the truly good and useful ever should. That we may know and respect our own individual rights and privileges as females, and be prepared, understandingly, to maintain and enjoy them, irrespective of concentrated wealth or aristocratic usages of an anti-republican state of society.

ART. III. Any female can become a member by signing the Constitution and paying an initiation fee of fifty cents.

ART. IV. The officers of this society shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Board of Directors, four in number, all of which officers shall be members, ex-officio, of the Board.

ART. V. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and in case of absence, the Vice President shall fill the chair.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to be present at all meetings, and prepared to read the minutes of the previous meeting, if requested.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money paid into the Treasury, and to pay all bills presented by the Society and signed by the President and Secretary; also to keep a correct account of the same.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint a Charitable Committee the first Tuesday of each month, or oftener if necessary.

ART. IX. That Committee shall be styled the Sisters of Charity. It shall be their duty to ascertain who is needy or sick in the Society, and report the same at each meeting, that their wants may be attended to faithfully, their hearts cheered by the voice of sympathy and love. It shall also be their duty to furnish watchers for the sick so long as deemed necessary.

ART. X. Every member shall deposit not less than six cents weekly in the hands of the Treasurer, which sum, with the initiation fee and fines, shall go to make up a sick fund, which shall be appropriated no other way, except by vote of two thirds of the Board.

ART. XI. No member shall draw from this fund until she has contributed to the same three months the amount specified in article tenth; and then not less than two or over five dollars a week, or longer than four weeks, unless the Board see fit to order otherwise.

ART. XII. Any member who shall absent herself from the meetings three weeks in succession, without a reasonable excuse, shall be subjected to a fine of thirty-seven and a half cents; and if absent longer, twelve and a half cents per week. If at the end of three months, said member does not come in and pay her fines, she shall not be entitled to any of the benefits of the sick fund.

ART. XIII. The officers of this Society shall be chosen on the first Tuesdays of January and July, two weeks notice being previously given.

ART. IV. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two thirds of the members present, provided it be proposed at a previous meeting.

THE TEMPERANCE OFFERING.—The first number for the year is just from the press, and looks very inviting, especially to the real friends of Temperance, all of whom we trust will become subscribers without delay. The publication office is 112 Merrimack St. The editor also keeps a good assortment of useful and philosophical books and publications in the cause of Temperance and philanthropy. Give him a call.

THE RECREATES of Lowell gave a social entertainment at their hall on New Years eve. Singing, Speaking, and Refreshments were the order of the evening. Addresses were made by Mr. Hervey, Holton, and others. The singing by Mr. Whitney's Choir was excellent.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Sir: I take upon me at this time to wish you and through you your readers a happy New Year...

would be required. In other acquiescence in the ruling principle, those fear a reduction of the hours of labor...

contributed liberally towards defraying the expenses, and each met the other as an equal and a friend...

For the Wolf. The Wolf and the Shepherd. A shepherd by means of a terrible pestilence had lost his entire flock...

The Lowell Industrial Reform Association hold their regular meetings every Monday evening at 7 o'clock...

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THE WOLF AND THE FOX. Name to me one animal not skilful that I cannot imitate him, and the ape, too...

THE RAVEN. The raven observed that the eagle hooded thirty days over his eggs...

HOW IS YOUR TIME! MESSRS. BAILEY & PATTERSON, Wholesale Importers of Foreign Goods...

Some girls cannot get off as much cloth as others, such once are apt to be treated unkindly...

DEAR FORCE:—I was about to read this article Corporation Tyranny, but when I came to reflect that females are not accustomed to that troublesome operation...

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DECREASE OF CRIME.—The Rochester Democrat states that there are now but eleven criminals confined in the Monroe Co. Jail...

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