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THE LABORS OF MR. JOHN B. GOUGH. —

The last number of the *Massachusetts Cataract* contains an interesting letter from Mr. John B. Gough, giving an account of his labors for the past year, accompanied with some remarks on the present state of the temperance cause. Mr. Gough states that during the year, he has spoken 240 times, besides addresses to children; travelled 7,313 miles; obtained 10,836 names to the pledge, besides children; and visited 162 cities, town or villages. In all his travels, of about 45,000 miles, by stage, steamboat and railroad, he has never met with any accident nor been detained by any casualty [sic].

We copy the following extract from the letter of Mr. Gough, as giving the opinions of one who has had ample opportunities of judging, in relation to the present state of the temperance cause.

“In looking at the cause, I feel that it rests on a firmer basis than it did five years ago, and though there are fewer songs of victory, and less rejoicing over expected triumphs, yet there is a greater depth of feeling, and determination,—a clearer conviction of the magnitude of the evil, and the necessity of adopting right measures for its removal, —and above all, a more universal acknowledgment of God, as the Author of this movement, and a deeper sense of the dependence on him for success in this great work. This is all encouraging. Then the enormity of the traffic is forcing itself every day upon the attention of the people, and in spite of the combined efforts of manufacturers, importers, traffickers and drinkers, and worse than all, of caterers to the rum interest from personal, pecuniary, or political motives, a sentiment is obtaining, that will, I think ere long, speak loudly through the Legislatures, that the traffic *must* cease. That sentiment will increase, and that mighty command be obeyed.”