

now amount to 490, three have withdrawn, and fifteen have been expelled from the society; the committee of our society, as I believe, larger than committees generally are, consisting of 34 members, one half of whom are ladies,—to the ladies of the society, and especially to those of the committee, much credit is due, for the very efficient aid rendered by them in the advancement of this great work.—**JOSEPH HARTMAN, Sec.**

STANBRIDGE, Dec. 26.—I am pleased to write that the great cause of Temperance is still progressing in this quarter; the largest vender in our village, of the poisonous stuff, has abandoned the traffic, and signed the pledge, which gave a new impulse to the cause. We had a full meeting on the evening of the 24th instant, when an able and impressive address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Sargeant; our society is in a very flourishing condition, and considering the time since its formation, about eight months, and the number of inhabitants, I think we can hardly be beaten in Eastern Canada—the number in good standing in our society is at present 428.—**J. C. BAKER, Sec.**

BROOME, Dec. 27.—It having been agreed upon to celebrate the First Anniversary of the Broome Temperance Society, by a public dinner, and the 27th December being the day appointed; winter carriages from all quarters were seen approaching the place of meeting, Hungerford's school-house. About twelve o'clock, A.M., an unusual concourse of people had assembled to be addressed on the subject of temperance. As the eye caught the waving banners, and the music in melodious notes fell upon the ear, happy faces might be seen every where around, but the disappointment, astonishment and dismay of one, here and there, who loved the 'bottle,' were no less observable. At one o'clock the Rev. D. Connell, was called to the chair, and after some introductory remarks from the president, the meeting was addressed by Charles Cotton, Esq. M.D., Broome; Mr. Frost, and Rev. Mr. Fox, from Grandby. When these interesting and efficient addresses were concluded, the carriages formed into a line, and the company proceeded in procession by a circuitous route, passing through Churchville, to Mr. E. Y. Gilman's: at this house, which was formerly a tavern, but is now a temperance inn, a dinner was provided for the occasion, which reflected great credit on Mr. Gilman; about one hundred persons sat down and partook with much pleasure and enjoyment the good things provided. After dinner sixteen additional names were added to the pledge—excellent music and addresses, by gentlemen from Dunham and Granby, filled up the few remaining hours of this interesting occasion—the meeting was concluded with prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Fox, Granby, when the company dispersed to their homes, about eight o'clock.—**D. C. Sec.**

AMHERSTBURGH, Dec. 28.—The Total Abstinence Society of the coloured people of this place and vicinity, was organized August 18, 1842, since which time there have been five regular meetings devoted to discussions suited to the occasion, and, as a result of our efforts, the society now numbers 120, and, we are happy to add is yet increasing, and is in a flourishing state.—**ISAAC P. RICE, Sec.**

GALT, January 2.—The annual meeting of the Galt Temperance Society was held in the Methodist Chapel, December the 30th ult. The president in the chair—the following is an extract from the Report: "At our commencement a thick cloud appeared to be gathering around us, threatening the entire overthrow of our Society, but in a few short months the cloud spent its fury, and the Society came through unhurt, and have since been allowed to pursue their onward course—at least without public opposition. Since our commencement about 170 have signed the pledge, of whom about 30 have been expelled, and 10 have withdrawn, leaving about 130 in good standing, that is, as far as the knowledge of the Committee extend. During the past year the Committee have been indebted to the following gentlemen for their able and efficient labours in the cause of temperance among us, viz: Rev. Messrs. Clarke, Nall, Climie, Wastall, and Osborne, and Messrs. John Luff, of London, and J. McDonald, Agent of the Montreal Temperance Society." After the Report was received the Society proceeded to elect office-bearers for the ensuing year, when the following were chosen: James Cowan, Esquire, President; Mr. Robt. Gillespie, V. President; Mr. Robert Emmond, Rec. Sec.; and an executive committee of seven.—**P. G. HERRMAN, Cor. Sec.**

BRADFORD, Jan. 6.—The annual meeting of the West Gullbury Total Abstinence Society, was held in the village of Bradford,

on Monday evening 26th December last; as public feeling is fully alive to the subject of total abstinence in this township, a great number of the inhabitants attended; after several eloquent addresses had been delivered by the Rev. James Lamb, Jesse Ketchum, Esquire, and other gentlemen present, the meeting proceeded to elect office-bearers for the ensuing year, and the following persons were unanimously chosen:—Mr. John Peacock, President; Mr. Thos. Drifill, V. President; Mr. George Douglas, Secretary; Thomas A. Gordon, Asst. Sec.; and, George Peacock, Treasurer, with a committee of fourteen. The following extracts from the annual report of the Society will show how the work has progressed in this township:—"The Society commenced with 12 members and has now 441 names on its list, of these nine have removed from the township, ten have voluntarily withdrawn, and thirteen have been expelled; leaving 409 good and true members. Since Dec. 18, 1841, when the Society was first formed; 31 public meetings have been held in the township, and the Committee besides distributing a great number of Temperance tracts, have assisted in organizing two societies in a neighbouring township."—**G. DOUGLASS, Sec.**

FATHER MATHEW AT CORK.—On his return from a tour to Scotland, this excellent man was received with that respect and affection to which his zeal and devotion to the best interests of his country and mankind entitle him. There was a general gathering of the tee-totallers for thirty miles round, to welcome him back to his own "green isle." The procession is stated to have been two miles in length, eighteen to twenty abreast. He was greeted with a beautiful banner by the ladies. The address in behalf of the citizens was read by a Mr. Bernard. The following is Father Mathew's reply:

"Mr. Mayor, brother tee-totallers, and dearly beloved friends, citizens of Cork—I feel my bosom swell with rapture at this moment; feelings unutterable thro' within my breast, not through the gratification of any personal vanity, but for the sake of the glorious cause, in which all my hopes, wishes, and feelings are wrapped up. The trials that I have endured for the last twenty-seven years amongst you as an humble minister of religion, are at this moment more than repaid, by a reward far higher and holier than any portion of my life could have earned. My feelings are too much excited by the splendid display you have made, to suffer me to reply in proper language, but I will be quite content to speak to you in the plain, and unstudied eloquence of feeling that now struggles to burst from my throbbing heart. I did not anticipate that any such address was to have been presented to me, or I might have prepared an answer more suitable in words. But you all know how I feel, how grateful I am, and how overpowering it is to me to witness such an array, coming to bid me welcome to the city of my adoption. I thank you for this welcome, and though my feelings have always made me watch over you in this city with anxious solicitude, yet my love extends to every portion of the human family. I have come from Scotland with renewed confidence in the ultimate success of this glorious revolution. I never witnessed more enthusiasm, or such sacrifices of self to the principles of true virtue, as was displayed by the people of Scotland. I feel proud of the affection which the people of Scotland bear the people of Ireland, so amply testified by their kindness to me. I was there the representative of six millions of Irish tee-totallers to offer them a place in our ranks, and a share in the spoils of the victory, and 23,000 brave Scots volunteered in the army of virtue. In America the cause is going on rapidly, and I rejoice at it the more, because so many of our countrymen seek a home in it, when their own country refuses to afford them one.—I am glad to be able to tell you that the cause is extending itself over the whole earth, and that, ere many years, our victory will be complete. I will not detain you longer than to appeal to all present who know all my life, public and private, whether I ever made any distinction with my fellow men—because of their religious opinions. The presence of the high, the virtuous, and the good of all classes who have come out this day to pay a tribute to the cause, prove I have not; and in conclusion let me add that through the remainder of my life, which shall be devoted to this question, no such unholty distinction shall ever be made by me." After some further remarks, which were lost in the cheering, he resumed his seat. The procession then moved along the parade to the