

after another of the older members stood forward and feelingly advocated the duty and benefit of total abstinence—urging its claims with the greater confidence, as ample experience had taught themselves to prize it. A few additional signatures were procured, and all appeared encouraged to persevere in the good way. The accompanying Report was made by the Committee.

I am, Sir, your's, &c.,

WM. EDWARDS, *Secretary.*

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT.

The terrible evils of intemperance continue still to abound to an alarming extent; and if we hope to remedy these evils, we must, as a Society, make vigorous efforts. Past experience has shown that in proportion to our labour has been the amount of our success. Those who sow sparingly, will reap also sparingly; while those who sow bountifully, will reap the same.

The work of reform to which we are pledged presents aspects of importance in proportion as the subject engages attention. Nothing is better calculated to arrest attention than the statement of well-authenticated facts. These are amply supplied in the *Advocate*; and some of them of such a startling character, that one would suppose no individual, after a perusal, could resist yielding a ready support to the side of abstinence. With these views, your Committee take the present opportunity of recommending your continued support of this little paper; and they would further suggest to their successors in office, the propriety of taking steps to purchase and circulate some of the Temperance Tracts announced in the *Advocate* for sale.

In conclusion, the Committee respectfully invite to membership those out-standing friends whose names were attached to the old pledge. Every day's experience deepens the conviction, that nothing but the sweeping measure will accomplish the entire removal of intemperance. It would be deemed extremely idle to employ a child's hatchet to fell a sturdy maple. Intemperance is a tree of overgrown dimensions: to level it, requires the best tool, namely, Tee-totalism. Let this tool be employed, and let all unite in the work, and the tree, overgrown as it is, must fall.

REPORT.

From the Town: of Vaughan Sixth Concession Total Abstinence Society.

A meeting was held on the 6th January, 1840, and an address delivered by the Rev. George Pool, Wesleyan Minister; after which appropriate addresses were delivered by Mr. William McDougall and Mr. Murray, at the close of which the Total Abstinence pledge was introduced to the attention of the audience, and procured twenty-four subscribers on the spot. John Dickhout was then chosen President; James Graham, Vice-President; and Charles Graham, Secretary; with a Committee of seven. A meeting was again held on the 18th February, and an appropriate address delivered by Mr. Daniel McDougall, when nineteen members were added to the Society. Our meetings were then held monthly until next Annual Meeting, when we were addressed by the Rev. Mr. Brown, Episcopal Minister, and several other gentlemen. Our present number is seventy; and we pray that those who have thus nobly buckled on the temperance armour—total abstinence from intoxicating drinks—will not put it off till they have conquered and crushed this mighty foe of the human race—drunkenness—and it may be said that not a drunkard disgraces the neighbourhood. I remain, your's, &c.,

CHARLES GRAHAM, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE OTTAWA TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

L'ORIGINAL, January 16, 1841.

This Society was organized in 1830 upon the old pledge, and numbered upwards of 350 members. In the year 1838, seeing the inadequacy of the old pledge to effect the end in view, the tee-total pledge was adopted by the Society, and signed by upwards of 150 persons. As, however, many who drank fermented liquors continued to consider themselves members of the Society, it was considered a duty, though a painful one, to adopt

such resolutions as would secure consistency among the members. Accordingly, at the Tenth Anniversary Meeting, which was held on the 11th January, 1841, the following resolutions were moved; and after being well supported by various speakers, were cordially adopted by the Society, viz.:

1. *Resolved*,—That no person be considered a member of this Society who does not voluntarily subscribe to the Total Abstinence pledge adopted in the year 1838; and that this Society be designated THE OTTAWA TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.

The following officers were then unanimously elected for the ensuing year, viz.: For *President*, Mr. Robert Brock; *Vice-President*, Mr. John Lamb; *Secretaries*, P. O'Brian and Patrick Taylor; *Treasurer*, Mr. Levi Baucroft; with a Committee of fifteen.

2. *Resolved*,—That it appears desirable to this meeting, that an effort should be made to increase the sale of the *Canada Temperance Advocate*; and that the Rev. James T. Byrne and the Secretaries be requested to use their endeavours to effect that object.

3. *Resolved*,—That the Society issue an address to merchants and others residing in the District, who either use or traffic in intoxicating drinks, pointing out the evils of intemperance and the benefit of total abstinence; and urging them, in a respectful and courteous manner, to desist from such use or traffic, and to lend their influence to the Temperance Reformation; and that the Rev. J. T. Byrne and Mr. Peter O'Brian be a Committee to prepare the same.

4. *Resolved*,—That the thanks of the meeting be tendered to David Pattee, Esq., ex-President, for the able manner in which he has filled that office for the long period of ten years.

The meeting then adjourned until the second Monday in February, to the Red School-house in Longueuil. It is hoped that those who have not already signed the new pledge, will do so as soon as possible, and that our Society will increase in numbers and in usefulness. It is a very interesting fact, that among those who joined our Society during the last year, many who were justly considered hopeless cases, have stood fast to their pledge, and are incontrovertible proofs of the usefulness of Tee-total Societies.

I remain, Sir, your's, &c.,

P. O'BRIAN, *Secretary.*

Prescott, January 21, 1841.

SIR,—I beg to acquaint you with the proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Prescott Temperance Society, held at this place on the evening of the 11th instant.

After the opening of the meeting by prayer, the Secretary's Report for the past year, and which you will find enclosed, was read and adopted.

A vote of thanks to the Methodist Denomination, for the use of their chapel during the past year, was ordered to be recorded on the Society's books. The officers for 1841 were then chosen, consisting of a President (Mr. C. H. Peck), Vice President (Mr. W. Patrick), Secretary (the undersigned), and a Corresponding Committee of five.

After some comments had been read on Bishop Hopkins' lecture, the Rev. H. Wilkinson made several remarks pithy to the purpose, and with his usual zeal and whole-heartedness spoke of the unobjectionable nature of such an Institution as the Temperance Society, and said it would be as useless to oppose its onward progress, as to attempt to keep back the water of "Niagara Falls."

After his remarks, the names of twenty persons were offered as new members, to the Society, and fifteen have called on the Secretary since the meeting to have their names entered—which shows that we have no occasion for discouragement. I remain, Sir, very respectfully your's,

W. D. DICKINSON, *Secretary.*

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Four years have passed since this Society commenced its humble efforts to oppose the mighty evil produced in the land by the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and a grateful heart is the smallest tribute we should give to the Great Preserver of all, for having so long continued us as an Association for that purpose.

Though the result of the Society's operations are not so great as to be discernable in any general decrease of the use of spirituous