

FIRST REPORT OF THE "NEWBURGH ASSOCIATION ABSTAINING FROM ALL INTOXICATING LIQUORS,"—ADOPTED NOVEMBER 2, 1840.

NEWBURGH, CAMDEN, U. C., Dec. 17, 1840.

In different parts of the Township, new and distinct Societies had been formed; but in our village the consumption of intoxicating drinks had gradually increased, particularly in the latter part of 1838, and the first part of 1839, until it threatened to destroy some of our good and worthy citizens; destroy their health, peace, property, and prospects, both for time and for eternity.

Such was the state of our village, when some of those thus endangered took the alarm; and made application to Mr. Shirley, an able advocate of the Temperance cause, who immediately called a meeting in October, 1839, which resulted in the formation of this Association. At the first meeting, twenty-seven signed the pledge. Other meetings followed shortly after: other speakers came to the rescue, among whom might be named Messrs. Roblin and Vandusen, Wesleyan Ministers; and a Constitution was adopted.

In the month of November, 1839, officers were chosen, and a resolution was passed, that the Society should hold monthly meetings. The number of members gradually increased; so that in January, 1840, we numbered seventy-five, and two more were added to the Committee. Our number now is about 170. 178 have signed the pledge; but some have withdrawn, and one or two have been expelled. Our meetings have been continued monthly, seemingly with great advantage to the cause of the Association.

Whatever dispute there may be about our principles, and however well pleased some might be to make it appear that we are "pursuing a course repugnant to the word of God, and throwing contempt upon our Saviour," about our success there can be no dispute.

There are a number belonging to this Association who were in the habit of drinking to excess before; but who, since they signed the pledge, have kept it inviolate; and who can testify to the great advantage they have derived from it, and whose families can corroborate their testimony; yes, and have done so with tears in their eyes.

We cannot state precisely the amount of liquor consumed in this place now, in comparison with last year's consumption, but think we do not exaggerate when we say, that there is not one-third as much consumed as there was last year, in the same space of time; and we are sure there is not one third of the drunkenness seen in our streets. Last November, we had two public houses in full operation: one of them has been closed for months. And where drunkenness and idleness prevailed last year, sobriety and industry are now seen.

CEPHAS N. MILLAR, *President*.
ISAAC B. AYLSWORTH, *Secretary*.

BARRIE, November 6, 1840.

SIR,—It being understood that the Rev. J. Climie and other advocates of the cause would pay us a visit, preparations were made to have a social repast on the 21st October, by the Penetanguishine Road Society, and on the following day by the Barrie Society. Accordingly, on the 21st ult., a large company assembled at the place appointed, who were joined by a portion of the Barrie Society, headed by their President and Secretary, bearing a banner with the motto of the Society upon it. The meeting was opened by the President, and addressed by Mr. A. Raymond, missionary school-master to the coloured settlement in Oro; by the Rev. J. Climie, jun., on the duty of Christians coming forward in the noble cause; and by some others. When the pledge was presented, out of a meeting of about 150 persons, thirty-two gave in their names.

On the 22d, the meeting held in Barrie was addressed by Mr. Raymond, Rev. J. Moir, and Rev. J. Climie, in order. About five o'clock, tea and its accompaniments were brought up, and about 100 persons partook of the repast. After tea, a short intermission was employed in talking over the subjects brought forward. The meeting commenced again, and the time was profitably filled up till ten o'clock, by addresses from a number of persons, and the singing of several Temperance hymns; after which, thirty-two persons gave in their names. Eighteen months ago, there was but one pledged teetotaler in Barrie: now the Society there numbers

seventy-three. With such facts before them, who can doubt, that if those who profess to set their faces against the evils of the world, would set their faces against intemperance, it would fall before them.

THOMAS WILLIAMS, *Sec. B. T. S.*

St. CATHERINE'S, December 17, 1840.

DEAR SIR,—A meeting was held in Centreville, (situated on the Welland Canal, two miles above St. Catherine's) for the purpose of forming a Total Abstinence Temperance Society. Mr. John Kerr having been called to the chair, and S. L. St. John appointed Secretary, the meeting was opened by prayer by the Rev. George Wilson. The Chairman then explained the object of the meeting, and called upon those that had any remarks or resolutions to offer, to do so. Mr. Samuel Haight then presented the following resolution: "Whereas the use of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, is one of the greatest evils that afflict mankind, and believing that Temperance Associations tend greatly to diminish their effects; therefore, Resolved, That we do now form ourselves into a Society for the promotion of Temperance."—Carried.

The following Constitution, on being presented, article by article, was unanimously adopted. Article 1. This Society shall be called The Centreville Auxiliary Temperance Society. Art. 2. We, the undersigned, do agree, that we will not use intoxicating liquors as a beverage, nor traffic in them; that we will not provide them as an article of entertainment; and that in all suitable ways we will discountenance their use throughout the community. Art. 3. Any person subscribing to this Constitution, and fulfilling its requisition, shall be a member of this Society. Art. 4. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Committee of five persons. Art. 5. This Society shall hold its annual meetings on the second Monday in January in each year, when the officers of this Society shall be elected by a majority of the members present. Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Committee of this Society to introduce good and wholesome bye-laws for the further regulation of its concerns, as to dealing with offending members, the withdrawal of names, public meetings, and all other matters which may be deemed requisite. Art. 7. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a majority of the members of this Society, provided notice of the alteration or amendment proposed be given at the annual meeting previous; and that such amendment shall in no wise affect the meaning of the second article of this Constitution. After subscribing to the Constitution, the following persons were chosen officers for the ensuing year: Rev. George Wilson, *President*; Bartholomew Boyle, and Samuel G. Phelps, *Vice-Presidents*; Moses Cook, *Treasurer*; Oliver S. Phelps, *Secretary*; Richard Collier, Orson Phelps, Samuel Haight, Jacob Cline, and Andrew O. Connor, *Committee*.

The Society numbers 103 members, most of whom are labouring men that work on the Welland Canal, which proves conclusively, that no man needs the aid of any stimulant to enable him to endure hard work. This Society is flourishing. At our last meeting, thirty united with us—a happy omen of future success. Your papers are doing great good here. As this Society has never been noticed in any of the papers, you will confer a favour by publishing the above.

GEORGE WILSON, *President*.
OLIVER S. PHELPS, *Secretary*.

[We have long wished to publish the Constitution of a Temperance Society, in order that persons desirous of forming new Societies should be at no loss for rules and regulations. The above letter contains a very suitable Constitution, and we therefore give it entire.—Ed.]

LOWER CANADA.

[TRANSLATION.]

BEAUFORT, December 1, 1840:

SIR,—Pardon me that my avocations have prevented me from answering sooner your letter requesting information respecting our Temperance Society. The progress of the Temperance Society in Beaufort surpasses my hopes. 225 of my parishioners have listened