

and wretchedness, of sin and crime, than intemperance? I would not be understood as advocating the delivery of temperance addresses from the pulpit on the Sabbath. But how many could profitably employ the talents God has given them, in advocating the claims of temperance occasionally before some society in the country? There are many societies throughout our land that suffer their monthly meetings to drop, because they can get no one to address them; and many more that do hold their meetings, are hardly ever successful in obtaining any one to present the claims of temperance, or depict the evils of intemperance; consequently, interest in such localities languishes, feeling dies away, and nothing is done. Now where does a share of responsibility for this state of things rest? Eelpy answers, where?

2nd. Apathy on the part of too many professedly temperance men and nominal members of temperance societies.—I say nominal members, for the name is all; they are not active members. I know of many, who would be thought to be good temperance men, but who never, or seldom ever, attend a temperance meeting; who do nothing, or give nothing for the support of temperance. If asked to subscribe two-and-sixpence for the "*Temperance Advocate*," they are "too poor," and they "can borrow it from their neighbor to read, when they have time to read it." *O tempora! O mores!* Were all our members of such a stamp, we might fold our arms in despair, and let the slaves of king Alcohol chant our requiem. But, thank God, there are some, yea many among us, who are willing to deny themselves a little, that they may be the means of accomplishing a great good.

3rd. Another reason why we are not advancing forward as we should, is, that we have not, as universally as we ought, the support and countenance of the female portion of community. There are very few females, but at heart, wish well to the temperance cause; but there are many who wish well to the cause, and whose hearts are with it, but who have never enrolled their names as members of a temperance society. This does not arise from a wish to stand aloof from us, but rather from want of thought and fixedness of purpose—perhaps from want of opportunity, or perchance from an idea that, as their situation precludes the possibility of their doing anything for the cause, their names can be of no service. It is not so, names are of much service; every name is a weight thrown into the scale of temperance;—and what female will not add her weight to help, weigh off, and dispose of such a curse as intemperance? Every young female, by signing the pledge, lessens her chance of being eventually joined to a drunken husband. Every mother, by signing, lessens the probability or possibility of following that playful boy or smiling infant to a drunkard's grave!

J. C. BURNELL.

Richmond, 15th January, 1850.

SIR,—I am glad to see that you are still continuing the *Advocate*, and that it is still improving—your selections are good. The page of music adds much to its merit; and I am of opinion, that in these times of lukewarmness in the cause of temperance, more can be done by the circulation of this interesting sheet than in any other way by the same amount of labour. I hope you will persevere; I have succeeded in obtaining a few names to your paper, which I now send.

TRUMAN BEEMAN.

Georgetown, January 16, 1850.

SIR,—I have to plead negligence in regard to my duty to your valuable paper, in not procuring more subscribers, and in not re-

mitting you funds before this. It is not because we do not appreciate your interesting sheet, nor because the cause of temperance is losing ground amongst us; for we have many trophies of our success in the shape of renovated immortal minds; and since they have had the filth of intemperance washed off, shine forth in such a lustre, as to cause the hearts of their friends and of teetotalers to rejoice, and dim the vision of those that were trying to ruin both their souls and bodies.

P. A. DAYVOOR.

Collins Bay, January 23th, 1850.

DEAR SIR,—Doubtless you will be pleased to hear from us, after a lapse of two years since any correspondence has passed between us. I need not say that we are progressing slowly, for you will know this, by our not taking a copy of the *Advocate* during so long a time; but I am happy to say that our Society has lived, while others have died on every side of us. For seven years we have braved the storm of intemperance, and will continue to do so, until the last inch of the enemy's blood-stained banner is torn from the mast. We have made it a point to keep up our monthly meetings ever since our first existence as a Society—whether permitting—a practice we recommend to all Societies. And though it has been difficult to get speakers at times, we have found substitutes in our old veterans, who never refuse. We are considerably encouraged this winter, as we have the promise of several good speakers, and have some twenty copies of the *Advocate* subscribed for between myself and Mr. B. We have held but one meeting this year, and have got five names more than we got last year altogether. The long sought period seems to be drawing near when error must give way to truth. We had much to encounter when we formed our Society, almost under a ruin pole, and gave it the name of a place noted for drunkenness, which has now become noted for its sobriety and industry. Our Society numbers more than 300 strong, in good standing, and need I say any thing of the rumrunner? If we can but prevent new ones from starting up, we will soon get rid of the present race, for they are passing away to give in their account, as fast as the wheels of time can carry them. Two have died since this year commenced, and many more will follow them before it closes, if they continue to follow their present course.

Before closing let me say, we think a travelling Agent might advantageously be sent to this part of the Province.

Your most obedient,

PETER W. DAY, Secretary.

Percy, January 2^d, 1850.

SIR,—I presume you begin to think that it is time you should hear something from our society, or otherwise, you may think it has become extinct; and if the influence of five taverns in our midst, in which drunkenness, profanity, and revelling are almost daily occurrences, could kill us, we might soon expect to be gasping for our last. But there are in this township a goodly number of true-hearted, staunch teetotalers, who have waged a warfare with the deadly foe to man's best interest (King Alcohol) and who are determined to fight on until they gain the victory, or die in the warfare. We labor, and hope, and pray for better days; and we trust that the time will arrive when the banner of total abstinence will wave where the sign of the drunkenery now meets the eye. Our tenth anniversary for this society was held in Curtis's school-house, on the 4th of January, when it appeared that one auxiliary had been formed in the township during the last year, called the Oak Hills Society, numbering sixty-five