

In his remarks he enforced the necessity of consistency on all persons advocating temperance, and strongly recommended their becoming pledged members of this society, as by this means they would be better qualified to advance the cause. He also denounced the evil and too frequent habit of parents giving intoxicating drinks to their children, which he strikingly illustrated by the relation of an unhappy circumstance which took place, resulting in the death of a fine child only four years old. He ably set forth the advantages arising out of the formation of temperance societies, and a powerful appeal to the meeting, grounded on his own experience in behalf of the good cause. He then proposed, that whereas, it is established by the fullest and most conclusive evidence, that the use of intoxicating drinks lays the foundation of more than half of the pauperism, the wreck of mind, health, character and fortune, assassinations, suicides, and other stains on our national character, that are, and ever will be, a just cause of reproach and degradation until the evil is remedied; and whereas, it is settled beyond the probability of refutation, that no sort of intoxicating drink is necessary to any vigorous and healthful man under any conceivable circumstances, and that what is misnamed the moderate use, has a necessary tendency to beget habitual drunkenness. Therefore,

*Resolved*,—That this meeting, composed of persons residing in Laprairie, convened by public invitation, without regard to religious denominations, deem it expedient to re-organize the old temperance society on total abstinence principles.

This resolution being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

Mr. Wadsworth after giving encouragement for enforcing the necessity of active co-operation on the part of all who were friends to temperance, moved the second resolution, namely,

*Resolved*,—That the following persons be now appointed as a committee to prepare a constitution, and recommend the officers and committee of the said society, the same to be submitted to a public meeting to be held on this night fortnight, viz.: Rev. H. O. Crofts, Messrs. Thompson, Campbell, Fairbairn, and Dougald.

This resolution was also carried unanimously.

Corporal Brooks, of the 66th Regiment, read a short report of a small total society formed in the regiment, consisting of eight members, and afterwards addressed the meeting for some minutes, much to the satisfaction of those present.

At the close of the meeting, 22 names were obtained to the total pledge.

I am, &c.,

LAUGHLIN CAMPBELL.

Laprairie, March 10, 1840.

## CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

"It is good neither to eat flesh, nor drink wine, nor do any thing by which thy brother is made to stumble, or to fall, or is weakened." Rom. xiv. 21.—*Macnight's Translation.*

MONTREAL, MARCH 16, 1840.

A number of Communications from various sources having accumulated, it was thought advisable to give them to our subscribers by issuing the present extra sheet. And we would take this opportunity of urging upon the friends of Temperance our conviction, that now is the time for strenuous, vigorous, and continued exertion. There is more action in the Canadas on the subject than there ever was before. Read the accounts from the Upper Province. Not only are old Societies revived, but new ones are forming in every direction. They are leaving the moderation pledge, and adopting the only correct one, "Total Abstinence." Buildings are raised, journeys are performed, wedding festivities are celebrated, all without intoxicating drink.—Look at Amherstburgh, the number of taverns reduced one-half, and grog-shops entirely abolished.—Rumour says, that in Montreal one manufactory has recently had several orders for liquor countermanded, and that another has more of this article on hand than can readily be disposed of. Add to this the fact that a certain manufacturer who has long been engaged in this business near this city, disappeared suddenly "between two days," and it shows that our efforts are not entirely without effect. Let every friend of temperance then take his stand on the vantage

ground already gained, and HOLD ON. Let the watch-word be "ONWARD," and the present generation shall live to see the universal triumph of the principles of Total Abstinence.

We have great pleasure in stating that the Rev. P. Phelan is carrying on the Temperance Reformation with great energy and success in this city. The last announcement of the Secretary of this Association gave upwards of 500 members, and we have since heard that they are greatly increased. The good effects produced are already conspicuous, and public attention is strongly directed to Tee-totalism. The satisfaction with which all classes of society view this movement amongst our Roman Catholic fellow-citizens is very great, and wishes for its universal success. Would that it might extend over the whole community. Father Phelan is proceeding in the right way to secure extensive and permanent good to society. He is bringing up all the children in the schools under his superintendance to be tee-totalers.

**ENCOURAGING.**—The following incident should animate the friends of temperance to continued exertion. Mrs. Milne reports to the Tract Society in this city as follows:—

"One house at which I regularly called, and delivered my little messenger, but into which I never had entered, the woman always taking it at the door, on calling lately, was invited to come in, the woman saying, 'formerly I was ashamed to ask you in; but now, thank God, my husband has joined the Temperance Society, and I have something in the house, and we are going to take a seat in one of the churches, and attend the worship of God.'"

## TO THE EDITOR OF THE CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

SIR,—As in the last number of your journal, you have thought proper to insert a letter signed "Samuel Mathewson," the tendency, if not the design, of which is, by erroneous statements and ungenerous reflections, to bring into contempt the Leaders' Meeting and the Wesleyan Methodist Society in this city, we have to request, on the behalf of our Leaders and Members, that you will give this communication a place in the next number of your paper, that the public, to whom Mr. M. has appealed, may be better able to judge of the character of our proceedings in reference to him, and the question of "Temperance" which he professes to advocate.

Sincerely wishing success to the "Temperance cause," and all other efforts which seek to promote the well-being of man, while conducted on Christian principles, and in a Christian spirit; and relying upon your honour and candour to publish this communication as requested, we are, Sir, respectfully your's,

R. L. LUSHER, } Wesleyan  
J. P. HETHERINGTON, } Ministers.

Montreal, March 9, 1840.

## WESLEYAN METHODIST LEADERS' MEETING.

Montreal, March 4, 1840.

Present—Rev. R. L. Lusher in the Chair, Rev. J. P. Hetherington, and all the Leaders except two.

After the regular business of the meeting had been transacted, and the usual enquiries made concerning the sick and poor among the members who might require attention and help; it was judged proper to read Mr. Mathewson's letter which appeared in the last number of the *Canada Temperance Advocate*, a copy of which had been sent to each of the ministers, and had been seen by most of the leaders; in order that it might be considered whether any, and what notice should be taken of it.

The following resolutions were then adopted:—

1. That as members of this meeting and friends of Christian order, we deeply regret the course which Mr. Mathewson has thought proper to pursue in appealing to the public through the medium of the last number of the *Canada Temperance Advocate*, relative to the proceedings of this meeting at its last sitting, especially as it will reluctantly oblige us in justice to ourselves and to our Society, publicly to contradict the statement made by Mr. M. in his letter inserted in the above journal.

2. That it appears to this meeting, that Mr. Mathewson may have penned the letter before mentioned in a hasty and inconsider-