

clermen to state, whether the replies were satisfactory or not, to which they replied in the affirmative; after which we passed the pledge, and obtained eight names, added to 48, the number in society made 56. This is a new society formed last Fall; the people alive to religion and total abstinence.

26th.—Meeting at Brighton; a very interesting one; two meetings merged into one, viz.—Education and Temperance; the meeting was first addressed by John Steel, Esq., County Superintendent of Education, for the New Castle District; he is a gentleman of talent, and appeared to be at home in the work of directing our attention to the subject of education. He portrayed in lively colours, that physical, moral, and religious education, should be connected with common education, which would prepare the youth of our Province for relative social, moral, and religious duties. After which I addressed the meeting on the subject of total abstinence; had some liberty; on the whole a first-rate meeting, a good society, active officers, doing well, number in society 238, increased last year 99.

29th.—Haldamand, Four Corners. Baptist Chapel, congregation large and respectable; addressed by Elder Wait first; he gave a historical account of the society in that place. The agent was then introduced, but had not proceeded far, before he was interrupted by an individual who, it was said, had prepared himself in the course of the afternoon, for a spree; however, his spree was very short; the congregation, by a vote, directed the President of the Society to put him out of the house; and he was fined a day or two afterwards for his conduct, by one of the magistrates of the District; the meeting went off well; kind and attentive friends; diligent officers; society doing well; number in society, 620; increase last year and at the meeting, 110.

30th.—Meeting in John Black's neighbourhood, about six miles North of Colborne; this is a branch of the Colborne Society; a very pleasing meeting; the friends are awake here; think they will organize themselves into a society for more efficient action; 11 names added.

31st.—Colborne. This was a very good meeting; on the whole the friends appeared to get stirred up; many thanks were given to the Montreal Temperance Society, for their zeal and attention in not giving up the cause; some complaints of laxity last year; promises of amendment the ensuing; number in society, 600; addition at the meeting, 11.—Yours obediently,

PHILIP J. ROBLIN.

CHATHAM, Feb. 19.—The Annual Meeting of the Chatham Temperance Society was held this evening in the Methodist Chapel; Mr. Daniel Frazer, in the chair. The meeting was opened by singing and prayer; and the following report from the Executive Committee was read:—

REPORT, &c.

The cause of temperance has not flourished in this place as in former years; the official members, generally, having been very delinquent in the discharge of their duties, and some, whom we considered staunch members, having turned aside to the monster intemperance. There are yet, however, many staunch members who are determined not to give up the ship, but to advocate the principles of total abstinence, by precept as by example. Your Committee would further state, that though some have gone astray, yet, others have come into the ranks; and as near as we can tell, we have yet about 150 members in good standing, and hope, before the close of this year, to have as many more. Your Committee, at the close of their report, would recommend that every member of this society do subscribe for the *Temperance Advocate*, which has been a source of diffusing much good to our

fellow-creatures, in this Province. The office bearers for the ensuing year are—Mr. Stephen Fant, President; Mr. Daniel Frazer, first Vice-President; Mr. Duncan McCall, second Vice-President; the writer, Secretary and Treasurer, with a Committee of six. An interesting address was then delivered by Mr. B. L. Clark, and on motion of the President, the Constitution of the Montreal Society was adopted.—MR. THACKERAY, *Secretary and Treasurer*.

FORT MILDEN, Feb. 21.—I have the pleasure of presenting you with the sum of one pound six shillings and eleven pence, subscribed by the totaliters of the Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment. Their society, at this Fort, are upwards of one hundred men, with every prospect of a rapid increase to their numbers.—THOMAS SHARP, *President*.

ZORRA, March 10.—Our society was formed during the Spring of 1843; in the end of that year it numbered thirty-seven members. The present year we have been favoured with two meetings of special interest, of which, the first took place March, 1844, attended by the Rev. S. Philp, who delivered an effective lecture; and I am happy to say that a goodly number subscribed to the pledge. Our last meeting (Dec. last) happened on the occasion of lecture by the Rev. George Kennedy, to whose exertions and convincing arguments we are indebted for the addition of nine members more. Our society numbers at present sixty-three members, still hoping that more may be added. May the Divine blessing be upon our labours in the furtherance of temperance; and for all happy effects, to His name be the praise.—J. P. BALL, *Sec.*

EMBO, BRACK DISTRICT, C. W., 1845.—The last was a year of greater effort on our part than ordinary, and the cause is in a more prosperous state here than heretofore; it is steadily progressing. Our society, in this Township, now numbers upwards of 500 members, more than a hundred of whom joined the society within the last year. Monthly meetings have been held in one quarter or other throughout the Township during the year, and the tone and manner of our greatest opponents have undergone a visible change for the better. They begin to see that it is a cause which will continue to gain ground in spite of all opposition, and that violent opposition is altogether in vain. With very few exceptions, tipplers seem to be getting ashamed of being seen drunk in day light. We had our Annual Festival on the 20th of last month, which was well attended, upwards of 250 persons being present; the proceeds of which would have enabled us to make a remittance to your society, towards liquidating the debt incurred by it in its praiseworthy exertions in the good cause, but for the outlay we were at in fitting up a temperance hall, in which to hold our sources and meetings: many members entertaining serious doubts as to the propriety of continuing to hold these in taverns as encouraging the upholders of drinking usages.—NICOL NICOLSON, *Sec.*

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE NEW LICENSE LAW.—The new license law, of which a synopsis has been published, has passed the Assembly, and it is probable will also pass the Senate. We have as yet discovered no opposition to it; and though it is not all that is desirable for the suppression of a traffic which produces so much misery, and constitutes such a burden upon the community, yet in the present state of public feeling, it is the best that can be had, and will do something, if Temperance men are only faithful, towards lessening the evil.

By its provisions, each town or city in the State is required to hold a special election on the Thursday preceding the first Monday in May, at which the electors will vote on the simple question