

of merit, but also others on general literature, history, &c. A reading room would also add much to the interest of the effort, and might possess attraction sufficient to make up the loss of the bar room and its associations. When a man who has frequented the tavern until it has become, as it were, a second nature to him, he feels a listlessness in his idle hours, and is often tempted to go into the bar room for the sake of company, and who does not see the temptation to which he is thus exposed? But to employ the mind in obtaining useful and entertaining knowledge would pleasantly fill up all these vacant hours, fortify him against temptations, give him renewed strength to pull down the stronghold of the common enemy, strengthen the weaker brethren, convert the moderate drinker and the drunkard, who would thus become a useful member of society, for knowledge is power.—May the Sons of Temperance attain it, and employ it in so good and glorious a cause.

JOHN CAMPBELL.

Kingston, March 7, 1851.

Sir,—I have nothing very cheering to communicate, excepting that another Division of the Sons, No. 208, has been lately organised in this city, and, together with the other Division, appear to be the only active advocates of the good cause. The Rev R. V. Rogers, last week, delivered a very interesting and impressive lecture to the Sons, Daughters and Cadets in full Regalia, as well as to a numerous and intelligent audience in the Sons' Hall. The Sons might well be proud of their Reverend Brother,—an eloquent advocate of their principles. During the winter the public have been frequently invited to attend lectures in the Sons, Hall, and the military have availed themselves of the same opportunity almost weekly, which meetings have been attended with very good results; it is certainly a great acquisition to any place to have a comfortable hall for temperance meetings, &c. Our Division Room has been constantly open for meetings of Sons, Daughters, Cadets, and for a mutual improvement Society, consisting of Sons and Cadets, and the money remitted for tracts, is the balance in hand of said society, having voted the amount for the purchase of Temperance Tracts, previous to dissolution for the winter season.

I am credibly informed that more licenses will be granted this year for those moral pest houses in this city than heretofore; it is much to be regretted that people cannot understand that *paupers must be supported, and criminals punished*, and that large sums of money are annually wrung from her Majesty's sober subjects for such purposes, arising out of the traffic. E. S.

Calcutta, March 8, 1851.

Sir,—The inhabitants of this locality having, for a long period of time, been in a manner quiet in regard of the great temperance movement, have been aroused to a sense of duty upon seeing the rapid strides which the great enemy has made. But, however, from this instance, we may learn that if temperance reformers hold their peace, intemperance will immediately sing out. We have lately had two temperance meetings; on the first occasion the attendance was small, on account of the inclemency of the weather; the second, however, was more favorable. We obtained fifty-five signatures, and ten subscribers to your valuable periodical,—the names of which I enclose to you.

Now is, indeed, the time for Temperance men to be up and doing—now is the time to give intemperance the fatal blow.—The act for the more effectual suppression of intemperance, coming in force on the 5th of April, plainly shows that the great evil of intemperance has been taken notice of by the Legislature.

If the Temperance societies that are located in every part of Canada, continue to point out the glaring evil of intemperance, and its remedy, and petition the Legislature for an entire amendment of the Tavern License Law, they will clearly show what the mind of Canada is, and the voice of the people must undoubtedly prevail.

Let the friends of temperance not fail to be forward at every township or town meeting, and put in such men into their public offices as will endeavor to suppress the use of spirituous liquors.—If such measures are adopted, they cannot fail to prove successful. I remain, yours,

SAMUEL JOHNSON.

Demorest Villo, March 15, 1851.

Sir,—Through the influence of the Sons of Temperance, Cadets and the old Temperance Men, the good cause of total abstinence is still progressing with us. We have only one tavern in the Township of Sophiasburgh, embracing Demorest Villo and North Port Village, and a population of about 3000 souls. Intoxicating drinks are not manufactured in the Township, and only sold at the place referred to. Fancy to yourself the great change which has taken place in the customs and usages of society within a few years, when I inform you that at one time, there were nine taverns, two distilleries, and one brewery, in this township. We have great reason to thank God, and take courage, when we can look around us and see so many victories gained—and with them such an increased amount of domestic comfort, peace and happiness secured to our fellows.

May the streams of intemperance, vice and immorality, be speedily dried up in this and every place, and the pure principles of the gospel prevail in their stead, is the prayer of your unworthy servant,

JNO. HOWELL.

### Articles Omitted.

We are again under the necessity of omitting several articles prepared for this number. "The Reformed, a Sketch from Real Life," the advertisement of Mr. Duclos' Temperance Hotel, as well as the notice we intend to take of it; and the presentation, by the ladies of Victoria Tent of Rechar, of a Bible to the brethren of Brock Tent.

### BIRTHS.

Island of St Kitts—23d Nov, the wife of Deputy Assistant Com General Allison, of a son.  
Lancaster—16th ult, Mrs John Stewart, of a son.  
Niagara—25th Feb, Mrs Dr Campbell, of a son.  
Williamstown—21st ult, Mrs James Dickson, of a daughter.

### MARRIAGES.

Montreal—22d ult, by Rev Dr Wilkes, Mr Philip Henry, to Miss Ann Jane M'Groghan. By the same, Mr Barret Lovino, to Miss Mary M'Geoghan.  
Athol—6th ult, by Rev W M'Callough, Mr Wm Ross Taylor, to Miss Phoebe Ann German.  
Cobourg—8th ult, by Rev D M'Leod, Mr George Ceron, to Miss Ellen Clark. 13th ult, by Rev Mr Robins, Mr Wm Gilbert, to Miss N A M'Nann, adopted daughter of Morris Jynnes, Township of Hamilton.  
Freelighburg, St Armands East—11th ult, by Rev F N Jersey, Mr S R Baker, to Miss Eliza Jane Barnes.  
Kenyon—19th ult, by Rev W K Anderson, Mr Archibald M'Laurin, Vankleek Hill, to Miss Flora Campbell.

### DEATHS.

Camden, South Carolina—7th ult, Mr Alex Montgomerie, of Montreal, aged 23 years and 7 months, eldest son of the late Alex C Montgomerie.  
Cornwall—21st ult, Mr Henry Gilbert, tailor, aged 33 years.  
Farnham, E T—25th ult, Lucy Whipple, widow of the late Oliver Walls, aged 93 years.  
Lachine—27th ult, Mr T M Stanley, aged 35 years.

### Monies received on account of "Advocate," for

1849.—Cooksville, W P, 2s 6d; Bromie, I. J, 2s 6d; Barrie, J A, 2s 6d; Coteau Landing, D McV, 2s 6d; Hamilton, J C, 2s 6d; Cobourg, Rev S T, 2s 6d.  
1850.—Qurbec, Mr B, Mr S, Mr B, Mr B, Mr M, Dr D, R S, Mr R, Mr McG, Mr B, Mr C, Mr McA, Mr R, J C, W W, Mr L, Mr McP, Mr M, 2s 6d each; Mr M, 1s 3d; Paris T S, 15s; M D, B A, A J T, 2s 6d each; London, Sergt B, 1s 3d; Port Stanley, R H, R J, C B, A G, T G, W G, 2s 6d each; Chawwa, J W, W U, 2s 6d each; Pakenham, J B, J Q, A R, S E, J R, 2s 6d each; Fitzroy Harbour, R D, 2s 6d; Bromie, W C, L J, D C, 2s 6d each; Danville, I. D, 2s 6d; Bradford, Rev L O R, 2s 6d; Barrie, J A, 2s 6d; Napance, J W, E S, P H, W