

tions at the hustings with favors at the bench. *Adieu* to all such reciprocal kind offices! The case of paternal indulgence alluded to, was bad enough. The City authorities got permission to a humble individual (who had lost his license for some infringement of the law), to open "a regular recess" (!) in the basement of the building, the upper part of which is occupied by the Mechanics' Institute; the burst of indignation that followed when the fact became known to the public, awoke the council to a proper sense of the indignity they had offered (unwittingly it may be, but not the less inexcusable) to a praiseworthy institution; the Institute remonstrated—the inhabitants of the neighborhood petitioned,—but the elections were at hand, and there was no time to attend to such an insignificant affair. The aggression is still permitted, but there is a good time coming. New elements have lately been infused into our corporation, from which we hope new measures will be evolved. * * * * *

The new Mayor, in his maiden speech from the *Throne*, was pleased to pledge himself, and to claim the co-operation of the Council, and of his fellow citizens generally, to promote "Temperance, Order, and Peace, throughout the community." *Apròpos* to new mayors, I am told that these officials in Hamilton and Brantford are "Sons of Temperance." I don't despair of seeing ours some day amongst the "Stars," for his personal habits are strictly in accordance with our principles, and have been for years past. * * *

The leaven of our principles is spreading, and I am glad to say that the National Societies are likely to come under its influence; only for want of a previous understanding on the point amongst members favorable to the change, the last anniversary of St. Andrew's Sons would have been conducted in a manner different from what has prevailed in the days of "Auld lang syne." The other night, at a meeting to resuscitate the St. George's Society, and prepare for its next anniversary, an unexpected and strong opposition was offered to the customary *Dinner* with its degrading adjuncts; the feeling was decidedly in favor of having some rational and temperate method of reviving old associations, and a committee was appointed to determine the question: the whole may not be accomplished at once, but ultimately the object will be attained; these things progress; and we may certainly anticipate that St. Patrick's light-hearted descendants will not be behind their competitors in the march of improvement. A. C.

Cooksville, Jan. 28, 1851.

Sir,—Let me inform you what temperance is doing in Cooksville. As a Tent of Rechab, we should feel thankful, our numbers are on the increase, our principles gaining respect and our institution stability. We have, during the past year, added a very efficient band of music to our tent, that our young men may not only be amused and instructed, but in future be enabled to conduct our processions agreeable to our principles. Our annual soiree came off on the 12th of last month, and, as usual, kept up the second evening. In addition to a highly respectable and apparently happy audience on the first evening, the gentlemen on the platform acquitted themselves in the most pleasing and masterly manner. Mr. S. Alcorn, of Yorkville, led the way in a speech replete with appropriate anecdote, wit, and satire, dealing to our moderate drinkers and respectable groggies, as the source of all the evils that follow in the inebriate's black catalogue, one of the most unenviable portions ever placed before our common humanity. He was followed by the Rev. Mr. Saunders, editor of the *Guardian*, in a strain of weighty argument in favor of the cause both in a Christian and social point of view. "Last, though

not least," our respected member of Parliament, J. C. Morrison, Esq., ascended the platform, and after giving us the testimony of his valuable legal experience in favor of our cause, some timely instruction on the working of the new license law, he sealed his conviction of our usefulness by placing in the hands of our treasurer the handsome donation of \$10, to assist in removing the debt off our band instruments, for which he will please accept the Society's thanks. Our second evening is not the less interesting for being local; it is there the redeemed from alcohol, like those of old, "who spake often one to another," can unbosom themselves of their joys and their griefs, their past misfortunes and future prospects, and if we might be allowed the comparison of Jonah on the beach disgorged by the whale, look back with mingled feelings of horror on the past, and delight on the present. There we have a goodly sprinkling of magistrates and ministers in our tent, it is painful to observe the apathy in the higher ranks of society in regard to temperance. If we are to proceed and triumph by public opinion, why is that opinion, the public are most wont to follow, practically withheld. It has been frequently and justly remarked in regard to places of public resort and amusement, "that where the ladies won't go, the gentlemen won't go." With equal propriety we may say, "where the clergy won't go, the laity won't go,"—if magistrates will not set examples of peace and sobriety, the people won't. It is not enough for these men to say, I don't drink, or I am temperate, if we have not their names, their voices, their energies with us, though they may not think it, we have them against us; and in this unequal strife we are but weaving Penelope's web. I suppose by this time you are tired, so I will just say, your's &c.

HENRY F. MAGEE.

Earnestown, Jan. 28, 1851.

Sir,—As this communication will close my correspondence with you for the present, in consequence of no more names to be obtained in my neighborhood to your list, I would beg leave to state for your encouragement, that your readers are much pleased with the improved appearance of the *Advocate*, and particularly of the abundant and timely selected matter, which are, as it were, thrown broadcast semi-monthly throughout the length and breadth of the land, which must, at no distant day, tell upon the community in an hundred fold;—and, Sir, hoping that your agents, who, having their hearts warmed with that love for their fellow beings which comes from above, may, with equal zeal, use every lawful effort to sustain this important cause, which we believe is of God, for the benefit of man, is the prayer of your humble servant,

CALVIN W. MILLER.

Orangoville, Jan. 28, 1851.

Sir,—Permit me to tell the friends of Temperance through your very able publication, the *Canada Temperance Advocate*, that the total abstinence cause is doing well here. It is about fifteen months since the first Temperance meeting was held in this place, by the Revs. Samuel Morrison, Wm. Woodward and the writer, at which time a society was formed, and now numbers about seventy members. Meetings have been held monthly, and are generally well attended. This society has also been very productive, having produced a cold water army of about one hundred, and also a division of the Sons of Temperance. These societies have been kept in active operation by the members thereof, except three addresses delivered by the Rev. R. Dick, which