

a slow but steady increase. Intemperance seems still to be on the ascendant in this place, independent of the most forcible and convincing lectures delivered by our lecturer, Mr. Roberts, and others, besides the unwearied exertions of many of our members male and female, and numerous warnings to the contrary notwithstanding. We had one man, within these five days, who was taken with *delirium tremens* and died in forty eight hours from its commencement, besides several narrow escapes of freezing to death. Your correspondent saved the life of one within these five weeks, by taking him into my own house, in the dead of night, and administering to his wants with care. When on the appearance of daylight, (sensible of the narrow escape he had made), he requested to be allowed to sign the glorious pledge, and he is now a member of the Loyd Town Total Abstinence Society. The case of this individual ought to be a warning to all the moderate drinking advocates. I have been acquainted with him these nine years, and I may say, safely, that there are few individuals in the Township whose general character would stand investigation better than his own. But he was an advocate for moderate drinking, (and he was no lame tectotaler that could argue with him and hold his own), he was one of your moral force gentlemen; he had a mind and a will which he thought he could keep in proper subjection by the force of inward reason. But alas, the "mighty hath fallen," and he has now discovered, after living upwards of forty years, that the use, (even by strong minds), will create abuse, and that no human being is safe except the tectotaler. We had an additional new tavern built here this winter which, were it not for intoxicating drinks, would be a great accommodation to the travelling community, more particularly on account of its spacious shed and driving house. There is one thing to which I would wish to direct the attention of your numerous readers, and that is the erection of Temperance Houses, for local and travelling accommodation. There are few towns or villages in Canada but has a temperance society, and the members in such places and neighbourhood must find it very inconvenient that they have no house of public entertainment without being brought in contact with the alcoholic reveller, besides being subject to much inconvenience, in many places, for proper and convenient places to meet in. Now, sir, I am of opinion that if a few of the most active spirits in each society would put themselves to a little trouble, by drawing out an estimate of the expense of a plain comfortable house, with a shed and driving house, commensurate to the wants of the neighbourhood, I do not only believe that the tectotal members in the towns and villages would come forward and subscribe handsomely, but I also believe that the other societies in the surrounding country and neighbourhood would subscribe cheerfully also, as they would find it suitable to their comfort and convenience to have such houses while doing marketing and other business at such places. In country towns and villages houses with three rooms and a kitchen on the first floor, would, in general cases, be sufficiently convenient, whilst the second story would make an excellent temperance hall for society meetings—here would be a place where social, instructive, and amusing intercourse could be had amongst the members—here they might have a library, a debating society, a singing school—here their band could practice, and a reading room could be opened at all reasonable hours, to the anxious politician, and the lovers of the marvellous, and, above all, a good supply of temperance papers. But the greatest advantage arising from all this would be the separation of our youth from the contaminating influence of the licenced bar room; the temptations they are exposed to at parties, having no public accommodation where they

can enjoy themselves harmlessly without swallowing poison in behalf of the landlord. Some of your readers will want to know how they are to raise money. Well, then, suppose the whole concern should cost £250. Then suppose the society was capable of raising from £50 to £100 of this sum by free subscription, the society to have the charge of this as their stock; after this sell out the rest of the stock to members of the society, say at a pound each, so as to allow the humblest individual member of the society the satisfaction of holding a share. The investment would be safe, even for the speculator, and profitable. The stock would be readily bought for this reason, that the society would willingly give up their free subscription stock rather than that the institution should be embarrassed. It is also evident from the example given by our temperance brethren in the United States, that a grand, determined, and effectual movement will take place throughout Canada upon the licencing system. It therefore behoves the friends of temperance to be up and stirring, giving evidence of their sincerity, by furnishing accommodation to the public upon anti-alcoholic principles.—JOHN GRAHAM, *Cor. Sec.*

MITCHEL, HURON DISTRICT, Feb. 20.—Knowing that any information respecting the cause of Temperance will prove acceptable to you and the readers of the *Canada Temperance Advocate*, I take the liberty of sending you a few lines, for insertion in your valuable periodical. The village of Mitchel is situated nearly in the centre of that rich and fertile tract of land belonging to the Canada Company, known by the name of the Huron Tract, on the leading road from Hamilton to Goderich, just where this road crosses the main branch of the River Thames. Until recently, the capabilities of this part of this valuable Tract were known only to a few; within the last four years it has been rapidly settling; and this little village at present contains two stores, two taverns, one flouring mill, one saw mill, and one distillery, which is just beginning to send forth its fiery streams, to scatter firebrands, arrows, and death, in our hitherto peaceful neighbourhood. A few of the friends of sobriety, thinking it expedient to nip the influence of this baneful poison in the bud, called a Temperance meeting on Friday evening last, which was prettily numerously attended. Mr. Wm. McCrae was called to the chair; and the Rev. S. Stewart, of the E. M. C., set forth the claims of total abstinence; and, in an able and scientific manner, showed the evils of drinking usage on individuals and the community at large, which he illustrated by exhibiting Dr. Sewell's plates of the human stomach. Prior to, and at the close of the address, twenty-two persons signed the pledge. A Society was organized on the spot, and the following Officers appointed, viz.:—Mr. Jas. Moore, President; Daniel Kerr, Vice-President. Michael Hardy, John Haines, Wm. Davidson, Jasper Pridum, and John Woodley, Members Committee.—JAMES HILL, *Secy.*

ELM GROVE MILLS, MARIPOSA, Feb. 24, 1847.—Knowing your zeal and devotion to the temperance cause, we have thought it our duty to report to you the state of the temperance cause in this place, as we are not aware that you have received any account from this township. There has been a temperance society organized for some years on the ninth line, called the Mariposa East Temperance Society. The Society that we are united with was organized about two years ago, called Mariposa South Temperance Society. This Society was formed under very encouraging circumstances; at our first meeting we heard an address from E. George Sherman, followed by John B. Lundy and Elisha Holton. After the addresses were delivered, the following officers were chosen:—R. F. White-side, President; Thomas Eck, Secretary; and a male and female