

CORRESPONDENCE.

Coleman's Corner, Jan. 21st, 1850.

We have been in a torpid state in this section of country for some time, as regards temperance movements; we are now beginning to wake up to the interest of the cause. About two months since, a meeting was called by the friends of temperance, a new society was formed, and sixty-two names were added to the pledge on the first Monday evening in January. We had another meeting and several lectures, which passed off quite well; we had thirty-six names added to the society, and hope our march will be onward, until old King Alcohol shall be driven from our land.

D. G. BOYCE, Sec.

Martintown, February 25, 1850.

A number of the inhabitants of this place, having been desirous of establishing a Division of the Sons of Temperance here, a meeting was held in the house of Mr. J. Irvine for that purpose, on the 24th of January last, when fifteen persons signed a requisition to the Grand Division of Canada West, for a Charter; and the same having been obtained, Brother D. McNICOL, Deputy G. W. P., for the Eastern District, assisted by a number of the officers from the Glengarry Division, No. 21, attended here, on the 12th of February, and opened a Division, when sixteen persons were initiated. The following persons were installed as Officers for the current quarter:—W.P., Andrew Smart; W.A., George Kinloch; R.S., Roderick Smart; A.R.S., Walter Robertson; F.S., James Clarkson; T., Donald McGregor; C., John R. McRae; A.C., Donald Campbell; I.S., Alexander Hamelion; O.S., John Robertson; Brother Peter McLeod was appointed to fill the honorary post of Chaplain, and Brother J. Irvine, that of P.W.P. The Division now numbers twenty-two members, and appears to be in a flourishing condition. Brother James Irvine has also opened a Temperance House here, which will be a great desideratum to the friends of Total Abstinence, who may find it necessary to travel this way. With these few remarks, I shall now conclude, hoping that this, our humble effort to stay the progress of a vice which is yet making such fearful havoc in our land, may be blessed by Him, without whose blessing it is impossible to prosper.

RODERICK SMART,
Rec. Sec. Martintown Div. S. of T.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Belleville, 7th March, 1850.

The past year has been one of increasing interest and importance to the Temperance Reformation, in the novel and varied instrumentality called into active and efficient operation, to consolidate and extend its influence. The mighty engine of sacerdotal power, the commanding position of the christian ministry; the weighty opinion of the judge, the eloquence of the accomplished orator, the indomitable and persevering agents and lecturers of the different sister societies, and the combined phalanxes of "The Sons, Daughters and Cadets of Temperance," each and all supported, controll-

ed and directed by the great organ of public opinion, "The Press." Whatever difference of opinion may be entertained of the character of these instrumentalities, we must all acknowledge their beneficial influence, as evinced by the result of their labors, in the suppression of intemperance and its concomitant evils.

Your Committee, on entering upon their labors, found the Society burdened with a debt. They resolved at their first meeting that this debt should be immediately discharged, by each officer collecting or paying 5s; this was promptly attended to. They commenced a list of annual subscribers which was generally sustained. Mr. Wadsworth delivered an excellent lecture, on the history, position, and prospects of the Temperance Reformation, in the Free Church, on the 13th Feb. last, when 16 persons signed the pledge. At their second meeting they authorised their secretary to order 5 numbers of the *Advocate* for gratuitous distribution, on condition that he collected sufficient money to pay the cost. This was attended to, and sufficient subscribed for 6 numbers and the postage. These have been distributed by members of the committee appointed for the purpose. Three public meetings have been held during the year, under the auspices of this society. 24 members have been added to our society. Though our labors have been light, our lack has been fully supplied by the exertions of the "Sons of Temperance." We were all privileged to hear in the course of last Summer, the unequalled lectures of that accomplished scholar and gentleman, P. S. White, Esq., and since that period we have not heard any thing in Belleville, in the shape of an apology, for the custom of drinking intoxicating liquor. Several other lectures have been delivered by members of "Hastings Division, No. 8," in furtherance of our great and good cause.

Your society has been under repeated obligations to the Evangelical Ministers of the Gospel in this town, for the readiness with which they have come forward to aid our feeble endeavors; as also to the trustees of the different places of worship, for permission to hold our public meetings. To these gentlemen, on your behalf, we present the thanks of this society. At the request of one of the founders of this society, we take this opportunity of calling your attention, and the attention of all friends of temperance, to the propriety and importance of our assisting those members of our Provincial Legislature, who are seeking to effect an improvement in the present mode of licensing taverns, by our influence, by our petitions and by our prayers.*

The following persons were elected officers for the ensuing year:—President, Merrick Sawyer; Vice-President, George Robertson; Secretary, Benjamin Pashley; Committee, G. V. N. Relzen, Surgeon Dentist, Rufus Holden, M. D., John Davis Pugh, J. Richardson, William Watt and Samuel Stevens.

BENJAMIN PASHLEY, Secretary.

We are still unable to bring up arrears of communications;—our Correspondents must have patience.

* We have taken the liberty to italicise these lines, on account of their great importance.