

excluded from the table. The price of the dinner tickets was fixed at one dollar. Doctor F. Stimson, of Dumfries, was to be solicited to address the society in the morning at ten o'clock; and in the evening a meeting was to take place at six o'clock, when any desirous would have an opportunity of making an address.

The following might be a standing motion for every society in the country.

Resolved—That this society regrets its lack of zeal in the temperance cause, but is as firmly convinced as ever of the utility of temperance societies; and is resolved to be more diligent in the promotion of its interests.

An account of the meeting will no doubt be furnished, which we will gladly transfer to our columns.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RICHMOND UNITED TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

Agreeably to adjournment, the annual meeting of this society was held in the Township of Richmond, on the 25th July, 1835. Mr. C. Stratton being called to chair, the meeting was opened by singing and prayer by the chairman, when the following report was unanimously adopted:—Our committee, in making out their first annual report, regret to say that a great laxity has been manifest in some of the society for the past year. But while we have reason to lament the coldness of some, we cannot forget the exertions of many who have been alive to the interest of the society, and benefit of their intemperate neighbours; and have by their utmost exertions brought many under the influence of this society, who have cast off the old man and his deeds, and reformed from habitual drunkards to be warm and faithful members in the temperance cause; and by their example, a goodly number have been added to our list, as will be seen by the following statement:—

When our society was organised, it consisted of only six members, who held part of the offices, our number being too small to appoint a committee; since then our society has been gradually increasing. At our present annual meeting we had in society 75 members, during the year 69 members have been obtained, which allowing one has withdrawn, and five expelled, leaves now in society 69 members. It is true that we have not made as rapid progress as some other societies we have accounts of, but nevertheless, we are not discouraged, but rather rejoice that so much can be done with so little exertion. The temperance cause is still pressing forward, a goodly number have renounced the use of ardent spirits in our vicinity, (as well as other parts of the world,) and embraced

the principles of temperance; and have joined with us in raising their voice against the destructive evil of intemperance. We have no reason to be weary in well doing, but rather encouraged by the success which has attended our efforts. After which, the following persons were chosen officers of the society for the ensuing year.

Messrs. AMOS SCHARMERHORN, *Presdt.*
CYRENNUS STRATTON, *V. Presdt.*
F. A. OLIVER, *Secy.*

Committee.—A. Caton, Esq., F. Grange, R. Oliver, P. Windover, G. Long, A. Oliver, Jr., J. Dulyea, G. C. Roblin, S. J. Sager.

By order from the Committee,
F. A. OLIVER, *Secy.*
Richmond, Nov. 24, 1835.

TORONTO.—Pursuant to notice previously given, a meeting of the *Toronto Temperance Society*, was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, Newgate Street, on Wednesday evening last. It was not so numerously attended as it probably would have been, had the audience not been disappointed the two preceding evenings by the non arrival of Mr. Mr. Turner, the Agent of the New York State Temperance Society, who was detained on the other side the lake by stress of weather.

After the Divine blessing had been invoked, the President of the Society, M. S. Bidwell, Esq., addressed the meeting, pointing out the necessity of increased exertion on the part of the members, and closed by introducing Mr. Turner who lectured at considerable length, and in his own peculiar style, on the evils of intemperance, illustrating his positions from time to time by appeals to facts which had come under his own notice, which were not without effect; and then advocated the principles and objects of the Temperance Society, and refuted numerous objections which are made to signing the pledge.

At the close of the address, the good impression made was manifest by the addition of thirty names to the society.

RIVER TRENT.—Pursuant to public notice, a meeting was held on the 31st August, in the school house on the east side of the River Trent Village, when, after the meeting was opened by prayer, the Rev. David Corey was called to the chair, and Richard Youmans requested to act as Secretary. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. C. Jones, of Belleville, and others, who ably advocated the cause of temperance, and clearly and forcibly exhibited the evils of intemperance. The usual pledge of abstinence from ardent spirits was adopted, and thirty-eight persons

gave in their names as members of the temperance society.

The Society now numbers sixty-six, (but a part of them belong to other societies,) and is steadily progressing forward. Our meetings are monthly, the last Monday in each month; & annually, the last Monday in January; and at each meeting we receive from five to ten or twelve additional members; much light is thrown on the subject, many prejudices are removed, and the way is fast opening for the prevalence of temperance through the country,—year throughout the world: and we hope soon to see the alluring, the destructive stimulus banished to its proper place—the shop of the Apothecary and Druggist. May the Author of “every good and perfect gift” speed the good; the philanthropic, the blessed work, till all shall become not only members of temperance, but of Christ’s church militant, to be translated to the church triumphant.

The following are the officers of the Society, viz:—*President*, Sheldon Hawley, Esq. *Vice Presidents*, Mr. Peter N. Traver and Dr. David Corey. *Secretary*, *Christian Guardian*.

NOVA SCOTIA AND THE OTHER BRITISH COLONIES.—None of the exchange papers have been received, and we are unable to make further addition to the satisfactory intelligence in our last from that quarter

UNITED STATES.

NEW YORK CITY.—The committee of the New York city temperance society attributes much of the very signal success which has attended their efforts for the last year, to the influence of occupational associations, “It was,” say they, “reserved for the mechanics & patriotic workmen, by taking the cause into their own hands to invest it with an interest never before felt in this city.—These meetings called by mechanics, and chiefly sustained by them, were continued by adjournment from place to place, until with but little abatement of interest, they compassed the city. Our largest churches were found insufficient to receive the vast multitudes drawn out on these occasions; and the four, five and six hundred signatures to the pledge in an evening, is an evidence to their utility, and the progress of temperance principles among the producing classes in our community.

Statistics.

From official documents, it appears that the expenses of the city for the year 1832, were D.895,587 29; the support of the criminal, pauper and civil establishments for the same period, cost D.315,782 98;