

conduct in the use of intoxicating drinks, and therefore they most determinately avoid, as much as possible, any connection with the subject; for, without being addicted to what is usually deemed the immoderate use of these drinks, they may be classed with those who are of the opinion that,

"When ignorance is bliss,
'Tis folly to be wise."

There are too many, however, who look upon the subject of teetotalism as a sort of social empiricism, and without stopping to ascertain its claims upon their attention, most determinately resolve the whole affair into a species of moral quackery! But such have been the results of this system upon the physical and moral state of society, that it is utterly impossible not to be satisfied, on a calm and candid inquiry, that it has already effected the most delightful results; and if we consider its tendency to improve the public health, or to remove one of the most fruitful causes of moral degradation, we must be convinced of its urgent claims upon our sympathy and regard.

THE TRADE OF BREWING.

By a Writer in the Year 1621.

Of all the trades in the world, a brewer is the loadstone which draws the customers of all functions into it. It is the mark or upshot of every man's ayme, and the bottomlesse whirlpools that swallowes up the profits of rich and poore. The brewer's ale, like a wilde kestrel or lemand hawk, flies at all games, or like a butler's boy, at Christmase, is sure to winne, whosoever losses. In a word, it rules and reigns, in some sort, as Augustus Cæsar did, for it taxeth the whole carthe. Your inns and alehouses are brookes and rivers, and their clients are small rills and springs, who all, very cheerfully, doe pay their tributes to the boundlesse ocean of the brewhouse. For, all the world knows, that if men and women did drinke no more than suffice nature, or if it were but a little extraordinary now and then, upon occasion, or by chance, as you may terme it, if drinking were used in any reason, or any reason used in drinking, I praye what would become of the brew-house? Surely we do live in an age wherein the seven deadly sins are every man's trade and living. * * * * If any man hang, drowne, or by any violent means make away his life, the goods and lands of any such person are forfeit to the use of the king; and I see no reason but that those who kill themselves with drinking, should be in the same estate, and be buried in the highways, with a stake drove through them; and if I had but a grant of this suite, I would not doubt but that in seven years, if my charity would but agree with my wealth, I might erect almshouses, free-schools, mend high-ways, and make bridges; for I dare sware that a number, almost numberlesse, have confessed upon their death-beds, that at such and such a time, in such and such a place, they drank so much, which made them surfitte, of which surfitte they languished and dyed. The maine benefit of these superfluous and man-slaughtering expences comes to the brewer, so that if a brewer be in any office, I hold him to be a very ingratefull man if he punish a drunkard; for every stiffe, pot-valiant drunkard, is a post, beam or pillar, which holds up the brew-house; for as the barge is to the tree, so is a good drinker to the brewer.

PROGRESS OF THE CAUSE.

VICTORIA DELEGATION.

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Fifth Week.

Grimsby, 4th May, Evening.—The meeting was opened at eight o'clock; a fine attendance; a quart of port wine was distilled; at the close of the meeting, 39 signed the pledge.

Smithville, 4th, Forenoon.—The meeting was opened at eleven o'clock; a fine attendance; a quart of wine was distilled; at the close of the meeting 20 signed the pledge. This place deserves praise for its exertions in the cause; the Society is only three months old, and they number nearly three hundred.

St. Catharines, 5th May, Evening.—A fine attendance; a quart of beer was distilled; at the close of the meeting, 54 signed the pledge.

Thorold, 6th, Evening.—A good attendance; a quart of beer was used for the still; at the close of the meeting, 22 signed the pledge.

Aldburg, 7th, Evening.—A good attendance; a quart of beer was used for the still; at the close of the meeting, 17 signed the pledge.

Aldburg, 8th.—Visited the Sabbath School, and addressed the children in the afternoon; travelled three miles to another school, and addressed the children there.

Chippewa, 9th, Evening.—Attendance good; a quart of beer was used for the still; at the close of the meeting, 35 signed the pledge.

Drummondville, 18th, Afternoon.—A fine attendance; a quart of beer was used for the still; at the close of the meeting, 20 signed the pledge.

Queenston, Evening.—Attendance very good; a quart of beer was used for the still; at the close of the meeting, 20 signed the pledge.

Niagara, 11th, Evening.—A good attendance; distilled a quart of beer; at the close of the meeting, 18 signed the pledge.

Four Mile Creek, 11th, Evening.—A crowded house, but it was small; a quart of beer was distilled, and 18 signed the pledge. Number added to the tee-total ranks this week, 263.

Sixth Week.

Bloomfield, P. E. D. 15th.—At the meeting in the afternoon, we had a crowded house; continued until six o'clock, when 20 signed. Last winter this was named the disputed territory between the cold water men and the whiskey drinkers, but cold water has gained the day.

Wellington, 16th, Evening.—A crowded house; distilled a quart of beer, which greatly delighted the audience to see the beer trade opened up. There is one brewery and one tavern in this village. At the close of the meeting, 26 signed the pledge; there were but five ladies who were not members.

Pictou, 17th, Evening.—A fine attendance; a quart of beer was used for the still; the Excise Inspector came the worse of drink to the meeting, and wanted to seize our still, and offered us money for a glass of the liquor that we had extracted from the beer; at the close of the meeting, 26 signed the pledge; there was but four of the ladies that had not joined.

High Shore, 18th, Afternoon.—A crowded house; a quart of cider was used for the still; the farmer that it belonged to, when he saw that there was so much alcohol in it, joined the Society at the close of the meeting, and 15 others also; there were only three ladies not members.

Demorestville, Evening.—Full house; a quart of beer distilled; every precaution was taken by the brewer and the two tavern keepers to keep us from having any; at the close of the meeting, 26 signed the pledge; there was only two ladies who had not joined.

Milford, 19th.—A crowded house, it was small; a quart of beer was used for the still, they had to pay 1s. 3d. for the quart; at the close of the meeting, 8 signed the pledge.

Pictou, Evening.—A crowded house; a quart of port wine was used for the still; the audience was greatly surprised to see so much alcohol or spirit taken from it, and they all declared that the residue was nothing but logwood and alum; a brewer tried to oppose us, but it would not do; at the close of the meeting, 30 signed the pledge. This is the last of our meetings in the District; intoxicating liquor has received the greatest shake here of any place in Western Canada, and it is owing to the Ladies having such an active hand in the cause.

Bath, 20th, Evening.—Poor attendance; a quart of beer distilled. This is a dreadful place. The enemies of the cause seem to be driven on here with demoniac fury; for, a short time ago at a meeting, they strewed along the side of the room with powder and set fire to it, so that since we cannot get an audience to attend.

Kingston, 21st.—A very poor attendance, accounted for by no proper notice given, and being on Saturday night; a quart of port wine distilled; at the close, 7 signed the pledge—they handed in £3.

Number of names received this week, 157.