

I candidly believe, the best interests of our cause can only be understood and promoted by members becoming morally and spiritually enlightened; by their *applying personally* and carrying out *individually* the great principle of our pledge—total abstinence from all that is hurtful to the pecuniary, social, physical, intellectual and moral interests of the whole man.

Tee-totalers of fearful hearts may be afraid of such sentiments—but that I advanced and enforced them I have many witnesses, and with what degree of success may be judged when I remark that 1,600 new members were added at my meetings. We have nothing to fear from avowing the truth; and if tee-total principles will not bear the light, they are not worth anything nor ought any man of common sense to adopt them. Truth is mighty and will prevail.

In corroboration of the foregoing remarks, may I not refer to the cheering fact, that *all the ministers* of the Upper Canada Conference and Episcopal Methodists—a majority of the British Wesleyans, New Connexion and Primitive Methodists, also of the Baptist, Congregational and United Secession Church Ministers are tee-totalers. A larger number of members of churches are now united with us—the remainder will also, it is to be hoped, join in the course of a short time.

While attending to the second object of my mission, I observed that the Committee of the Montreal Temperance Society enjoy in a growing degree, the confidence and respect of the members every where; some however, hinted that we had more zeal than knowledge, especially in sending so many gratuitous copies of our paper to certain parties who applied them to the worst of purposes, and in giving credit while the country is so embarrassed. It was not hard to persuade me that these opinions existed, for the small collections on the one hand and the careful absenteeism of those indebted to the Committee on the other, proved it. I was much gratified to learn that the *Canada Temperance Advocate* is well received and will be better supported—it is hailed with pleasure by all its subscribers who are hearty in the cause—and is much admired for its consistency and uncompromising tone. It is in effect a public and a private *Advocate* of our principles, fearing no frowns, courting no smiles, first in the field and never retreats. Six hundred new subscribers were obtained during this tour and many of the old ones renewed to continue till 1st January, 1845. I was delighted to witness the zeal of our juvenile friends in raising funds with Penny Subscription Cards. This plan was suggested by a lady at Petit Brulé and a gentleman at Brockville, last year, and has succeeded well. I hope those that are still engaged will be diligent and prompt.

It affords me pleasure to bear honorable testimony to the kindness and liberality of the friends all over the province, in conveying me free of expense to my appointments, and hospitably entertaining me at their homes, so that my disbursements were very small, and seldom made. In consequence of the *Advocate* not being taken in some places, and the friends despairing of my keeping my appointments in others, eighteen of my regular appointments were not kept—hence the collections were lost: but I would hope even in these places this duty will not be neglected. There was only one solitary instance where I came entirely too late to my appointment (Beverly), and this was caused through a drunken driver.

With reference to the *Gratuitous Distribution* of the *Advocate*, the committees who expressed their opinion, with two exceptions, think it ought to be *discontinued*; it is now quite evident, that many who received it, were not worthy of it, as they will not pay

the half-penny postage required since the new post-office regulation came into force.

A Provincial Convention is highly approved of, and the majority of committees recommend it should be held in Montreal during the next sitting of the Legislature, and that one important object should be kept in view, namely: bringing before the Houses of Parliament the evil of intemperance, and praying them to assist us in applying the remedy, by abolishing the License System, and granting us their influence and individual support.

A Provincial Union is also recommended to be formed at the Convention, embracing the interests of the whole Province, having a large General committee, and a smaller Executive committee, who might publish the *Advocate*, employ a Provincial Agent, and if possible obtain Dr. SEWELL'S plates, to be suspended in every public Institution, Academy, and College in Canada.

In conclusion, I remark, the number of my appointments was 137, of which I missed 18, leaving 119; if I add to these 8 extra meetings, and 24 Sabbath lectures, then I have delivered 151 addresses, averaging two hours each, to about 23,000 persons. The distance travelled, 2,205 miles; names to the pledge, 1,627; and four new societies organized. Collections at Public Meetings, donations, and penny subscriptions, £23 0s. 8d.; of outstanding debts, £36 12s. 1d.; new subscribers to *Advocate*, £83 9s. 7d.; former subscribers renewed, £22 7s. 6d.; Tracts, 15s. 10d.; all within the space of three months. Let objectors observe; here was a great expenditure of bodily strength; exposure to all kinds of weather, considerable mental effort and anxiety, and yet no alcoholic drink was used. How absurd the notion that these drinks were necessary to travellers, or persons travelling.

I am, Dear Sir, yours very truly,

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Agent Montreal Temperance Society.

TEMPERANCE SOIREE.—A very numerous assemblage of the friends of total abstinence took place on Friday evening the 16th instant, in the basement story of the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Toronto street, to hear the report of Mr. Bungay, who had been delegated by the City Committee to make a tour through the District preparatory to the formation of a "District Union." After tea, which was served up in the best style as usual by the ladies connected with the Society, the company were gratified by hearing the report of the Agent, which showed that the cause was progressing in the District, having obtained during his journey of a few weeks nearly 400 new names to the lists. Messrs. Ketchum, Lamb, Roof, Harris, and some others, entertained the meeting with interesting and appropriate addresses, and the music of the Temperance Band added greatly to the pleasure of the evening. The company separated about ten o'clock, after spending a few hours of true social intercourse and enjoyment which "leaves no sting behind."

EXTRACTS FROM MR. BUNGAY'S REPORT.

It affords me no small amount of happiness, to avail myself of this early and favourable opportunity, to render my grateful acknowledgements to those persons, whose Christian courtesy and generous hospitality, made a stranger feel at home in the Home District. The societies I have visited, cordially and unanimously respond to the efforts now being made in the metropolis of temperance in this extensive and promising field of labor, to organize a district union; and they manifest a perfect willingness to contribute liberally, according to their ability, towards the support of a competent lecturing agent.

TYLER'S CHAPEL, Jan. 13th.—Notwithstanding the extreme severity of the weather, many persons sacrificed the pleasures of the fire to attend this gathering of tee-totalers. This promising and prosperous society contains nearly five hundred members, embracing a majority of the most intelligent and influential persons in that neighbourhood.

NEWMARKET, 15th.—Before my arrival at this thriving and beautiful village, I was informed that the temperance society there