

Province. The Presbyterian Church was crowded; resolutions were passed which gave occasion to several very interesting addresses—11 persons joined the Society. We are rejoiced to state that teetotalism has taken a firm hold of the Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment stationed here. At the commencement of the year, the Society, connected with the Regiment, only numbered 43, but within the short interval since then, 120 have signed, so that they now number upwards of 160—about one third of the whole force. The soldiers gave a fine Temperance soiree in January last; and on the 17th of this month being Saint Patrick's Day they held another, which was very numerously attended. Major M'Pherson, commanding officer, entered at the commencement and expressed his gratification at seeing the rational way in which they were about to celebrate St. Patrick's eve. The Rev. Mr. Cheyne, Messrs. Askew, Johnston, Sergeant Clark, and myself, gave addresses. Tea was served up in excellent style about eight o'clock, and about eleven the company partook of a most substantial supper; after which Corporals Russom and Cowig gave very interesting addresses. The semi-monthly meetings of our Society are numerously attended by the military; and, in addition to this, they have a weekly meeting of their own, which is also well attended. As one of the fruits of this increase to the cause, it may be stated, that the tavern-keepers have begun to feel a sensible diminution of their unhallowed gains, and one of them has been obliged to give up.—R. PENN, Sec.

BRISTOL, March 18.—A meeting was held in Clarendon, on the 17th instant, at which, besides the friends of temperance in this neighbourhood, some of the most respectable ladies and gentlemen from Lichfield, Onslow, and Hull, were present. James Taylor, Esquire, Registrar of the District, presided; and after the reading of the Report by Mr. King, President of the Bristol Total Abstinence Society, the Rev. Mr. Williams, of Hull, and the Rev. Mr. Dignam addressed the meeting; at the close of the addresses 28 names were added—making our whole number 86. The meeting being closed by prayer, the company adjourned to the "Temperance Inn," where excellent refreshments were prepared by Mr. Murphy; whose establishment is the most eligible place of rest in this District, for travellers. To heighten the enjoyment, both vocal and instrumental music lent their aid. Satisfaction beamed on every countenance, affording proof of the possibility of a company enjoying themselves without having recourse to that fell destroyer, Alcohol. Thus closed the first Temperance social meeting held in these townships. It is in contemplation to form the Temperance committees of the two Townships into one Society, under the name of the Bristol and Clarendon Total Abstinence Society.—W. KING.

Abstract of Report above mentioned:—Last autumn a few individuals united to form a Temperance Society on the total abstinence pledge; and on the 2d January they held a public meeting at Bristol Mills, which was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Dignam. At this meeting a Society was organized by the election of office-bearers, and a number of names were added. On the 21st February a meeting was held in Morton's School-house, Clarendon, also addressed by Mr. Dignam, when nine persons signed the pledge. This Society now numbers 58.—W. K.

DUNDAS, April 5.—Our prospects are most cheering; in this place we have gained upwards of 100 since our anniversary in January, and none that I have met with deny the vast benefits which have been derived from the formation of the total abstinence Society in Dundas. At an anniversary meeting last night at Rock Chapel, 43 names were added. A Society has been formed on the Brock Road, we thought it an unlikely place, yet 42 pressed forward voluntarily giving in their names. On the same evening a Society was formed on the "Plains" near Waterdown, 42 joined; another formed at "The Twelve," numbers 78. Men are beginning to discover that uniting with Temperance Societies does not detract from respectability. It may be interesting to you to know something of our numbers in this part of Gore; Hamilton, and Waterdown Societies are head and head, each over 400, Dundas 311, Rock Chapel 103, Ryckmans 70; the others, newly formed, as I have stated, West Flamboro upwards of 100. There are two Societies in Beverly, one I lately attended, numbering about 70. A meeting of delegates took place at Hamilton, last Saturday, for the purpose of forming a District Association. A constitution was adopted, so that in a short time we will be able to ascertain the extent of the Temperance Reformation in the Gore District. I have obtained some subscribers for the *Advocate*, and will, if spared, make some exertion to obtain more and forward you the list on the 1st of May.—R. SPENCE, Sec.

ST. ANDREWS, April 7.—We had a meeting this evening at

which a few members of the Society, and the Rev. J. T. Byrne, from L'Orignal, addressed the audience; after which six names were added to the pledge. On 10th January, 1842, Mr. Wadsworth made us a visit, lectured, and exhibited Dr. Sewall's stomach plates, after which 17 more names were obtained. He again visited us in February last, and after lecturing, complained, with too much truth, of the apathy and inconsistency of teetotalists which prevented many from joining their ranks. On the 25th February, 1841, the total number on our list was 159, and notwithstanding many disappointments, it has increased to 276—after deducting nine who broke the pledge, seven who left the place, and three deceased. The office-bearers are unchanged.—J. BLACK, Sec.

Temperance Statistics.

NIAGARA, April 13.—Smithville can boast of some of the first and firmest friends of the Temperance Reform west of Montreal. The thriving Society in that village may with propriety be termed the parent and pioneer of the good cause in that section of country. Men of every sect and no sect—of every party and no party—meet and unite on the common ground of Temperance, and form a "family compact" for the promotion of sobriety. A Committee of ladies recently scoured the place, visiting from house to house, and secured upwards of 70 signatures to the pledge; a few have broken over the dam; it is hoped the Committee will take judicious steps to reclaim wandering prodigals, and restore them to the Society again. J. Bridgman, Esquire, President; J. Forsyth, Esquire, Secretary.

Morseville.—When public lecturers visit this settlement they find but little to do, for most of the inhabitants have embraced the principles of total abstinence. It is difficult gleaning after such close and careful reaping. In some respects this Society is in advance of the age, may it never be behind in contributing a portion of its means in extending to other neighbourhoods the blessing it appreciates. Mr. A. Morse, a valuable acquisition to the cause, has devoted much of his time and his talents in advancing the best interests of this best of human institutions. When I was assailed at Mud Creek with opposition and persecution, from many who are now friends to the cause, he stood by my side and shared the blows with me.

Gainsboro.—This place was called Sodom prior to the introduction of temperance; it now deserves and receives a better name. Although this Society does not retrograde, it does not rush forward, it improves constantly at the rate of "slow and sure," and is really a staunch and safe institution. The untiring exertions of Mr. W. Eastman have been honored with success; he has spared no pains to extend the circulation of the *Advocate*, and agitate the question of Temperance privately and publicly. Mr. W. Eastman, President; Mr. J. Hagar, Secretary.

Welland-port; or, Chippewa Narrows as it was some time called, was like the man who fell among thieves on the highway, but the Temperance cause, like the good Samaritan, bound up its wounds, and it will probably recover, if its sores are not torn open fresh in the house of its friends. The tavern-keeper is a professor of religion, and if he hated iniquity as much as he does total abstinence he would be eminently pious. Several who have made an attempt to reform have been led astray by temptations presented at his bar; one melancholy instance allow me to present. Mr. H. a man in the meridian of life, a good mechanic, became a slave to the vice of drunkenness, lost his property, stained his reputation, neglected his family; and was hastening to a premature and miserable grave, when the pledge arrested him on his downward course; that pledge he kept inviolate several months, rosy peace and smiling plenty appeared—there was a change in his home, a change in his family, a change in his person, and considerable change in his pocket—one day he stepped into the bar-room, (men should keep away from temptation,) he drank what he supposed was water, but after swallowing a little he discovered it was whiskey; that little awoke a sleeping appetite, he fed the devouring passion and continued intoxicated several days; he has since made several attempts at reform and has yielded as often to temptation. That he may, after reading this, resolve to abstain from all appearance of evil, is the sincere and ardent wish of the writer, who is deeply interested in his present and future welfare. Mr. J. Smith, President; and S. Hagar, Esquire, Secretary.

Humberston.—This is one of those good-natured smiling Societies which laughs and grows fat. With badges, and banners and lectures, and parties, and processions, and regular meetings it has kept up an excitement which has been followed with success surpassing the most sanguine anticipations of its most ardent friends. The main spring of this Society was a tippler 30 years, a tavern-keeper five; he now keeps a Temperance Cottage, where