

than brutal appetite. However, when this is done without sober and rational consideration, the effervescence soon cools, occasion and temptation recur; he visits the pest house of dissipation, and his resolutions vanish like the morning cloud and the early dew.

Your Committee have made strenuous and frequent attempts to bring over to their views of Temperance, their Catholic friends in this Seigniory, and it is with sincere regret they have to say that this, except in a few instances, has been without effect. The attempt has also been made to interest the gentleman who visits the places as their religious teacher; this also has proved abortive. Your Committee have extended their labours to Paisley, and in accordance with the wishes of some of the friends of Temperance there, have incorporated their names with this Society, and while the weather and roads were favourable, there was a monthly meeting kept up in Paisley.

Your Committee cannot at this time refrain from congratulating you on the cheerfulness with which our female friends have come forward and enrolled their names as a Female Temperance Society. From them we anticipate great success to the cause, and most heartily do we wish them God speed. And now, before we surrender our honourable office to be replaced by others, who will with zeal and diligence promote the philanthropic cause, we crave your indulgence while we would endeavour to impress upon the minds of the members of this Society the propriety and necessity of *consistent, unflinching steadiness*. In our day we behold the mighty influence of association rained against the many headed monster Intemperance, and already the effects of this measure are of the most cheering description, but how necessary, is it that the members of the Association be true men. You are aware of the opposition that is against you, you are aware of the many calumnies and false reports that are daily circulated. And believe it, friends, when any one falls under the temptation, how ready our enemies are to take his filthy raiment and throw it at us all. You are aware of the pains-taking assiduity which former companions in revelry manifest, to induce us to recede, and how they triumph if they can prevail on some simple individual. Knowing this, let us beware, we are privileged; let us assert it.

Next to personal conduct, is a prudent and affectionate zeal for bringing others to enjoy the blessing of which we have the sweet experience. One of the great ends of our association is, by an united effort to give our negative to vicious customs, and at the same time affectionately and respectfully give our reason for so doing.

Love to our fellow men ought always to be the mainspring of our efforts. Let us see to it, that we do not flag and become indifferent—having been led to see the destructive effects of the use of intoxicating liquors, let us never lay down the arms of calm, affectionate and sincere remonstrance, "till the little leaven shall have leavened the whole lump;" till the united voice of the public compel those who enrich themselves at the expense of public virtue and morality, and fatten on the destruction of the temporal and eternal interests of their fellow-men, to cease their immoral traffic, and betake themselves to honest industry.

Tempering and temporizing will not do, such conduct is unworthy of such a cause. We are enlisted in the cause of virtue, of moral and civil reformation, in which the temporal interests of all are involved. And we doubt not, in numberless instances, through mercy, it is, and will be, the happy precursor of receiving that truth which "saves and sets the guilty free." We can-

not conclude without soliciting and recommending to the Members to attend the monthly meetings of the Society, as we believe, nay, we are absolutely certain, that it will be attended with beneficial results, thereby our own steadfastness will be promoted, and our zeal to commend the cause to others will be excited.

JOHN MURRAY, Secretary.

The Eastern Townships.

We have just received the following letter from a correspondent who has been lately travelling in the Townships, and made it an object to ascertain the state of the Societies there.

To the Editor of the Canada Temperance Advocate.

SIR,—Having lately had an opportunity of ascertaining the state of several Temperance Societies, and of obtaining information relative to the cause in the Eastern Townships, I thought it might be interesting to the readers of the *Temperance Advocate* to be put in possession of what I learnt. On the 17th instant, I left Montreal, and soon reached Laprairie, where I saw the Secretary of that Society, Mr. Joseph Johnston, from whom I received such information as enabled me to conclude the subject of Temperance was not there altogether forgot, although not regarded with sufficient importance. Mr. J gave me a very favourable account of the Society at Huntingdon, which, he stated, was extremely desirous of obtaining the assistance of public speakers, and that about thirty of the members had concluded to adopt the total abstinence pledge.

Proceeding onward, I found at St John and Bedford the Societies there, were in a state of much inefficiency, although, at the former place one or two individuals were exerting what influence they could individually afford.

On the 19th, a meeting was held at Stanbridge East, the Rev. A. Riddle in the Chair, at which I made some remarks, followed by the Chairman. At the close, the Editor of the *Township Reformer* spoke in favour of Temperance Societies, and declared his willingness to join the society. Before the meeting dismissed, another meeting was appointed for the purpose of choosing officers and re-organizing the society, which it is to be hoped they will be able to do. From what I learnt, there is very great need of the influence of Temperance Societies in this part of the country; much intemperance and immorality prevailing.

Next morning I called on an individual at Dunham Flat, from whom I ascertained that little in the cause of Temperance was doing there. Having left some copies of the prospectus of the third volume of the *Temperance Advocate*, I proceeded to Georgeville, where I addressed a meeting on the subject of Temperance. I felt gratified to know that intoxicating liquor was sold at one place only in the village, and that at the inn I found considerable deafness, however, on the subject of promoting the cause in other parts, but trust, that having in a great measure got rid of the evils attending the use of intoxicating drinks, they will bestir themselves, that other places may also be delivered from them.

On the 20th, I met with a few friends of the cause at Stanstead Plain, the Rev. Mr. Sibbing presiding. The Rev. Mr. Johnston of the Methodist connection made some remarks, as did a few individuals present, the effects of which, and those made by myself, it is to be hoped will not be wholly lost, although heard by few. The cause here has apparently several warm friends, still many are lukewarm, and do much less than their means and situation put within their power. I felt sorry to see the names of several influential members as vice-presidents and stewards of a public dinner, to be given on the 8th of February, and I cannot but think that in their minds the subject of politics has assumed by far too great importance, when they allow themselves to patronize or attend public dinners. Let these gentlemen but ask themselves if they can do so, and not sacrifice their consistency as members of the Temperance Society, and can the editors or proprietors of newspapers incur a less serious charge, if they encourage the introduction of such occasions of intemperance. It may displease many who wish to be thought temperate men, but I do not hesitate to tell them they are acting quite inconsistently with their pledge, and are injuring greatly the cause they profess

to promote. I earnestly hope that these gentlemen will reflect on the subject, and no doubt they will admit the truth of the above remarks, which are made solely to open their eyes to the inconsistency of their conduct, and the injurious influence likely to flow from it, not only to temperance, but morality in general.

On the 21st, I addressed a meeting at Eaton which was well attended, and was followed by some remarks from Messrs. Fox, Howard, and the Rev. Mr. Pearson. The cause here appears more alive, still the other speakers lamented the extent of intemperance, and the increased use of intoxicating liquors.

I reached Sherbrooke on the 23d, but from some mistake a meeting had not been announced. There appears much need of exertion in this place, but it is to be regretted its inhabitants seem taken up with business, and led away by the temptations to speculation presented by the great increase of trade in this neighbourhood.

I could not help wishing that the liberality of the Land Company, which I have almost everywhere praised, and which I myself experienced, were extended to giving a few pounds towards the circulation of temperance publications or otherwise promoting the cause. If such an outlay made only a few persons better settlers and able to pay for their farms, it would be repaid by them, while the good of the community would, by the Divine blessing, be greatly promoted.

On the 24th I reached the Outlet, too late to hold a meeting, and here I was informed the cause of Temperance was at a low ebb. Having left some tracts, I set out for Granby Village, where I arrived at a late hour, the roads being very heavy.

Next morning I passed through Abbotford, where the Rev. Mr. Miles now resides, and who has engaged to give an address to the Society here at their approaching meeting. I left some tracts with him also, and arrived in town the same evening.

In this journey I was exposed to much cold, and in two cases, travelled forty miles and then addressed meetings, going almost direct from the Carole to the place of meeting, and I would suppose that this is a convincing proof of the practicability of total abstinence. In conclusion, I would remark, that the conviction has been forced on me, that unless more general and vigorous measures are used, the cause of Temperance will make little way in this Province, and that above every thing, a suitable travelling Agent is required.

J. C.

Montreal, January 31, 1837.

INVERNESS.—Letter from the Secretary, dated the 7th January, 1837:—

DEAR SIR,—It is with pleasure I have to inform you that we had our first annual meeting on Monday last, and though the day was very unfavourable, in consequence of a severe snow storm, there was a good gathering, but nothing like what we might have expected had the weather been more favourable; thirteen have joined since our last report, making in all seventy members. I am happy to inform you that no one has withdrawn his name the past year, and, as far as I can learn, all have stood the test, though, in many instances the temptation was presented to them.

I am happy to inform you that I am authorized to send for three more copies of your valuable *Advocate*. If you can send the back numbers it would be desirable, I have left the price of the three copies already sent to me with a friend of mine at Quebec, which I hope you have received before this.

It was resolved that meetings should be held in different parts of the County for the promotion of the Temperance Cause, which, with the assistance of your valuable *Advocate* I have no doubt, with the Divine blessing, will be attended with much good. Wishing success to the *Advocate*, I remain, &c.

L. CAMPBELL.

KENTON TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—We have received a report of a meeting of this Society which was held on the 13th of December last; from which it appears that the cause is well sustained there. Judging from the short account of the addresses delivered, which has reached us, we should think the meeting must have been a very interesting one, as our readers may judge from the following extracts:—