

stopped. We are told there are at present some forty or fifty oxen fattening upon its excrements. We think if they are fattening, which seems to be the case, they have the decided advantage some way over those who bottle at the other end of the establishment.— We would advise our toper townsmen, who seem to need a change of diet, to try the other spout. But we hope the time will soon come when these fortresses of iniquity will be demolished and society freed from its body and soul destroying power, and when that grain God has caused to grow for the supply of children's bread shall not be used in the manufacture of that which destroys the best feelings of the father, and renders him unfit for the performance of those friendly acts which make the family circle happy and desirable. Nothing short of the Maine Law will accomplish what we want in Canada. I am glad to see the *Advocate* and other temperance journals in the Province taking such a bold position against the license law. Agitation should be the order of the day. Truth properly exhibited before an enlightened community, never suffers in comparison with error. Our Municipal council, last year, limited the number of tavern licenses to seven. We are now circulating a petition to the council, to permit none this year. If we do not succeed, we shall, at all events, define our position, and prepare for a future contest.

*Caledon, Jan. 17, 1852.*—The first annual meeting of the Centre Road Temperance Society was held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 30. The chair was occupied by Mr Samuel Johnston, our worthy President, and the exercises were begun with prayer by Mr Ferguson of Eramosa, who afterwards addressed the meeting in a masterly and eloquent manner. The attendance was large, and all seemed to be exceedingly pleased with the exercises of the evening. We have prospered far beyond our expectations during the past year, and much good has been done through our instrumentality. Our monthly meetings have been regularly kept up, and well attended. Our membership has been steadily on the increase, and we are now able to announce that we have 120 consistent members. Drinking, quarrelling, and fighting were so common, in our village, in former times, that it went by the name of "the Devil's Five Acres." A great change, however, is taking place, and we do hope that Mr Smith, author of the *Canadian Gazetteer*, will be able to give us a better character, when he publishes a second edition of his "Canada, Past, Present, and Future." These, and other circumstances, have given us a strong hold on the respect, if not the affections of the community, and we would desire to thank God and take courage.

T. D.

*Amherst Island, Jan. 17, 1852.*—The Sons are working well here. The Division was formed about six months ago, with 15 charter members, now we number nearly 50. In that number we have some who were among the greatest drinkers on the island, and they stand well to their pledge.

W. G.

*Ingersoll, Jan. 27, 1852.*—We thank Mr R. Wright, who is A. P. of the section of Cadets in that place, for the following information:—

It is with pleasure that I can say we have got a Division of the Sons of Temperance in this place. Our Division is in a prosperous state. It was organized the 5th of March last, and now numbers upwards of 90 members, in good standing, and we have a section of Cadets. There are about 40 belonging to the section.

*Zorra, Jan. 28, 1852.*—While writing on business, I may as well inform you that we are doing something in this place for the promotion of the cause of temperance. We have no regular lecturers, and, to supply the deficiency, we make a virtue of necessity, and turn lecturers ourselves; and homely as our addresses, and feeble

as our efforts are, we rejoice that they are not altogether in vain.— Our first meeting was in October or November, when we formed a society called the Zorra and Nissourie Temperance Society. Since then, we have had regular monthly meetings, which are generally pretty well attended, considering our scattered population. Our present number is seventy-three, some of whom have been teetotalers before, but many of the youth of our land, who, till quite recently, have been in the habit of drinking, more or less, and some taken from families of intemperate habits. In conclusion, allow me to say that the *Advocate* is a welcome visitor, and is always hailed with delight in every house it enters in this vicinity, and I have frequently heard it said by its readers, that they sometimes got one number worth the price-of the volume.

G. C. GRANT.

*Fingal, Feb. 2, 1852.*—We have now several temperance journals going the rounds and claiming our support, but there are a few that will support the one that has borne the heat and burden of the day—the *Canada Temperance Advocate*. It has done good, and I hope, with the blessing of heaven, you and it may live to do more good yet to the world. As regards the Sons, it would take a better pen than mine to tell, or begin to tell, the good the order is doing here and in neighborhoods around us. Some have joined that never could be induced to sign the pledge, and who, not ten months ago, were worshippers of Bacchus, and now bless the day that the Sons organized a Division in the village, and are now sober, respectable, and industrious citizens.

EDWARD WILLSON.

*Malahide, Feb. 2, 1852.*—We learn from W. E. Murray that the Silver Creek Division of the Sons of Temperance was organized in the south of this township, on the 1st of April, 1851, and now numbers 33 members. The meetings are held on Saturday evenings—Jurett S. Clendenning, W. P., Andrew Murray, R. S. Although this Division is small, its members exert a salutary influence in the neighborhood.

OWEN'S SOUND AND HORNSBY.

We trust our correspondent who dates from Owen's Sound will acquit us of blame in not having given the substance of his communication before now. We can only say, in excuse, that there are constant claims on our space which we find it difficult to meet. It appears from the letter before us, that the Sons established themselves in Owen's Sound, last spring, and are doing great good, although, thereby, the active operations of the old society are retarded. Last September, a celebration was held, under the auspices of the Sons, and was delightfully encouraging. The Guelph Band, after a fatiguing journey, were on hand, and materially added to the interest of the occasion. The scenes of the occasion were ominous to the rum-sellers, and their overthrow was regarded as only a work of time. Useful and appropriate addresses were delivered; yet, says our correspondent, truly, "a vast and gigantic work remains to be done ere the accursed demon is totally subdued and banished." But we trust that the increased efforts of which Mr Newcombe speaks, will be effectual to the repression of intemperance; but, as he says, "it is evident, however, to any one acquainted with the nature of the case, that nothing short of a total annihilation of the traffic," and the license system, "will be fully sufficient to banish intemperance from the land." "Maine has done nobly—may her example be speedily followed by others." We shall be glad again to hear from our Owen's Sound correspondent at his convenience, and hope not to delay so long the reporting of his facts and views.

Another correspondent dating from Hornby, Esquimaux, informs us that twelve years ago, a society was formed, but, after meeting with much opposition from various quarters, it and another, not far thence, fell into decay. On the 1st of April last, a Division of the Sons was formed. They struggled hard for a time, but, by renewed exertions, have recently been flourishing. In the said township, there are four other Divisions, "all in a prosperous condition." All of these have held soirees, which were well attended and useful. The one held at Stewart town on the 5th February, was particularly interesting. About 400 sat down to tea, and were afterwards addressed by Rev. Mr Baine, of Galt, and several other ministers. The proceeds were applied to the erection of a Temperance Hall.

We thank our Hornby correspondent for other information he communicates, and shall make use of it when it may be practicable and useful to do so.