

chain of mountains by which the township is surrounded, when the noise of horsemen, and the rattling of vehicles, announced the arrival, thus early, of some of the friends of the cause. Mr. Henry Boright had been chosen principal marshal to conduct the different tribes in order of procession. At 11 o'clock, all being in readiness, the six tribes were formed by the deputy marshals, and with the bands from Bichford and Dunham in front, they marched to the Methodist Chapel, followed by some two hundred ladies, who were conducted by Mr. William Dow. The ladies having been provided with seats, as many of the Rechabites as were able gained an entrance to the building; but, so great was the crowd, that nearly 200 persons were compelled to remain outside. Ephraim Knight, Esq., having been called to the chair, the meeting was opened by a beautiful and appropriate prayer from the Rev. Mr. Hitchcock. The Chairman then addressed the meeting, briefly alluding to the important occasion which had called such a vast multitude together. Dr. Benjamin Seaton then delivered an address upon the prosperity of the order in the Eastern Townships, and its work of moral regeneration; at the close of which Mr. Adams spoke, briefly alluding to the lamented death of the late Captain J. D. Crippin, whose unceasing exertions in the cause of temperance will be long remembered by the inhabitants of this country. The Chairman having received the thanks of the meeting, the procession was re-formed in the same order, and returned to Mr. Dwyer's residence, where some five hundred persons sat down to a dinner which had been prepared for the occasion. A temporary building, one hundred and fifty feet in length, had been erected, covered with evergreens, and from its top floated the banners of the several tribes. Two tables, running the entire length of the building, were spread, and filled with every variety of refreshments; and, I need not say, that in the midst of such plenty, and on so joyful an occasion, few failed to do justice to the repast, and which reflected great credit on Mr. Dwyer, to whose kindness and attention on the occasion every friend and brother can bear witness. Dinner being over, several gentlemen addressed the company, among others, Mr. Finley, of Dunham Flatts, who strongly urged upon our fair friends the necessity of their cordial co-operation in the good work so well begun. The two bands then, in their turn, played several lively airs; after which many took their leave for home, and thus terminated a day which will be cherished and remembered by every friend of temperance.

[From the absence of the Editor, this communication was also left over.]

CHINGUACOUSY, Oct. 24, 1848.—The Springbrook Temperance Society (having considered the Circular of the Montreal Temperance Society, addressed to the office-bearers and members of temperance societies throughout the Province) feel it their duty to do something to assist your committee. You will find herein enclosed £3 towards paying off the debt on the *Advocate*. This society was established seventeen years ago, on the moderation plan, but, finding this not sufficient to effect the object of the society, about five years afterwards the total abstinence society was introduced and

strictly adhered to, to the present, with three or four exceptions. As for answering the list of queries accompanying the Circular, we did not think this of so much importance, as the bounds of our society contains but a small part of the township of Chinguacousy, and only numbering twenty sound teetotalers at present; there being neither distilleries, breweries, nor taverns within our bounds. We desire the *Advocate* to be continued, and will try to increase our subscription list, if possible, which will be forwarded to you in due time for the next volume.—JOHN WILKINSON, Treasurer.

L'ORIGINAL, Nov. 3, 1848.—The financial embarrassments of the Montreal Temperance Society are the subject of much regret to some friends of the cause in this vicinity. We have been considering what can be done. The *Advocate* cannot, *must not*, be discontinued; the cause of truth, the moral condition of the community, and the friends of humanity, of peace and good order, all call for its continuance. Our society here, like most others, has almost slept the sleep of death; we mean to arouse, however, and we trust to regain strength, and, as a small earnest that we mean to do so, we send you the enclosed sum of \$10, as so much towards the liquidation of your large debt—and *this with the hope of doing more*. I cannot tell exactly how many *Advocates* we may take for the ensuing year; but I have no hesitation in pledging myself for at least three dozen. A friend to the cause here, who is very anxious that we should endeavour to arouse others, and who is generally one of the foremost in every good work, wishes me to request you to transmit three dozen copies of the *Advocate*, dated 16th of last month, for the purpose of dissemination and to excite an interest on the subject.—J. A. [We are sorry we cannot comply with the request of our esteemed correspondent. We, however, send as many as we can spare.—Ed.]

Education.

WATER, WINE, BEER, AND SPIRITS.

(From "The Maternal Management of Children in Health and Disease." By Thomas Bull, M.D.)

Water should be the only beverage throughout childhood—toast-and-water, if the child prefer it, which is rendered slightly more nutritive than the more simple fluid. The water employed in its preparation, however, must be at a boiling temperature, and it ought to be drunk as soon as it has sufficiently cooled; for by being kept it acquires a mawkish and unpleasant flavour.

The practice of giving *wine, beer*, or, indeed, *any stimulant*, to a healthy child, is highly reprehensible; it ought never to be given except medicinally. The circulation in infancy and childhood is not only more rapid than in the adult, but easily excited to greater vehemence of action; the nervous system, too, is so susceptible, that the slightest causes of irritation produce strong and powerful impressions: the result in either case is diseased action in the frame, productive of fever, convulsions, or some functional derangement,