

In the winter season every alternate Friday evening the "Band of Hope" meets. This work is more intimately connected with the Sabbath school: large and interesting meetings are held: the young are instructed on the evils of intemperance. There is no doubt that a good work is being done in this gospel temperance work; saloons are the curse of Griffintown. No other form of vice is so prevalent there as drunkenness, no other form of sin brings so much sorrow and poverty into the home. We believe that the surest step towards the reformation of an intemperate community, is wisely to educate and instruct the young. The Sabbath school work at Nazareth Street is the most excellent of all, and other branches of work are but offshoots from it.

To our superintendent, Mr. Ross, is due the honour of founding, and carrying on this work for many years. His work has been done quietly and unostentatiously, but nevertheless it has been thorough and widespreading in its influence.

We cannot close our report without referring to the changes that have taken place during the year. Mr. J. W. McLeod, who last winter was appointed to the work, graduated in April, and left for a new field of labor. Mr. J. D. Anderson, B.A., began work in October, but unfortunately in the early part of January was compelled to go home because of ill health.

In May we hope to see Mr. Anderson again at Nazareth Street, in restored health, taking up the work he so reluctantly gave up, and for which he seems so well fitted.

On Saturday, the 4th inst. news reached this city of the death of Mr. Tener in California. Mr. Tener laboured at Nazareth Street for two years: during that time he faithfully and lovingly performed his work. Many are the homes that were brightened by his presence; many are the hearts that were cheered, encouraged, and helped by his words of comfort; his earnest and powerful appeals will not soon be forgotten. Our fellow-labourer has passed to his reward, but his work and memory will long be cherished in many of the homes of Griffintown.

In conclusion, we thank "the Lord of the harvest," for the privilege of working another year for the glory of His name.

Respectfully submitted,

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