

has attended the efforts made in favor of the cause of Temperance in this vicinity, your Committee are persuaded that the cause is owned of God; and that as the preaching of John the Baptist prepared the way for the coming of our Saviour, so Temperance is calculated to open the way for the reception of Divine truth, and will ultimately result in the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.—C. H. VAN NORMAN, Sec.

NIAGARA, Jan. 28.—Niagara is the capital of the Temperance enterprise in what you have been pleased to designate the "banner district;" the enlightened and enterprising members of the Niagara Society have originated more plans, made greater sacrifices and exerted a happier influence than any single Society of the same calibre within the range of my acquaintance. The Society consists of upwards of six hundred members. The president, Mr. W. Cameron, is a liberal practical working man, who does not sleep at his post and say *go*, but invites his fellow labourers to *come up* to the work. The Secretary, B. Ball, Esquire, is a gentleman of the legal profession, well qualified to perform the task assigned him; all the officers are zealous and efficient men. A *Soirée* took place last Wednesday evening, when the Society's lecture room was filled with many of the most intellectual and influential inhabitants of Niagara. Decorations, music, speeches and refreshments were all of the most appropriate and satisfactory description, and all the participants in the festival were gratified.—Last evening there was a perfect jam to hear Mr. Wadsworth, and the audience listened with intense interest to his able address; at the conclusion of which 14 signatures were appended to the pledge, and upwards of £6, contributed to aid the funds of the Montreal Society.

I have just returned from an interesting meeting held in the Presbyterian church, in the handsome and flourishing village of St. Catharines. The full attendance, polite attention, liberal donation, and enthusiastic responses, prove beyond dispute, that the generous, zealous and discreet supporters of the Temperance reform in this village are "zealously affected in a good cause." The able and interesting Report, the judicious and pointed remarks of the Chairman, the excellent vocal music, the thrilling appeal from Mr. Wadsworth, and the noble results—not only comported with the dignity of the cause, but must have inspired the most indifferent with aspirations worthy the immortal energies of man's imperishable nature. St. Catharines goes arm in arm and side by side with her sister Society in Niagara. The sum collected at the close of the meeting amounted to £6; and 24 pledges were obtained.—St. Catharines Society embraces most of the professional men, and many of the leading merchants and mechanics in that village and vicinity; some of the most talented and efficient members of that association were, prior to their signing the pledge, addicted to the habit of excessive drinking: with one exception the clergymen of St. Catharines are the friends of the Temperance reform. The Presbyterian and Methodist churches are always opened for the reception of lecturers and their hearers. The St. Catharines celebration was admirably arranged and went off with great eclat. Unanimity is the golden link which connects the different Societies; the combined exertion of these Societies have been crowned with unanticipated success; so that we have in the District 17 Societies, embracing about 7000 members. I regret that so few persons, west of St. Catharines, patronize that guardian of the pledge, the *Montreal Temperance Advocate*.

The tee-totallers of the District of Niagara are not an obscure few, unnoticed and unknown: many of the most intelligent, respectable, influential and religious persons patronize the pledge, and still the cause is bounding forward vigorously in almost every circle of Society. In Thorold the "tremendous principle" of the pledge has triumphed in the teeth of open opposition. In consequence of the public works now in progress in that neighbourhood, several slab villages have sprung into existence, which are occupied by Irish labourers, many of whom have signed the pledge in Ireland, and judging from the comparative cleanliness of their dwellings, the quantity and quality of provisions on their tables, the decent clothing they wear, their persevering industry, their willingness and ability to work, the amount they earn and the manner they spend it, I conclude the pledge has proved an incalculable blessing to them. These strong, sober, hard-working men may be seen at all times of the day exercising their Herculean vigor and energy in quarrying rocks instead of quarrying men's heads,

as they not unfrequently did when under the influence of ardent spirits. Contractors, clerks, merchants, all acquainted with these useful men, acknowledge that the introduction of sobriety has made them better in every respect. Parents, wives, husbands, and children acknowledge the same.—G. W. BUNGAY.

[We thank Mr. BUNGAY for the above communication, and hope he will inform us from time to time of the progress of the cause in the Niagara District.—Ed.]

CLARENCE, Feb. 1.—A few days since the Clarence Temperance Society held its annual meeting, on which occasion the cause was warmly supported in several interesting addresses delivered by members and friends from sister Societies. The Report noticed that nearly thirteen years had run their circuits since the Society's formation; but this was the first instance of our having to record removals by death, the hand of the destroyer has swept from our number the old and the young, all of whom we have the satisfaction of knowing were ornaments to the cause they had espoused; and if we may be allowed to indulge in conjecture, the thought may be cherished that in their retrospective glances at their actions on earth, it will be no unpleasant recollection that they had assisted in advancing a cause bearing so prominently on the present and future happiness of the human family. Thirteen members have been added during the past year, leaving the present number 80; three new Societies have been formed in the surrounding neighbourhoods within the same time—one in Buckingham, one in Cumberland, and one in Lochaber—for the formation of these Societies we are indebted to the labours of Mr. Wadsworth, and the evident benefit to the country round amply compensates for the benevolent efforts of the Montreal Society along this portion of the Ottawa—the Lochaber Society now numbers forty, and appears in good working trim. At the close of the meeting refreshments were handed round and a season of social entertainment enjoyed, for although the times are hard, tea and plum-cake went round in ample profusion, a temperance song or two wound up the affair; and, without either black eyes or bloody faces, the company, consisting of young and old—of some who had once used alcohol freely, and others who had sold it extensively—dispersed well pleased and thankful that such beneficial changes were being made in the festive usages of society.—W. EDWARDS, Sec.

CUMBERLAND, Feb. 5.—None of his Satanic Majesty's agents could have inflicted more grievous injuries on any people than those felt here from intemperance, injuries from which the mind wishes to turn aside. They were deplored and mourned over by some even of those who did not feel their immediate pangs; but though we wept over in silence, none were so bold as to raise their voice in public against them, until heaven at length inspired the Plantagenet Methodist Missionary, the Rev. J. Reynolds, to try the effect of his soul-stirring eloquence in arousing the people from their death-like lethargy. The first meeting took place on the sixth January, when twenty-three signed the pledge, and since that time we have held another at which nine members were added; and it is proposed to hold monthly meetings during the present year.—J. STARS, Sec.

ASHPODEL, Feb. 6.—I beg to tender you the sum of £1 5s., the liberality of the friends of Temperance in this township, to help your Society out of its embarrassment. Our annual meeting was held 26th December last, at which we obtained 14 names to the pledge; our principles are moving slowly but taking firm footing. Public opinion in these parts no longer offers an objection to total abstinence principles; but, on the contrary, pronounces it right.—Our number now exceeds 190 the officers for the present year are—Mr. J. Becket, jur., President; the writer, V. President; J. Robertson, Sec.; with a Committee of nine. The smiles of heaven on our past efforts, tells us the victory is ours ultimately. The Lord hasten the day.—J. WHEELER.

COBourg, Feb. 9.—Our annual meeting was held on the 10th ultimo, when we numbered 333 members; since then the powerful addresses of the Agent of the Montreal Temperance Society have given a fresh impulse to the cause; about 30 subscribers have been obtained. There are within the limits of this town about 3990 inhabitants; our Society numbers at present about 43—so that we number very nearly one to seven of the entire population. The officers for the present year are—J. McCarty, Esq., Presdt; Rev. D. C. Van Norman, V. President.—W. KINGSTON.—Sec.