

Our Temperance Societies are rapidly increasing in numbers and in strength. The Sons of Temperance, in their progress, appear without a parallel.

In speaking to me of the recent holidays, many assure me, that for the first time in their lives, they spent a sober Christmas and New Year; and this they spoke of with pride; rejoicing in their new position.

May we soon witness all the inhabitants of Canada, united to a man, in driving from our midst the fell destroyer.

P. W. DAYPOOT.

[The above has been mislaid, otherwise it would have appeared sooner.—*Ed. Ad*]

London Township, Feb. 25, 1851.

I take the opportunity to mention, for the *Temperance Advocate*, that the cause of Temperance maintains its ground in the northwest of the township of London—I refer to bounds about six miles square. Nine years ago there was no Temperance Society in that quarter. A few individuals, friendly to the cause, and seeing the need of directing the attention of the community to its claims, agreed to announce a Temperance meeting; and, if a dozen should prove friendly, proceed to institute a Temperance Society. This number, and over it, were privately engaged to sustain the interest. A society was formed on the old Temperance plan; all the addresses, however, incalculated total principles. This society embraced what is called the English settlement. Another was instituted, called the Proof Line Temperance Society. Now the cause was gaining ground. This society adopted total principles. Some years after, a society was formed, lying principally between these two. In the winter of 1849-50 a fourth society was commenced, lying to the northward of these. The four societies are all flourishing, and acting finely in concert. The oldest society has some time since grown up to maturity—taking up true abstinence grounds. Although it seemed at first to suffer by the change—about one-half of its members for a time keeping aloof—yet it is speedily picking them up again, and will soon have them all, excepting a few of the old followers, who are, nevertheless, resolute in the practice of abstinence, though the pledge seems a little too hard for them.

The number in each of these is nearly as follows:—

English Settlement Total Abstinence Society, about	80
Proof Line	230
West of London	130
Welsh Settlement (Welsh)	80
Total	520

Besides these, there are other societies in the Township; a flourishing one of the "Sons of Temperance" on our south. As these are not in my more immediate neighborhood, I cannot state anything regarding them.

JAMES SKINNER.

Amherstburgh, March 5, 1851.

Sir,—The *Advocate* has become a great favorite with the lovers of moral reform, and especially those of them who like music. We were much pleased some time ago to see that you intended publishing a Miscellaneous Collection, (insert the words with the music if possible); it will be convenient for Temperance meetings, and as the worshippers of Bacchus has, on all occasions rendered music subservient to the devotee of that god, so we may employ it with equal success, in the Temperance Reformation.—There is still several confirmed drunkards about Amherstburgh,

and their ranks have been considerably recruited within the last year, by discharged Pensioners from the Royal Canadian Rifles. It is lamentable to see those poor deluded victims, who have spent the best of their days in the service of their country, and acquired nothing but dissipated habits, now spending the remainder of their lives, in utter wretchedness and misery.—The intended recompense of the government for their past services, is only sinking them deeper in the scale of humanity.

The friends of Temperance are encouraged by the abolition of old customs. There have been several balls and parties this winter in Amherstburgh, where no intoxicating drinks were used;—our sources are likewise commanding greater attention every year, and are now looked forward to with considerable anxiety; there is likewise a Young Men's Mutual Temperance Society, doing much, in an indirect way, to establish sound morality, and a knowledge of physiology among the young men, which is the true basis of temperance. There is also a Division of the Sons of Temperance, which is a great auxiliary to the old society. Their frequent meetings and thorough training, is calculated to rescue some of those which the old society is unable to save from their appetite for strong drink. Although a man may have acquired the habit, and sunk to a low state of drunkenness, if he has any moral stamina, or principle of honor left, the organization of the Sons will strengthen and aid him in his good resolution to reform; but it is difficult to deal with those who have no mind or principle—who are sunk so low that no dependence can be put upon their veracity: no sooner out of sight than they forget their obligation, and even the preservation of self vanishes. The Sons have had to deal with many such, who have often produced a reaction in the division. The giving the power to municipalities to grant or withhold Licenses, will work well; but there is no more use for the District Issuer of Licenses than the "cart has for the third wheel."

Yours, &c.,

W. A. B.

Westminster, March 5, 1851.

Sir,—I feel happy in being able to acquaint you of the rise of temperance through the instrumentality of the "Sons." The St. Andrews Division was organized in the house of Mr. James Beattie, North Street, on the 10th of January, 1851, when 28 brethren were united in the sacred bonds of our order; and their unabated success since, proves their influence and activity in forwarding this great work of Reform. In spite of all the efforts made to oppose and keep us back, the average number initiated each night has been no fewer than seven, making their numbers at last meeting beyond seventy; besides this division there is another, styled the Westminster Division, in this Township, rapidly increasing. In short, within seven miles, in one line from this division, there are four others, all started within fourteen months; numbering no fewer than five hundred brethren who have "nailed their colors to the mast." What glorious prospects for giving intemperance its death blow in Middlesex, when we find so many intelligent and determined men under regular training, willing to go forth under the banner of temperance "to conquer or die." Are we not warranted to entertain sanguine expectations for better times, when we find influential brethren warmly attached to the cause, and actively engaged in disseminating the seeds of *brotherly love, temperance and benevolence*? Surely we should have high hopes of an abundant harvest.

I consider it of infinite importance to the stability and usefulness of the order, that every division should have a library of choice books, containing not only all the works on temperance