

heart does not burn with a glow of gratitude to Him who orders the affairs of men, and has put it not only into the hearts of civilised men, but also into those of savages, to turn their swords and their scalping knives into pruning hooks; and has also put it into the hearts of men to raise up Teetotal Societies, whose social principles will, methinks, actually drive the tyrant Alcohol from our land.

I have obtained ten subscribers for the *Advocate* for the ensuing year, together with five dollars. I will serve you as agent in any matters wherein I can be of any service to you.—LUTHER BOARDMAN, Secretary.

EATON, December 25, 1848.—Having recently noticed an interesting account of the progress of the Temperance cause in connection with Sabbath schools in Scotland, my mind was forcibly struck with the importance of bringing this matter more prominently before the youthful mind. An effort to this end was therefore made a few weeks since in our Sabbath school, by selecting a lesson bearing strongly upon total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks; and I am happy to say that pleasing success has attended the attempt. Twenty-four names were obtained the first Sabbath after; and to-day, being our Sabbath school Anniversary, thirty-three more were added to the pledge, after an impressive address by Mr. Alcorn, of Sherbrooke, a warm friend of the good cause. There is much need of exalting this good work.—Yours, &c., A. GILLIES.

BROCKVILLE, GREENBUSH, December 26, 1848.—I presume you begin to think the Temperance Society in this place has become extinct; and if the influence of two taverns in our midst, in which drunkenness, profanity, and revelling are almost daily occurrences, could kill us, we would have been dead long ago. But there are in this section of country a goodly number of true-hearted and faithful Teetotalers, who have waged an unceasing warfare with that deadly foe to man's best interest, Alcohol; and who are determined still to fight on. We labor, and hope, and pray for better days—and surely they will arrive—when the banner of temperance will wave where the sign of the drunkenry now meets the eye. We have not yet commenced our winter campaign, but hope to do so soon, when, I have no doubt, we shall considerably increase our number.

Enclosed I send you £1 5s, for the benefit of the Montreal Temperance Society, and regret that I cannot send more. I also enclose you £3 5s, for twenty-six copies of the *Temperance Advocate*, hoping the paper will be suitably sustained, and that you will meet with that encouragement your laudable and praiseworthy undertaking so justly merits. With the most sincere desire for the final triumph of our cause, and the best success for the undertaking in which you are engaged—I remain, &c., H. W. B.

FOR THE TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

SIR.—I hope that you are recovering from your late indisposition, in which we have truly sympathised with you; and as it is not in our power to send you much medicine, in

the form of gold, silver, or bank-bill pills, partly because of the lethargic state of many of your half-willed friends, and partly because of the very light yield and shrunken state of the wheat crop in this section; we will only be able to send you a few shillings on your doctor's bill, and about a score of doses in the form of subscribers.

Do you know what a damage it is to the *Advocate*, and to all other publications—yes! and to every thing great or good in Canada, to be oppressed by such a postage on letters? A person hardly dares to subscribe, or ask another to subscribe for a paper, because the postage on the subscription, in some cases, is greater than the subscription itself. A person scarce dares to write to a friend for fear of receiving an answer, (however much he may desire it,) and having to pay a price beyond all reason for it. We don't subscribe for such a paper, because the postage on the subscription letter is so great, therefore, the post loses the chance for the postage on the letter, and on the periodical also; and the people drink, smoke, or sleep, while they might be receiving some useful instruction. Let the press, press the subject of letter postage, till it is pressed down as small as necessary.

Tell the people to sustain the *Temperance Advocate*. It has done good, and it can do more. Your humble servant has loaned the *Advocate*, for the year which ends this night, and the person to whom he lent it, though not a decided teetotaler, instead of going to town and spending his change for the drunkard's beverage, spoke to his son, a youth, who was with him, saying, while those persons whom we see haunting the taverns are spending their money for liquor and getting high, I will see what I can do; he went into the Depository and purchased his son a Bible! and since then he has subscribed for the *Advocate*.

Our annual meeting for Lindsey will not be till the 13th, and I know not if you will receive our report until the remainder of the subscription money is sent, which we wish the subscribers to exert themselves to put into the hands of our secretary as soon as possible; that our *Advocates* may be aided and encouraged to make their semi-monthly visits to our respective family circles. I am, &c.,

R. M'L. PURDY.

THE REV. T. OSGOOD.

We are gratified to find by the following extract of a letter from the Rev. T. Osgood, to the editor of the *Scottish Guardian*, that our venerable friend, is so fully occupied, in such a good work. We wish him God-speed, "may he find much favour in the eyes of the people."

MR. EDITOR.—Please to grant me permission to express the great pleasure that I feel in finding the advocates of temperance so well engaged, and so wide awake as they now are. Three evenings in succession, I have been favoured with the privilege of attending temperance meetings in this city; and the last which was held in the City Hall, was the most important meeting that I ever attended on the subject of temperance, and I have attended very many, both in this country and America, and hope to attend many more.

I do sincerely hope, that the solemn and alarming facts stated last evening respecting the principal cause of cholera may never be forgotten. And it is not only in the times of