

that you may do much more to make others teetotalers, by being yourselves members of a society, than if you were privately teetotalers. I hope you will not forget the lesson.

Let me just show you another way, in which you may have influence on others by being in a society, which you would not have by yourselves. It is by *encouraging the timid to become teetotalers*. There is Francis Fearful, he is a nice sort of a boy, and seems anxious to do his duty, but he is always afraid to go forward like other boys. He won't take the lead in anything, and it is always a while before he will even follow. There must be a good many doing anything before he will venture to do it. The only way you can get him to follow, is by getting a great many to go before. Now Frank is but one of a large family. There are some of them rather willing to be teetotalers; for they see it to be their duty; but they are afraid to be singular. They couldn't bear to be alone, and the only way you can get Frank and his friends to become teetotalers, is by getting a good large teetotal society; and that can be done only by members joining. Your society may not perhaps be very much better of those we have been speaking about, but you will do them good; and though they be fearful, they may be faithful, and may even by and by be useful.

I hope then, my young friends, for your own sakes, and the good of others, you will not be content with merely being teetotalers, but will join a teetotal society, and be active and wise members of it. In the meantime I beg again, my dear young friends, to subscribe myself,

Your affectionate well-wisher,

OLIVER LOVECHILD.

Progress of the Cause.

CANADA.

TEMPERANCE MEETINGS IN HAMILTON.—We had a conversation a few days since with the President of the Temperance Society of this City, and we regret to learn from him, that the reason why the meetings of this society are not more frequent, is because he finds it exceedingly hard to obtain the services of Ministers who are willing to address the congregations. There are a large number of Ministers in this City, and yet we are assured by the President of the Temperance Society, that it generally so happens, that on an evening that there is to be a meeting of the Temperance Society, *they are engaged*. Under such circumstances the President does not feel at liberty to call a meeting unless that he can secure some one beforehand who will pledge himself to attend and lecture. It must be a matter of grief to the temperate and pious portion of the inhabitants of this City, to witness the scenes of *unkenness* which are daily exhibited in our streets.—And the demoralizing evil is not confined in its ravages to the "lower classes" of society, but many who claim to be respectable are noted tipplers, or confirmed drunkards. Their very countenances establish this fact. Is it because that it is fashionable in this City among the "higher orders" to drink, that so few are found ready to oppose the evil? We trust not. We hope that the Pastors of the several congregations in this City will do all they can to redeem the City from the curse of intemperance.—*Canada Christian Advocate*.

LOWER PORTS.

TEMPERANCE INFORMATION.—Mr. Richard Halls, who has lately appeared before audiences in this City with great satisfaction, as a lecturer—has been sent forth by the Halifax Temperance Society as a Lecturer and Agent to the Societies in the Western parts of Nova-Scotia. His labours commencing at Liverpool, will extend to Digby, and thence to St. John, N. B.; after which he will return to Halifax, through Annapolis, King's and Hants Counties, lecturing on the way. He is authorised to request and receive Donations for the Halifax Society, at whose charge he is until the end of the present year. The Rev. Mr. Buchanan, of the Free Church of Scotland, will lecture for the Halifax Society, at Mason Hall, on Tuesday evening next,

YOUNG MEN'S TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—A monthly meeting of the members of this society was held on Tuesday evening at the Temperance Hall. Notwithstanding the disagreeable state of the weather, there was a large assembly. Energetic and eloquent addresses were delivered and a number of new members added to the list.—*Post*.

MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL, AND THE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—The number of Ministers in Saint John and in the country who advocate from the pulpit the claims of the cause, is rapidly increasing; and it is *thus* that the temperance movement will rapidly accelerated. Engagements of an unavoidable nature prevented our attendance at the Portland Church last evening, when an eloquent sermon in behalf of total abstinence was preached by the Rev. W. Harrison, Rector of Portland. Wherever the clergy have zealously taken hold of the matter—and it is astonishing that this is not the case, without a single exception—the good which has been achieved by them is incalculable. The example of ministers will make an extensive impression; and, if we take not, they will always find that their *open advocacy* of temperance principles becomes subservient to the promotion of ministerial usefulness and happiness. It is not enough that ministers tacitly acknowledge the goodness of the cause, they should, to a man, be foremost in the ranks of its supporters.—season and, we had almost said, out of season; on all occasions to raise their voices in sounding the alarm to the unwary, by establishing the temperate in their path of duty. Ministers of the Gospel profess to "do good to all, as they have opportunity; let it not be said then that any one of them acts inconsistently in this matter. Could all the wallings of the thousands of thousands slain by intoxicating liquors, come up in one load to the ears of remonstrance on the ears of lukewarm ministers, and the warm professors generally, they would then think it inconsistent to remain speechless on the subject, and thereby add to the multitude of drunkards who shall swell the eternal wall! Let that Gospel Ministers would reflect, that *drunkards are dying* while they remain inactive in the cause of temperance; for who might, under the power, and the influence, of the Holy Ghost, bring thousands to a saving knowledge of religion, were they engaged in the Total Abstinence Society as *pioneers* to prepare the way.—*St. John Watchman*.

SCOTLAND.

MR. JAMES STIRLING.

During the last two months, this trophy and veteran of the temperance cause has been prosecuting his mission to the societies of the north, and the results of his labours have been of the most encouraging description. Our last notice left him at Portsoy, from whence he proceeded to Cullen, and found that no meeting had been held since his visit to that place several years ago. A good meeting was held on the 19th July, which stirred up a number of the friends to renewed exertion in behalf of their principles. On the 20th Mr. S. proceeded to Elgin, where he found that no arrangements had been made for meetings. He applied for, and obtained the use of the Baptist chapel, where a small meeting was held on the 21st—a better one on the 22nd, and an excellent one on the 23rd. At the close of the last meeting, a committee was appointed and arrangements made to keep the abstinence life-boat afloat. At Forres, a meeting was announced for Sabbath, 25th, but although only one minister would intimate it from the pulpit, the independent chapel was nearly filled by a respectable audience. Nairn was the next place visited. A meeting was held in the United Presbyterian church, on the 26th, another in the Independent chapel, on the 27th, and a third in the Free church, on the 28th; all of which were respectably attended. None of the dry-gymen here have yet identified themselves with our movement, but two of them are considered to be on the verge of doing so. Three good meetings were held at Fort-Augustus, on the 30th and 31st July, and 1st August. The society in this place has its ground better than most others in the neighbourhood. On the 2nd of August a very small meeting was held at Fort-William, and a better one on the 4th. The cause has been nearly dormant here for some time, for want of active persons to take the lead, but there is much necessity for striking a blow at the drinking customs. It is no uncommon thing for religious and prayer meetings to be polluted with the steam of whiskey. Mr. S. went to Dingwall, on the 6th; but could not induce the friends to get