

## UPPER CANADA.

For the Christian Guardian.

OXFORD AND HOWARD RIDGE-ROAD TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

Mr. Editor,—We rejoice at the happy effect the perusal of your inestimable paper has produced upon a number of people in this vicinity in respect to temperance. Some three or four years ago there was a prosperous and flourishing temperance society instituted in this place, which promised fair to be a permanent blessing to this part of the country; but, lamentable to tell, "like the sow that was washed and returned to her wallowing in the mire," it was not long before many members receded from their engagements, and the society degenerated until it became extinct.—But, observing in the Guardian of the 5th ult., that the Streetsville Temperance Society had lately emerged from a like lethargic state, the circumstance excited a spirit of emulation, or at least imitation, in several of the more considerate of our late members, who viewed with horror and regret, the contrast of their present condition to that of their former; they therefore convoked a number of the inhabitants, who assembled on the 16th ultimo. The Rev. John Messimore, who was requested to attend, delivered an appropriate and very pathetic discourse on the insidious gradations by which *temperate drinkers* are often reduced to the abject and beastly state of inebriation. The effect it produced on the audience exceeded our most sanguine expectations. A Constitution was drawn up on the principle of *total abstinence*, to which fifty-five subscribed their names. The following individuals comprise the Officers and Committee of the society, viz:—

CHRISTOPHER WEBB, *President*.AMOS SIMKINS, *Vice President*.THOMAS SKAINE, *Treasurer*.JOHN BURGESS, *Secretary*.

Committee.—Edward Wilson, Henry Dobbyn, Joseph Goslin, John Goslin, John Skaine, Thomas Rustin, and John Hatch.

The regular meetings of the Society will be monthly, quarterly, and annually.

JOHN BURGESS, *Secy.*

A letter received from an extensive mercantile house in the Western District, U.C. says—"On mature deliberation, we have come to the conclusion that it will be best to give up selling liquors, and turn the capital invested in that trade into some other branch of business." This same house used to buy whiskey by the 100 bbls, and other liquors in proportion.

The same letter states that the principal lines of schooners and steamboats on

the American side of Lake Erie, are now conducted on temperance principles; and that the owners find their account in doing so, the trips being quicker and less expensive, and accidents and wrecks much less frequent. It suggests also the propriety of conducting the business on our side in the same manner.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

The Halifax Temperance Recorder contains an interesting account of a general convention held there on the 14th October last, in the building devoted to the meeting of the Assembly; the Solicitor General in the chair.

The delegates besides the Committee of the Halifax society were twenty-three.—Resolutions were moved expressing gratitude to God for the progress of Temperance societies through the world; calling for renewed exertions from members; impressing on them the duty of attending the meetings of their societies; recommending exertions to obtain the aid of ministers of the Gospel, magistrates and others possessed of authority; enjoining temperance societies to exhibit the true nature of importations of ardent spirit; & solemnly calling upon all to consider the cause advocated.

The reports of the different societies concurred in regret that licences for the sale of spirituous liquors should have been granted by the Executive in cases where grand juries and sessions of the peace had refused them.

Several societies recommended abstinence from all intoxicating liquors.

The following extracts from the report are given entire:—

"It would appear from statements which have been transmitted to the Secretary of the Convention, combined with other means of information, that there are upwards of 120 societies in the province, together with Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island; embracing in all upwards of 20,000 members. The statements alluded to, have been received from about 60 societies which are composed of 10,855 members, of which 3528 have been added during the year ending on the 26th February last; and upon this principle your committee estimate, the entire increase throughout the province at 6000 members during the last year.

Your Committee have also much pleasure in bringing to the notice of the Convention, the circumstance of the great decrease in the importation and consumption of ardent spirits, in the various sections of the Province, to which the returns of the societies refer; and some opinion may be formed of the extent to which the reduc-

tion has been carried, from the circumstance of its being stated, that in the county of Shelburne where formerly 150 puncheons of rum were consumed annually, there are now but 15 imported; and in other places your committee are happy to learn, that similar gratifying alterations have ensued since the introduction of the temperance cause.

"The resolution and pledge attached, read by Mr. Shaw, recommending total abstinence from intoxicating drinks, was discussed at great length; when the Rev. Mr. Bill moved the following as an amendment: "Resolved, That as the Wines imported into and manufactured in this province, are found to contain a very large proportion of Alcohol, and as their habitual use by temperance members has an injurious effect upon the temperance reformation; the convention recommend to the societies connected with it to take the subject into consideration, and as soon as they may deem it practicable, to adopt the principle of total abstinence from them as a common beverage." Secended by Mr. Ward; and after some conversation, Mr. Shaw consented to withdraw his resolution and pledge, and Mr. Bill's amendment was passed unanimously."

## CONVENTION AT ANNAPOLIS.

At a meeting of delegates for the western part of the province of Nova Scotia, held at the Annapolis Academy, on Wednesday, the 23d Sept., 1835, the following gentlemen were present, viz:—

Rev. Edwin Gilpin, Chairman; A. Henderson, Secretary.

Mr. Ward, Woolfville & Horton Branch.

— C. H. Dimock, Newport & Rawdon.

Messrs. Whitman and Langille, Lunenburg.

Messrs. Chase, Porter and Bishop, 1st Cornwallis.

Rev. Mr. Chipman, 2d Cornwallis,

Rev. Mr. Bill, Wm Holland, and Ambrose Dodge, Nictaux.

Rev. George Millar, Bridgetown.

Mr. Whitman, Liverpool.

Rev. Mr. Smithson, Richard Mott, and Joseph Shaw, Granville.

Messrs. B. Phinney, and Wesley Poole, Wilmot.

Wm. Taylor, Esq., Digby.

Rev. Mr. Cogswell, Lower Granville.

Rev. Mr. Sanders, Israel Rice, and Aaron Potter, Bear River.

The following gentlemen, from different parts of the province, were admitted to seats among the delegates.—Rev. Mr. Cunningham, Mr. S. Mills, Mr. Leggett, Mr. Halfyard, Mr. Jesse Wheelock, Mr.