

rough calculation made by one of the Committee, conversant with such matters, it will fill *three pages* of the paper.

Our mutual friend, Mr. Douglass, passed through Toronto a few days ago; and, when made acquainted with the meeting, expressed a *very strong desire* that the Report should be circulated throughout the country in the columns of the *Advocate*.

I should have stated above, that after the addresses were delivered, a resolution, *approving* of Societies formed for the express purpose of discouraging the use of all alcoholic drinks, as a common beverage, was submitted to the meeting, and adopted by an *overwhelming majority*.

Hoping to have the pleasure of writing you again in a few days, I remain, my dear Sir, yours sincerely,

ALEXANDER CHRISTIE, Sec. T. R. S.

Toronto, December 20, 1839.

EXTRACTS from three other letters, detailing the success which attends our cause in Kingston, and its vicinity:—

"A person called on Mr H. to-day wishing for information regarding Temperance Tracts. He was a decent Scotch farmer from Camden, 26 miles distant. He said they had a Temperance Society out in his village on the *Tee-total* plan, and their Constitution bore the date of November 4. They have 60 members. He was very anxious to have Tracts. I gave him a few of those obtained from Mr. Douglass; and he wanted to pay for them. I gave him your Secretary's address and pressed on him to write to you for a supply; and also to get subscribers for the *Advocate*. He said they meant to have a meeting that night, and expected two addresses to be given. A Doctor is one of the main supporters of the cause. I would take it very kind could you send me some Temperance Tracts. I intend hiring a sleigh for a pleasure excursion on Christmas-day; if the tracts arrive in time, they shall be distributed among the farmers."

"We are to have a Committee meeting this evening. I have been two days out with a friend, getting subscribers for the *Advocate*. We have upwards of 100 subscribers now; we expect to be able to send for another 100 copies. We are getting names to the pledge every day. I believe the object of the meeting to-night is to get others of the *Ministers* to join us."

"We have now one hundred and fifty-five subscribers to the *Advocate*. Nearly fifty signatures to the pledge. Two of the Committee are appointed to wait on all the ministers of religion in Town, to solicit their aid in the good cause."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

SIR,—This infant Society was formed in November last, by a few of the villagers; and we now number upwards of fifty, amongst whom are several (formerly) hard drinkers. We are in a thickly settled Township, and one in which the use of ardent spirits is but too general; and in consequence of the number of poor, our funds are, as yet, limited; but our encouragement is great; and we are determined to push forward, as great benefits are likely to accrue from it. We have formed upon the principles of Total Abstinence, and as yet have not had one relapse. Monthly meetings are held in the village school-house, and our members rapidly increasing.

F. R. P.

Clark's Mills, Camden, U. C., Dec. 19, 1839.

A SCHOOLMASTER WORTHY OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

SIR,—I observe in the *Temperance Advocate* a notice, that all Ministers of the Gospel and Schoolmasters are requested to forward their names and receive a copy of your useful periodical gratuitously. The benevolent offer I thankfully embrace, by informing you that I have under my care and instruction above seventy children and youth, (being the largest school in the P. E. District), and that many of them have recently adopted the principles of Total Abstinence. Believing it to be my duty, and esteeming it a happy privilege, I often address the school on the importance and happy consequences that may attend their adopting and persevering in the

same course of their companions. I think I should be greatly aided by reading the communications in the *Advocate* to the school in accomplishing the object I have in view, viz.: bringing under the influence of total abstinence all the pupils under my care. I would beg leave to forward to you the names of the following gentlemen, who would receive a copy of the *Advocate* thankfully, and who are zealous in advocating the principles of temperance, on the foundation of total abstinence:—Rev. Moses W. Morse, Methodist Preacher; Mr. George Webster, address Picton; Mr. Almon Bristol, address Fredericksburgh, Midland District; the two latter are Schoolmasters, and whole-soul temperance men. I with pleasure mention that a Society, on the principles of total abstinence, has recently been formed, styled the Prince Edward Total Abstinence Society, embracing for its location limits the District of Prince Edward. There have, as yet, been but three meetings, and the Society numbers more than one hundred members. It is expected that meetings will be held, and Societies formed, in different parts of the District, Auxiliary to the Society now organized. A District Society, on the old pledge, was organized some years ago, and has accomplished much in reclaiming the intemperate; but for some time past its influence has been diminishing, and the old pledge was found inadequate to accomplish the object of the Society at its formation. Soon after the formation of our *Tee-total* Society, those wishing to maintain the old pledge called a meeting of the old Society, and not more than six or eight attended. Soon after, a meeting of the new Society was held in the same place. A large congregation attended, and listened with great attention to the exercises; and about fifty came forward and joined under the new pledge. Comments on the superiority of the Total Abstinence principle are unnecessary. Feeling anxious to obtain the first number in the civil year, I forward our names for that purpose. We have in expectation a large meeting on New-Year's-day, when I will use my exertions in obtaining subscribers for the *Advocate*, and forward you an account of my success. Praying that the best of heaven's blessings may attend the exertions of the abstinence friends in Montreal, and throughout the world, until temperance principles may reign predominant, I subscribe myself yours, &c.

AHIRA. H. BLAKE.

Picton, U. C., Dec. 15, 1839.

P.S. Since writing the above, I have called on a few friends, and collected the small sum of 10s., which I transmit, requesting you to forward a copy of the *Advocate* to the following persons, address to Picton, U. C., in addition to those above-mentioned. Several of the following names are pupils in my school:—Erastus P. Ballard, William W. Davis, Thomas Yerwood, Cideon Striker, Wm. Wallace, and William H. Austin. Please direct each paper to the names forwarded.

A. H. B.

CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

"It is good neither to eat flesh, nor drink wine, nor do any thing by which thy brother is made to stumble, or to fall, or is weakened." Rom. xiv. 21.—*Maccnight's Translation.*

MONTREAL, JANUARY, 1840.

THE NEW YEAR.—We shall be guilty of nothing unfashionable if on the present occasion we wish our friends a HAPPY NEW YEAR. But along with this new-year's wish, we mean to take the liberty of adding a word of counsel, even at the risk of fashion.

1. To those who take no *lively interest* in our cause.
2. To those who are becoming *slack* in their efforts.
3. To those who are doing what they can for total abstinence.

1. To the first class we beg to say, that if they remain inactive, they must soon part with an invaluable privilege—that of doing good to the miserable. Soon—the past year reminds us of the fact—soon must they part with life in this world, for existence in the world to come; and the opportunity of becoming the deliverers of souls, will then be forever lost! To rescue a fellow mortal from poverty, degradation, and wretchedness, is one of the highest boons enjoyed on earth. If you will resolve to take up this subject in good earnest during the coming year, and if providence spares your life, you may have the pleasure of witnessing, before its close, one