

FARMERSVILLE, April 27, 1839.

DEAR SIR,—Having had the *Canada Temperance Advocate* for a few months past, and realizing in some measure the advantages of a publication of the kind; and in view of the beneficial results that would be likely to follow from a more general diffusion of knowledge on the subject in this place, I have, in connection with some others, made a little exertion to obtain subscribers for the *Advocate*.

The amount herein inclosed, you will be pleased to return in numbers of the ensuing volume of the *Advocate*, addressed in one package to the subscriber, Farmersville, U. C.

The temperance reformation commenced here some six or seven years since, with what is commonly termed the "old pledge." It succeeded very well for a time, and numbered two or three hundred members; but at length, through the indifference of some of its members, and the many temptations to inebriety by drinking wine, beer, &c., it was found nearly impossible to keep it together; and the Society eventually went down. In October last, a new Society was formed upon the teetotal principle, excluding any thing that would intoxicate, wine, fermented cider, &c. The Society now numbers 70 members—has meetings regularly once a month, and generally well attended, with a good degree of interest. Much remains yet to be done. We have in this small place the influence of two grog shops, and one tavern to contend against; and a distillery near by, sending out the waters of death.

ASA PARISH.

We have also received communications from Quebec, on behalf of a subscriber in Megawick Co.; from Isle aux Noix; Richmond, U. C., and from Huntingdon L. C., ordering copies of the *Advocate*, and giving us the names of the ministers and schoolmasters, in these neighbourhoods; for which we return them our thanks. These ministers and schoolmasters will consequently be supplied with copies of this paper, and whether they be favourable to the Temperance Reformation or not, we trust they will give the arguments by which it may be supported a candid consideration.

Miscellaneous.

A SAVING OF FIVEPENCE A DAY.—At a late meeting in Birmingham of a Total-Abstinence Society, the following statement was made by a working coach-painter, who was called on in his turn to speak on the subject of temperance. "He had made a few calculations, which he wished to communicate, with the view of showing the pecuniary benefit he had derived during the four years he had been a teetotal member. Previous to that time he had been in the practice of spending, on an average, in intoxicating drink, fivepence per day, or £7 12s. 1d. per annum, and which in four years would amount to £30 8s. 4d. He would now show how this sum had been expended during the four years he had abstained from all intoxicating drinks. First, it had enabled him to allow an aged father £3 5s. per annum towards his rent, or in the four years, £13. Secondly, he had entered a benefit society, and paid one shilling and sevenpence per week, or £4, 2s. 4d. per annum, or £16 9s. 4d. for the four years. For this payment he secured the following advantages, namely, in case of his being disabled from doing his accustomed work by illness or accident, the society will pay him eighteen shillings per week, until restored to health: in case of death, his widow or rightful heir is entitled to a bonus of £9, besides half the amount paid into the society by the deceased up to the time of his death, with the interest due thereon. Thirdly, it left him four shillings and ninepence per annum, or nineteen shillings for the four years, to be expended in temperance publications. It might further be added, that when the sum of £54 had been paid into the society's funds, no further payment would be required, and the contributor would be entitled to all the benefits before enumerated; medicine and medical attendance were included in the arrangement. His brother, a coach-smith, has pursued the same course for the same length of time, contributing to his aged father, and providing against a day of need." Reader, how much may be done with fivepence a-day!

HUDSON'S BAY.—As it regards our prospects, we have, through the Divine Blessing, found favour in the eyes of the Hudson's Bay

Company's factors; and as they command the entire influence of the Indian country, our prospects, as far as they are concerned, are good. Whatever may have been the course pursued by these men towards the Indians formerly, of which I have heard much, not very creditable, if true, I can only say, that all I have seen has tended to bias my mind much in their favour. I find that spirituous liquors are no longer sent into this country; the Hudson's Bay Company disavows, at least as far as we have gone, the use thereof among the Indians. The interests of the Hudson's Bay Company is amalgamated with that of the hunters.—*Upper Canada Paper*.

EFFECTS ON THE STOMACH.—When an alcoholic liquid has been in the stomach for a certain length of time, irregular, inflamed patches arise on its inner surface, which increase in size until they coalesce. Minute yellowish dots next appear, consisting of matter, each covering a corresponding ulceration. Shreds of loose skin are often observed over the surface, a new false membrane, or the old one disorganized and dead. After the fit of intoxication is past, if no more alcohol is taken, the inflammation gradually subsides and the ulcerations heal. But the stomach is a long time in recovering itself completely. When the fits of intoxication have been long continued or often repeated, a permanent weakness and derangement of the functions of the organ, and often a change in the structure is produced. The gastric juice, the principal instrument in digestion, becomes diminished in quantity: bad in quality; and consequently but imperfectly digested. The blood is made from the food, and the system is nourished by the blood, which enables every organ to perform its healthy functions. But badly digested food cannot make good blood; and when the blood is bad these functions are imperfectly performed, and the whole system suffers.

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