

of the Wesleyan Chapel at McKee's Corners, on the sixth line; but the Court House was generously offered, as well as a commodious waggon shop. But the evening being fine, and the audience being willing to remain out of doors, it was deemed best to make the waggon in which the band travelled a common platform for the band and the lecturer. The audience was attentive and respectful without exception. Whatever were their opinions as to the general subject of Temperance, or as to a prohibitory law, their demeanour was such as to impress us with their genuine love of order.

Rain and bad roads prevented our getting early to the meeting at Mr. Squires', on the 7th, but we had the gratification of finding a good audience gathered when we arrived, an audience larger than Mr. Squires' barn would accommodate, so that we gladly made a waggon our rostrum. A second time Rev. Mr. Wheeler made an able and logical opening speech, Mr. James Fallis presiding. A large number signed the petitions for a prohibitory law, and the meeting broke up at a late hour, some of our party, including the band, supping with our kind friend, Mr. Harrison, others accepting the proffered hospitalities of Mr. Squires.

The meeting at Mount Hope was one of the largest of the series, as well as one of the most enthusiastic. The Wesleyan Chapel was filled at an early hour. The chair was occupied by Mr. Roadhouse. But upon the arrival of the band the crowd was such that it was thought advisable to hold the meeting in the open air. The utmost order and decorum prevailed. More signatures were received to the petitions at this meeting than at any other. The people of that region would do more to starve a man who was determined to live by rum selling alone, than any other portion of Her Majesty's subjects. At a late hour the meeting adjourned, after the benediction by Rev. Mr. Lawson.

The most triumphant meeting was that at Eggar's meeting house. Robert Hart, Esq., presided, and opened the meeting with religious exercises; his remarks were pointed, simple, earnest and effectual. The neat and beautiful chapel, was densely filled.—The spirit of the meeting was high-toned indeed. Many of the audience had walked several miles, though the roads were in any other than a pleasant state for travelling. The meeting was a fair representation of the sturdy yeomanry of Vaughan, the Gore of Toronto, and the Township of Albion. The feeling in behalf of a prohibitory law was almost, (if not quite,) unanimous. The ardor of the people in the last two meetings was not at all abated by the reception of the news that the Imperial veto had been applied to the New Brunswick Liquor Bill.

At the Bolton mass meeting, convened on the 10th of July, at 5 o'clock P.M., on the island of Charles Bolton, Esq., H. Henderson, Esq., was called to the chair, and the meeting was most ably addressed by Rev. Mr. Dickson of Caledon, who was followed by the chairman, and by S. R. Ward, of Toronto. Many farmers left their fields and their hay, mechanics suspended their labors, and men of all professions united to testify their desire for the prevalence of Temperance and its blessings over Intemperance and its dark train of countless evils. The cause of Temperance in Albion is onward, and the Maine Law in Albion is deservedly popular.

The Brass Band of Bolton have rendered the most valuable services. They were at all the meetings, and the power of their well-chosen and well-performed music was evident to all. It is not too much to say, that their presence and performance contributed more than anything else to the bringing of persons to the meetings, who otherwise would not have placed themselves under the influence of Temperance truth. The undersigned retires from his temporary field of labor grateful for the courtesies and co-operations of friends and coadjutors, and praying that the blessing of God may ever attend all well-directed labors in behalf of our holy cause.

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Temperance Jottings.—No. 11.

While a decided friend to the adoption of a law, similar to the Maine Liquor Law, I am still a strenuous advocate for the continuance of moral suasion, as a means of securing it. The stronger our moral force, the more successful we shall be. We must multiply our converts to the principle of abstinence, and arouse those already professedly in its favour, in order to effective measures. We must leaven the entire mass with the principles

and object of our Temperance organizations, and get the whole country awake to a sense of the greatness of the work in which we are engaged; and by the Divine blessing, we shall succeed in our benevolent enterprise. It is wrong, unjust, and wicked, to speak lightly of moral suasion, to lose sight of her noble achievements, and her power to bring in a law to carry out her great designs. More might have been done had all the friends of Temperance been true to their principles, and worked heartily in the cause. Too many have been content to look on, and coolly to wish success to the industrious, earnest few; and unless the few, active determined spirits now seeking for more effective measures to extend the blessings of Temperance, work hard and perseveringly, very little will be effected. Numbers wish to act by proxy, and it signifies not whether the agents be a few in our respective organizations, or what is called the government; if the work is done, they are content; but they will contribute very little to it in any way. That any should cumber the moral vineyard we regret, but the fact is indisputable. May the present movement for Legislative enactment awaken many of these sluggards, and henceforth may greater energy be put forth in the right direction. To this end the *Pulpit* must plead more earnestly, *public meetings* must be more frequent, and the *Press* must be more fully sustained. The *Temperance Advocate* especially, so cheap, so powerful, so fitly adapted to effect great things, and so superior to any thing of the kind in the Province, should be circulated by thousands. The annual circulation should be at least *ten thousand copies*, whereas it only reaches *half* that number. With such a population as we have, and that annually increasing, we ought even to exceed the number I have specified, and will not the friends of Temperance see to this matter? Why should they be so reluctant to spend *half-a-dollar* in so good a cause, and by the press be moved themselves, and aim to move others? Whenever I travel, I find numbers professedly friendly to our principles, yet doing nothing for themselves or others by means of the *Press*. Let it not be so any longer. But to proceed.

In the present Government we have a warm friend to our cause in all its ramifications, in the person of the Honorable Malcolm Cameron. There are doubtless others ready to serve the public in this matter, but Mr. Cameron we know, and we have no sufficient reason to doubt, that if he be well sustained by *Petitions*, the coming session will find in him a powerful advocate on behalf of the Maine Liquor Law, and ere long such a law will be adopted in Canada. For this we should pray, labor, and hope; and this we shall have if we seek it aright. The country is better prepared for it than many are aware of. Multitudes will sign petitions for the law, who are engaged in the traffic, or are suffering from the use of intoxicating drinks, or who have been known as the advocates of moderation. Some may stand aloof, and even oppose; but in the fear of God, let us buckle on the armour of righteousness, and fight the battle unitedly and courageously in this moral reform, and victory will assuredly follow. This has been urged in several numbers of the *Advocate*, and in parts of these "Jottings," but the writer wishes on this occasion to speak out more fully, and in this way to influence *his friends* in various sections of the Province; and not his friends only, but the friends of many others, who care for mankind, and wish to do good while they live. He has his eye particularly to many spots in the Ottawa District, in Glengarry, in the District of Dalhousie, Bathurst, Johnstown, &c., &c., where *his voice* has been heard, and where he now wishes *his pen* to speak. Awake, men and brethren, sisters and youth, and cover the land with your principles; and one and all, plead for the Maine Liquor Law; but con-