

GRANBY SOUTH RIDGE AND N. W. SHEFFORD TEMPERANCE SOCIETIES.

January 20, was held the first annual meeting of the Granby South Ridge Adult and Juvenile Temperance Society, Rev. J. Gleed in the chair. This meeting was well attended, & especially by a large number of young who evidently felt a deep interest in the cause. The chairman addressed the meeting at some length, and it is hoped with good effect; after the address several new members were added to the list. Office bearers for the ensuing year President, Mr. R. Neil; Vice do. Mr. R. Cunningham; Secretary, Rev. J. Gleed.

January 26.—The first annual meeting of the North West Shefford Temperance Society was held, Rev. J. Gleed was called to the chair, who urged on the meeting the necessity, the wisdom, the benevolence, and the success of the temperance measure. In the course of his address, he called the attention of the meeting to the two melancholy deaths that had happened in their town during the year; the two almost fatal cases; and to several drunken scenes that had disgraced both Shefford and Granby during the year, which had ended in quarreling, fighting, and family & individual dissensions, both sinful and most disgraceful. This society excludes the use of wine as well as ardent spirits. Office bearers for the year ensuing—President, Rev. J. Gleed; Vice do. Capt. B. Savage; Secretary, Mr. John Thomas.

UPPER CANADA.

GRANTHAM TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY

A society with this name, has been formed, the report of the proceedings of which at its anniversary meeting, held at St. Catharines on the 11th Jan. last, has been transmitted us in a neat pamphlet, containing also an address delivered by O. Phelps, Esq., President of the society on the occasion.

The society was formed on the 15th June, 1835, and contained then 42 members, whose members have since been increased to 125. At the above meeting, several resolutions were adopted, among which were those approving of the laws against selling spirituous liquors to Indians; and in favour of petitioning the legislature for a remedy against the evils of intemperance. The officers of the society chosen were

- O. Phelps, Esq., *President.*
- L. Winchester, *1st Vice-Presdt.*
- H. Smith, *2d Vice-Presdt.*
- John Stuart, *Rec. Secretary.*
- E. Emery, *Cor. Secretary.*
- John Lewis, *Treasurer.*

With five of an Executive Committee and the same number of female managers.

**Indian Settlements.**—A law was passed in the last session of the provincial parliament to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors to the Indians. A council of the Indian chiefs and principal men at the River Credit, was held on the 1st Jan. last, when it was unanimously determined to put the law in execution against any person who should be detected in the infraction of it.—*Christian Guardian.*

KINGSTON—Extract from the advertisement of the lessee of the Commercial Hotel:—"The bar room will not be opened on the Sabbath day under any circumstance."

Cornwall, Jan. 28, 1836.—An individual writes: "I was four years on the line of the Rideau Canal while it was making, and I have been above one year here on the St. Lawrence Canal. At the former place, I have seen respectable families from the old country come on to the works; they were persuaded by others, that it was necessary for their health to take three or four glasses per day. They would meet in one another's houses in the evenings, to take a game of cards for a pint of whiskey, their wives would take a hand, and, of course, drink some of the whiskey; the consequence was, before one year went round, the father of the family was a drunkard, and the mother both a drunkard and a prostitute. And here you will see able and excellent tradesmen and labourers throwing away their earnings for whiskey, while they and their families are naked for want of clothes, and often without a morsel of bread to satisfy the cravings of hunger. These are not solitary instances, but I hope we shall be able before long, in some measure, to stop the alarming progress that drunkenness is making among us in this place. With this view, a meeting was called on the 21st inst., on Mr. Crawford's job, to form a temperance society; about 30 of the men attended. The meeting was organized, & the constitution of the society was read and adopted, along with several resolutions; and before we left the room there were eighteen subscribed their names to the constitution, and 11 since. There is a prospect of more joining in this part, and we expect to get the most of the men along the whole line of the canal before long. We have called it the St. Lawrence Canal Temperance Society.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The number of temperance members in this province, is stated at 25,000; and the increase last year at 6000 to 7000.

UNITED STATES.

The present (February) number of the Recorder closes the fourth volume. The whole number issued, of the forty-eight numbers printed, amounts to about six millions. Whole number of documents of all kinds, circulated by the executive committee, twelve millions six hundred twenty-five thousand two hundred and ten.—*Albany Temp. Record.*

WINE AT THE COMMUNION.

We have not permitted the discussion of the question in our recent papers. There has been much misapprehension on the subject. As far as we understand the matter the question has been not whether wine should be dispensed with, and what kind of wine is proper, fermented or unfermented. Many excellent friends of the cause thus we never should have permitted the discussion at all. They may be right: but on reflection, we think they will see that it was hardly to be assented, and much has been said and written on the subject from which correct information and some good may probably result, as it has led to discussion and inquiry. For ourselves, we permitted the discussion in our columns from no other motive than a desire to know the truth, and to give an intelligent public an opportunity of judging for itself. Seeing that we have discontinued the discussion and the excitement on the subject has passed away, we have thought this brief explanation not unneeded for

Our view has all along been, that THE WHOLE EFFORTS OF THE TEMPERANCE SOCIETIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED AGAINST INTOXICATING LIQUORS AS A BEVERAGE, leaving the sacramental, medicinal and mechanical use, to be determined by the church, the physician, and the artist.—15.

The Southern Temperance Star, published at Richmond, Va., has been received. Its whole circulation during the past year has been 120,000 copies. The accounts from that state are encouraging.

ENGLAND.

STATE OF CRIME.

It appears by the report just published by Mr. Clay, Chaplain of Preston gaol, that a great decrease is perceptible in the trials for felony that have taken place for the last twelve months in that important district of the country, while at the same time the offences are themselves much less serious than those of any preceding year. In 1831, the number of residents in Preston tried for felony, had decreased from 76 to 33; in the present year ending October, they amount to 19; in 1831 they formed one third of the whole calendar; in 1834, one seventh, and this year, the calendar being at the same time much diminished, only one ninth. Justly regarding drunkenness as the bane of all happiness, and a most fruitful source of all crime, he hails the persevering efforts of the temperance societies throughout the district, as that species of moral agency which has already so powerfully arrested the progress of crime; and calls upon all the friends of social order and well wishers of those in the humbler walks of life to extend, by their example and influence, its pleasing and beneficial effects.—*London Times.*