

Progress of the Cause.

MANNINGVILLE, Jan. 22, 1847.—The temperance cause is not progressing much with us, still it is alive, and occasionally snatches a brand from the burning, and confirms an upright one in his integrity. About New Year, we obtained the signatures of two, a man and his wife, who for years, and especially the wife, have been notorious. We hope by encouraging them, that they will hold out.—I. L.

BOWMANVILLE, February 22, 1847.—As you are anxious to know what Teetotalers are doing in the country. I would say that things seem in a great measure to have been standing still, if that is possible. However, I am happy to say that new life seems to be infused. I have not seen the friends of temperance so interested in our movements for years, and wherever I go, the public speakers are determined to do their best. This winter, temperance protracted meetings are talked of, and the Postmaster tells me that there never was so many temperance papers ordered as now. I feel myself considerably alive to the necessity of making a vigorous effort to arouse my neighbours to a sense of their duty.

In reviewing my religious and teetotal course, I feel more than ever convinced, that those who oppose the temperance movement are the greatest cause of trouble in the Church of Christ. The very action of mind necessary to resist the light of teetotalism hardens the conscience. The mode of reasoning employed to defend their position, tends to weaken moral force, hence truths of self-denying authority lose their power, spirituality decreases, and insubordination is the result. Oh! that God would open the minds of all true Christians, to their guilt and danger while opposing the temperance movement. I would invite all such to pray over the 11th and 12th verses of the 24th chapter of Proverbs. Hoping you may have great success in your powerful undertaking, I am, &c.—J. CLINIK, Congregational Minister.

WEST DUMFRIES, January 28.—The second annual meeting of the West Dumfries Total Abstinence Society, was held on the 23d instant, and the house was thronged at an early hour, when the following persons were elected office-bearers, viz.: Mr John Rickert, re-elected President; Philo Hull, Vice-President; and a male Committee of five; and Eurina Snow, Maria Church, Cornelia Hopkins, female Committee; after which, the Rev Mr Whitefield, of Burford, entertained the audience in a very appropriate manner. The society is in a prosperous state at present. We find, through a close examination of one hundred and sixty signatures, that seven members have been expelled for breaking their pledge, during the past two years.—THOMAS RICKERT, Sec.

CORNWALL, February 15.—Dear Sir, I am happy to inform you that a Temperance House has been opened at Fort Covington, Salmon River, by Mr Joseph Spencer, jr., which is conducted upon strictly total abstinence principles; I have heard those who have visited it speak in terms of the highest commendation of the attention extended, and of the manner in which the house is conducted. I am of opinion, you would be doing the cause in general, (and this district especially,) a benefit, by noticing this establishment in the editorial columns of the *Advocate*, as persons from this quarter are frequently called by business to that section.—A. M. M'KENZIE.

BLOOMFIELD, February 16.—We are carrying on the war here, as usual, and though we occasionally meet with trifling reverses, on the whole, our prospects are brightening. The apathy into which some of our members had sunk, is giving place to a well-directed zeal—new advocates are rising among us—our numbers

are increasing—our societies command respect from those who do not belong to "us." We look forward with confidence, to the day when our principles, like a "little leaven," shall "leaven the whole lump" of society; when the makers and vendors of the poison, shall find "Othello's occupation's gone."—THOMAS DONNELLY.

On Saturday last our townsmen were agreeably surprised by a visit from the young people of Ameliasburgh. A procession of some fifty sleighs, containing near eighty couple, with temperance banners floating in the air, passed through the town. The company was mostly composed of teetotalers of the township of Ameliasburgh. They proceeded to the temperance house, where they took dinner; which was got up in Mr Card's usually good style. They returned home in the evening, fully satisfied that they had enjoyed as good a flow of spirit while participating in rational recreation, as though they had called in the aid of intoxicating liquors on the occasion.—*Picton Sun*.

To the Editor of the Picton Sun.

HALLOWELL, February 1.—Sir,—According to the notice in the *Sun*, the inhabitants of the neighbourhood in the vicinity of Raynor's Mill, met for the purpose of forming themselves into a temperance society,—Mr John C. Huycke, an old and respectable inhabitant of that neighbourhood, was called to the chair. He explained, in a few words, the intention of the meeting, and informed the congregation, that they were by request, to be set off from the Wellington Total Abstinence Society. He thought that there were enough talent and ability in that neighbourhood to sustain a society independently of that to which some of them had heretofore belonged. After which the following persons were unanimously chosen as officers of the society for the ensuing year: Mr David Osterhout, President; Messrs John C. Huycke, and John German, Vice-Presidents; Mr Jotham Raynor, Secretary and Treasurer; and a Committee of seven persons. The President then addressed the meeting. He confessed that he, with some of his neighbours, had not been as much engaged in the temperance cause as they should have been; and he hoped that for the future they would be more awake in the promotion of so good a cause. He then called upon several gentlemen to address the meeting—among whom were some of his neighbours, who spoke with such animation and energy that did honour to themselves, and fully verified the assertion made by the first President. They were followed by some others from a distance, among whom were D. Conger, Esq., and the Rev — Damon, Wesleyan Minister, who put on a nice finish to the speaking part of this interesting meeting, by their short but pathetic addresses. The pledge, constitution, and by-laws (kindly furnished by D. Conger, Esq.) were then read and sanctioned by the congregation with a few alterations. Some three or four persons then passed through the congregation, and eighty-one persons had their names attached to the teetotal pledge. Every lady in the house subscribed her name to the pledge with the exception of three individuals; and I think through the influence of the ladies, and the good impressions that are being made on the minds of the male part of the neighbourhood, that there will not be many more gentlemen that will refuse to sign the pledge at their next meeting than were ladies at this. The temperance cause is prospering in many places throughout the District; and I am looking forward to the time when no County or section of country of equal extent in America, will exceed Prince Edward for enterprise, philanthropy and temperance.—T. H. PETERSON.

ENGLAND.

BRISTOL JUVENILE TOTAL ABSTINENCE UNION.—This important auxiliary to the cause in this city is silently but efficiently carrying our principles to the firesides of the working classes of Bristol. The Union, comprehending as it does so many day and Sunday schools, with a numerous body of registrars and their coadjutors, is admirably constituted for complete organization and continual supervision; beyond all precedent in the history of juvenile societies we regard its mode of operation with confidence, and in the full hope of ere long reaping a rich harvest. The friends who have long borne the burden of holding meetings feel themselves greatly encouraged in observing, in the different localities, that meetings of teachers and scholars of a select and private character are continually being held, and thus supplying a succession of