

none having existed in this part of the township before! Paul Kingston, Pres., and Sylvester Holden, Sec.

18th, Madoc Furnace.—Mr. Seymour, in union with some others, had, some time before, gathered a society of over 240. This gentleman has much influence in this part of the country. His heavy capital gives employment to many men, which taken in connexion with the highly moral and Christian tone of his character, exert great influence in this region against intemperance. The meeting was large and delightful, Mr. Seymour in the chair. The exercises were addresses and music, vocal and instrumental, and 42 names were added to the society: Mr. Seymour, Pres., and Charles H. Davis, Sec.

19th, Marmora.—Previous attempts to organize a society here had proved unsuccessful. The Township Counsellor took the chair; and the success was beyond expectation, 28 names being obtained and formed into a society. Isaac Bradworth, Pres.; Joseph Legget, Sec.

20th.—Here a society on the old pledge had been formed, 134 number, on the new, 60, with 15 added this evening, making 189 in all. S. B. Shipman, Pres.; Rev. J. Butler, Vice-Pres.; Daniel Huffman, Sec.

21st, Belleville.—Thin meeting, one joined. This being the conclusion of the tour, a few remarks may be appropriate.

In the first place, the lecturers, with deep feelings of gratitude, acknowledge to Almighty God, the kind and ever present providence that was exercised over them in their recent excursions, and feeble labours to do good. My dear parent, notwithstanding his years, was greatly blessed with health and strength.

Second, They make a grateful mention of the kind and seasonable assistance of the Rev. Messrs. Leonard, Philp, Playter and Webster. Also of the very efficient and ready aid of Mr. Seymour of Madoc.

Third, An incident occurred with respect to two young men, which is worthy of notice. The lecturers first observed them, at a certain meeting, both much under the influence of liquor. Being solicited to give their names to the pledge, they both abruptly refused. At their next meeting, several miles north, they recognized these same men. Here, they were sober, but still refused to sign. At their next evening's labours, still further into the interior, to their surprise, these two men were seen again. At this third meeting one joined. From this, they proceeded to Madoc, 20 miles from where they were first seen, and behold! here they saw the same two men. At this place the second joined. Brothers in tee-totalism, as they had been in the use of alcohol! These fine looking men, were of respectable character, excepting their drinking habits: habits which spoil the finest picture in human form.

Fourth, On this tour they enrolled 350 names on the tee-total pledge, not one on the old; formed 7 new societies, and visited 4 previously formed; distributed 80 numbers of the *Temperance Advocate*, and obtained many subscribers to that paper, whose names, with the needful, we trust, have been sent from the Post-offices in their respective vicinities. Your most obedient servant,

THOMAS DEMOREST.

Demorestville, March 5, 1842.

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Feb. 10 and 11.—I attended meetings at East Lake and Picton, at which 67 signatures were obtained.

14th, Bath.—Met the friends at their monthly meeting, 12 signed the pledge. On my last visit here the Society only numbered about 40, now it embraces 200.

16th, Presbyterian Chapel, Ernest Town.—The notice failed, a few friends, however, met, and 3 signed.

17th, 6th Concession, Kingston.—It was their Anniversary Meeting. All present were members except 4, 1 of whom joined.

18th, Glenburnie.—A meeting had recently been held here, and some names obtained; more were gathered now, and a society organized, embracing 31 members.

19th, Pittsburgh (Shannon's school-house).—Met a small number here, say 24; the necessity of exertion was felt, and 20 names were collected, as the beginning of a society.

20th, Van Laven's Mills.—Here also a new society was started with 30 names.

21st, Loberough (East).—A full attendance but only 18 were

obtained, with which to begin a society. Another meeting was appointed, and the cause, I think, will advance.

24th, Loberough (West).—Since my visit in November no meeting had been held here; 22 more now joined, and a society was regularly organized, which promises to do well.

25th, Sydenham, or, Yarker's Mills.—There was a very thin attendance, and I could effect but little, principally owing to a difference of opinion about the old and new pledge systems; 6 names were obtained, mostly inebriates, which with some obtained at a recent meeting, may be the nucleus of a respectable society. Here, as in many other places, the magistrates are engaged in the manufacture; one of them intends converting his distillery to a better purpose.

28th, Hay Bay.—Unexpectedly found a society in existence here, which numbers near 100, 12 more joined.

On March 1, arrived at home, and attended the meeting there. Inasmuch as many of the intended meetings totally or partially failed, [We have omitted the record of such as failed.—Ed.] the result of my labours this tour comes short of former months. I attended 13 meetings, at which 223 signed the pledge, and obtained 14 subscribers for the *Advocate*.

The cause is rapidly spreading in the Midland District. Many of the societies have doubled their numbers during the past winter, and some trebled them; so that upon the whole, there must be near 5,000 tee-totalers in the district. The chief regret is, that there is no Temperance House yet established in Kingston.

J. McDONALD, Agent.

Extracts from Report of Prescott Temperance Society, for 1841:—

At the last Annual Meeting, the number of members belonging to the Society was 134, since which 138 have joined; 21 have removed; 16 withdrawn; and 39 requested by the society to withdraw, on account of violation of the pledge, showing an increase in 1841, of 62, which added to the 134 at the commencement of the year, makes the present number 196. This increase for 1841 is 15 more than were added in 1840, which shows (as far as the accession of members is concerned) that the society is steadily progressing. But the healthy state of a society cannot be as well judged of, from the mere increase of numbers, as from the fact whether the proper means for accomplishing good are faithfully employed; and on this point, the regularity of our meetings, at which faithful addresses have been delivered, and the large number of 39 dismissals from the society for violation of the pledge, show that there is a practical operation as well as theory, connected with the rules of our society. With regard to our peculiar local circumstances, it is still true that we are unfavourably situated by being opposed, either in sentiment, or practice, or both, by many influential men in our vicinity; but with very few exceptions, we have reason to believe that the principle of total abstinence, much more opposes their appetites, or interests, or the fashion of the day, than it does their better judgments. There certainly can be no extravagance in the assertion, that that state of public opinion must be wrong which supports, and continues in full operation, even within the limits of our small village, two extensive distilleries, and not less than fifty places at which intoxicating drinks are sold, carrying with them their contaminating and destructive influence; yes, can it be called any thing less than a contaminating influence, when from the effects of the spirituous liquors made and sold at those places, the sad spectacle is occasionally seen in our streets of men, though destined for immortality, degraded by intoxication below the level of the brute creation, and impiously using the sacred name of their Creator. And can we be blamed for using also the term destructive influence when credible witnesses are at hand to establish the fact, that at least five deaths within our own neighbourhood (whose names could be mentioned) have taken place within the past year, from the effects of intoxicating drinks, saying nothing of others which may have occurred unknown to us. Yes, five immortal spirits called into the presence of that God who has declared that no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven! If any are disposed to condemn us for stating these facts, let them first decide who is most to blame, those who sit as the unconcerned spectators of such frightful consequences, or those who raise their voice against them; whether he, who, on observing the ravages of a