

drunkards in the town. A respected friend who had told us we would not get one name, and declined to become a teetotaler, was the first to sign. "Great is truth and shall prevail."

Next day (the 24th) Captain Hudson being unable to go down to Quebec, I intended to retrace my steps home, but was disappointed in obtaining a boat. In the course of the day we came to the conclusion to hold a Temperance Soiree in the house of a Mr. Webster, who had formerly been a tavern-keeper, but was not now in the habit of selling liquor. Having agreed to have his sign repainted, and keep open his house on total abstinence principles, it was thought proper to commence it thus. This was given out, at a religious meeting held in the Wesleyan Chapel, at which also twenty-four names were added to the total abstinence book.

On the evening of the 25th, the "Teetotal Festival," (as on the tickets,) took place, previous to which the sign-board was hoisted up inscribed "T. Webster's Temperance Inn." (I trust in future to be kept in mind by all temperance travellers, and those desirous of a quiet residence.)

The room was decorated with evergreens and flowers; and above the place where the Chairman (Captain Hudson) sat, a transparency was placed, with the words "Wine is a mocker"—"Strong drink is raging"—"Abstinence leads to happiness."

The guests were between fifty and sixty, and seemed to enjoy the cup "that cheers, but not inebriates," with much satisfaction at their landlady's arrangements. When blessing was pronounced, I addressed the meeting, and moved the formation of the Society, according to previous arrangements. The second mate, Mr. Ward, afterwards moved the officers as fellows, most of whom acknowledged their appointment by sensible and feeling remarks.

President.—Mr. Robert Bews.

Vice-President.—Mr. Lanygan.

Secretary and Treasurer.—Mr. E. Perkins.

Committee.—Messrs. C. Kiernan, H. Clarke, W. Rosborough, J. Kennedy, M. Gordon.

At the conclusion of the meeting, some temperance hymns were sung, and before I left, nine names were added to the Society, making in all fifty-nine; and let it be remembered this has taken place after every one we spoke to declared, it was impracticable to form a Society, or even get a single name to the total abstinence pledge. Twenty copies of the *Temperance Advocate* have also been ordered.

I am, dear Sir, your's truly,

JAMES COURT,
C. Sec. Lower Canada T. A. Society.

LACHINE.—No place in the Lower Province seems to need zealous efforts to spread tee-total principles, more than this, as almost every third house sells liquor. Can none of our friends get up a meeting there?

ST. JOHNS.—A great revival has taken place here in the cause of total abstinence, principally through the means of Captain Hudson, particulars of which the Secretary has neglected to send us. We have heard, however, that the Society has become auxiliary to the Lower Canada Total Abstinence Society, and is likely to become very efficient.

CHAMBLY.—The members resident here are bestirring themselves to pay an old debt due us: a very favourable sign of re-awakening zeal.

CORNWALL, U. C.—Efforts are making to form a Society here, which, it is hoped, will be successful, as this place stands greatly in need of reform.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to inform you that, on Monday the 7th current, we had a most pleasant Temperance meeting in Leeds. The attendance was good, and the greatest attention given. We commenced by prayer by Mr. John Borland, Missionary for the County of Megantic, who read some very interesting extracts from your *Advocate*, which gave much pleasure. Several addresses were delivered, and seven new members subscribed the pledge. The number that evening was fifty-five. This you will think but a small number; but when I tell you that in the summer of 1822 there were only four families in the Township, it will tell better. What gave great pleasure was, the spirit of friendship and affection which prevailed during the meeting, and at the close. Mr. Borland is a very useful man, both in the capacity of a Gospel and a Temperance missionary. We have now in this Township a Temperance Travellers' Home, kept by Mrs. Dalon, and a Temperance Store. The meeting was closed by singing a paraphrase, and prayer.
Leeds, L. C., August 21, 1837. ALEX. RUSSELL, Chairman.

We give with pleasure, the following interesting letter from Clarence, U. C., dated July 30:—

Sir.—On Wednesday the 12th instant, the Foxes' Point Temperance Society held its semi-annual meeting; and, should you consider the few following particulars concerning it, calculated to interest the readers of the *Advocate*, their insertion will increase the benefit of that occasion.

This Society, like too many of a similar kind, was beginning to evince symptoms of decay; and the interest formerly taken in its important object had so far abated, that the period for holding the annual meeting in January last (the only meeting then held in the year), was allowed to pass unobserved. Somewhat startled at this criminal apathy, a few of the more active members succeeded in getting up a meeting towards the close of winter, at which it was considered, that in order to be more efficient, it was necessary that more frequent and regular Committee meetings should be held; and that two general meetings should also be held in the year; both of which measures were adopted. Accordingly, the semi-annual meeting was held, as mentioned above.

In view of the meeting, the Committee, feeling particularly anxious to render it as useful as possible, thought the addition of a tea-party at the close of the usual exercises, might have a happy effect in fostering a friendly feeling among the members, they therefore made arrangements for that purpose.

Most of those who addressed the meeting advocated the necessity of the Total Abstinence Pledge, an opinion which appears to obtain very generally; and, I doubt not, will ultimately prevail, and be adopted by every Society. This one has so far advanced towards it, that on this occasion it passed a Resolution that the Total Pledge should be received and sanctioned by the Society; but at the same time not to exclude from membership, such as choose only to subscribe the old pledge. In consequence of the non-attendance of some friends from a distance, who were expected to support the weight of the exercises, a very tame and unprofitable meeting was anticipated. But, rallied by the emergency, the members seemed to call up some of their pristine zeal, and the cause was feelingly and efficiently pleaded. Those already enlisted seemed animated to fresh efforts; and several untd themselves with the Society.

This part of the meeting having closed, a general invitation was given to all members of Temperance Societies to be present at the tea-party; preparations for which were immediately made, by supplying tables, made for the occasion, with abundance of tea, pies, and cakes; when about seventy sat down in pleasing and friendly sociality, and partook of the good things of Providence, chiefly the products of their own farms, feeling thankful that the day has arrived, when the courtesies of life, and the occasions of festivity, can be satisfactorily conducted, without calling in the aid of that which, though formerly esteemed the promoters of hilarity, is now justly regarded as biting worse than a serpent, and possessing a sting more venomous than an adder. Some appropriate pieces were sung on the occasion, and the whole passed off with pleasure and profit. I doubt not if similar measures were adopted by other Societies, the benefit would be apparent, in waking them up from that lethargy into which so many have fallen. Nor is the expense so great, at least in country places, as to afford an objection, where each can supply some of what they have; and the ladies, if as accommodating and zealous as they are here, will feel a pleasure in undertaking the principal management of preparing for such a feast.

I am, Sir, your most obedient Servant,

WILLIAM JAMIESON, Foxes' Point T. S.

In the remote and mountainous districts of Dalby and Glenman, Isle of man, hitherto considered as the most abandoned and drunk-en neighbourhoods in the Island, tee-totalism has made such progress as to reduce the number of tipplers in those districts, containing a population of about 900, to six or eight individuals, who are now the only frequenters of the public house, or in any way the promoters of drunkenness,—while the consternation and alarm produced among the brewers and publicans have promoted them to offer their jerry-wag at 2d. or even 1d. per quart! All these results we attribute to the exertions of a few zealous advocates, among whom we are glad to find a local preacher and some of the members of the Wesleyan connexion.

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