

cessful merchant, accumulated a fortune of \$30,000; began to drink champagne with his gay associates, and indulge in their fashionable vices. At that time he enjoyed the unbounded confidence of the community, and any office or honour which they could confer was at his option. He was appointed judge, and often pronounced sentence on the guilty, when he was himself perhaps, more guilty than they. The habit of intemperance was formed; and from a genteel he became a vulgar drunkard, and often hid under his own hay-stacks, to avoid the reproving glances of an abused but noble wife. So worthless and degraded did he become, that she could endure life with him no longer; but sued for and obtained a divorce. He then determined to die; and drank on, his *quart* and *three pints* a day, suffering all the horrors of *delirium tremens*. Capt. T., a reformed man, went to him to pluck him out of the fire. For three days he plied the judge with every motive which his kind heart could suggest, to induce the ruined man to take the solemn pledge. At length, through the blessing of God, he was successful. He resolved to drink no more, and he has faithfully kept the pledge.

Alcohol being gone, he was a man again. Respectability, friends and comforts returned; and on the 15th of September last, at a mass meeting of about 5000 persons, in Medina, he led forward his former wife, and after relating, in a simple manner, his fall and restoration, he was re-married to the object of his youthful love, and the mother of his children, amid the delightful congratulations of that immense crowd! Since then he has been looking up and bringing back his unfortunate friends, the intemperate, and lecturing from place to place. For this purpose he was now on his way to Milwaukee and Chicago. For more than an hour this rescued man entertained and instructed us with facts from his own history, and with appeals to any who might be now taking the first steps towards his own deep and awful degradation, by sipping the wine glass.

At the close of this relation I moved, That all who would give the cause of total abstinence their hearty co-operation, should manifest it by rising from their seats. I believe the whole company arose, without exception; and the impression of this first Washingtonian meeting on Lake Huron, will not soon be effaced from the memory of any.

That evening we parted with Judge S. at Mackinack, but have since heard of his reclaiming a man almost as far gone as himself had been, at Milwaukee.—*Home Missionary for February.*

PROGRESS OF THE CAUSE.

PALERMO, Jan. 9.—The Palermo Reformation Society, was organized on total abstinence principles, November 7, 1842, which contains at present 198 members and promises continued success, notwithstanding there are four places in the village where intoxicating liquors are sold at the present time. The following are the officers of the Society: Schuyler Stewart, President; John Soules, John Street, and Samuel Bowman, Vice-Presidents; John Buck, Secretary; John A. Smith, Assistant-Secretary; with a Committee of seven. While the leading object of this Society is to prevent the sober part of the community from becoming drunkards, by introducing the pledge; we rejoice that a few instances of reform have taken place, which encourage us to persevere. Societies are springing up around us, and, we believe, the time is not far distant when every neighbourhood and village in this Province will cease to be cursed with the common use of intoxicating drink.—**JOHN BUCK, Sec.**

BROMPTON, CHINGACOSEY, Jan. 17.—Our first meeting was held in November, 1840, when we were addressed by the Rev. James Richardson, the Rev. William Jolly and others, and 12 signed the pledge. The Society continued to prosper for some time; meetings being held about once a month, at which others were added to the Society; when our Secretary broke the pledge and

left the Society, and the monthly meetings were broken up. For some time, the Society was in a languid state and nearly expiring, when another meeting was held and the present Secretary, L. Wallace, chosen; since that time we have kept up our monthly meetings. The Society has exerted a most happy influence in the place, and there is quite a number who have, to all appearance, been effectually reclaimed from habits of dissipation; our present number is 167—the most part are constant members. We return our thanks to the Montreal Society for the visit of Mr. McDonald, and as a proof of our sincerity we send ten shillings to your assistance.—**C. ATKINSON, President.**

DUNDAS, Jan. 18.—Extracts from first annual Report of the Dundas Total Abstinence Society.—A meeting took place on the 13th January, 1842, when the present society was formed. On the 20th of the same month the Constitution and bye-laws were adopted, since which, meetings have been held and addresses delivered monthly; and in no instance has an appeal been made in vain. In the course of the past summer, a Temperance Tea Meeting took place which, whilst calculated to reflect the highest credit on those connected with the arrangements, gave abundant evidence, that the fire of Total Abstinence principles was not smouldering. The day was exceedingly fine, and from an early hour of the morning, the village of Dundas presented a public appearance, Flags and Banners with appropriate devices were seen unfurled to the breeze, whilst continued arrivals of friends from various Societies in the neighbourhood gave animation to the scene.—At about two o'clock, a procession formed in George Rolph Esq's. Lawn, and paraded through the village headed by the excellent Band of Wm. Notman Esq., on the return of which Tea was served, about 400 persons partook of as excellent an entertainment as the most epicurean taste could desire, several speeches were delivered, and about 30 names obtained. Several Ladies evinced their warmth in the cause, by contributing wreaths of flowers and other appropriate table ornaments. This pleasing entertainment terminated without the slightest occurrence, calculated to mar the general harmony which existed—affording a convincing proof, if any was needed, that stimulating drinks, are not necessary to produce, either the "fast of reason, or the flow of soul." Your Society has been visited in the course of the last year, by Mr. McDonald, agent for the Montreal Society and Messrs. Wilson and Mitchell, agents for the Victoria Society. Whilst many have joined Societies since formed nearer their places of abode, some have withdrawn, and some have been expelled—a step always painful, but when absolutely necessary should be consistently resorted to—yet, amidst difficulties, prejudices, and perplexities, one hundred and ninety five names upon your book, attest the soundness of your cause.—**ROBERT SPENCE, Sec.**

NELSON, Jan. 26.—The first annual meeting of the Nelson Temperance Reformation Society, was held on the 5th Jan., E. Griffin, Esq. in chair. The Report of the Committee was read and adopted; addresses were delivered by Dr. Mitchel and the Rev. Matthew McGill, after which the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—D. R. Springer, President; John S. McCullom, V. President; C. H. Van Norman, Secretary; Murray McCoy, Treasurer; and a Committee of eleven.—*Extract from Report.*—In November, 1841, the first meeting was held in this place, and though a favorable impression seemed to have been made on the minds of the people, and a number of names were obtained, yet difficulties ensuing directly after, the Society was not organized until the first of March, 1842. Since then monthly meetings have been regularly held; and notwithstanding the cause has been strenuously opposed, at almost every meeting since the organization of the Society, it has continued to increase both in influence and numbers. Many influential persons who stood aloof from the cause, in the former part of the year, have taken a stand in its favour, and are become efficient co-operators. Since the formation of the Society 117 have signed the pledge; and your Committee are happy to state that but three have withdrawn their names; and they have been under the necessity of erasing but two names for having violated the pledge, leaving 112 who now stand as members. Among those who have contributed largely to the advancement of the cause, we gratefully mention the Victoria Delegation, Messrs. Wilson and Mitchell, also, the Montreal Temperance Agent, Mr. McDonald. Judging from the success that