

to swell the throng of the redeemed in the sanctuary above.

Other revivals of deep interest have been enjoyed along this portion of the Ottawa, but this was the first, and, considering the extent of the population, the most widespread.

Besides church privileges, Foxes' Point became noted for other means of social, moral and intellectual improvement which did much to give form and character to the township. In all these Mr. Edwards took prominence, and did all in his power to advance the interests of the people generally. The Sunday School he established has been in existence nearly half a century. The Bible Society, formed through his means, dates back over forty years. A society, founded by Mr. Naysmith, of Glasgow, called the "Young Men's Society for moral, religious and intellectual improvement," was a happy means of improvement to many at Foxes' Point; and some who enjoyed its benefits are now filling situations of honor and responsibility.

Yet another institution claims our notice, the influence of which has proved to the community of Clarence and the neighborhood around a blessing of no ordinary kind. That institution is the Temperance Society. It was not Mr. Edwards' privilege to organize the society in Clarence, as he was absent in Britain; but every member of his family signed the first pledge, and subsequently he became a warm advocate of the cause. Not only did he renounce intoxicating drinks of every kind, but, on principle, discontinued the use of tobacco, after having used the pernicious weed over a quarter of a century.

To the honor of the aged men of Clarence, it must be said, nearly all who espoused temperance principles eschewed also the use of tobacco. In April, 1830, the temperance banner was raised in the township, and it has continued to wave to the present time.

How great the influence for good of some men! The name of Mr. Christmas, to many in Canada, must be as ointment poured forth. Montreal was highly blessed in the ministrations of one who travailed for the spiritual birth of its people. Nor was his usefulness limited to the city, or

his talent confined to pulpit efforts. He labored upwards on the St. Lawrence and Ottawa, and the benefits of his labors extended farther than he himself was able to go. The Hon. Billa Flint was won to the temperance cause through the advocacy of Mr. Christmas, in a meeting at some point on the St. Lawrence. A champion was gained in this gentleman, who has done much to extend the benefits of total abstinence throughout Canada.

St. Andrews, on the Ottawa, was blessed spiritually, in no common degree, by the labors of Mr. Christmas, who also pleaded successfully with its inhabitants the claims of temperance. A solitary tract on the subject (Keteridge's Addresses), received from St. Andrews, sowed the seed in Clarence, which resulted in a rich harvest of blessing to multitudes on the Ottawa, and which shall continue to benefit generations yet unborn.

In view of the increasing religious wants of Canada, Mr. Edwards became strongly impressed with the necessity of a native educated ministry. In his own experience he felt keenly the disadvantage of limited mental culture, and how much more useful he might have been with a mind early disciplined by a liberal education. He was desirous of aiding to supply the wants of Canada in this respect, and an opportunity soon occurred enabling him to labor in this direction. Leading men in his denomination at Montreal, and along the Ottawa, holding similar views on the necessity of a native educated ministry, decided on making an energetic effort towards this end. Mr. Gilmour was selected to visit Britain to raise funds and secure the services of an instructor. Herein he was eminently successful, and ere long, Dr. Davis, a man of mark in the paths of literature, had, under training at Montreal, a goodly number of young men, preparing to become preachers of the Gospel. From this "school of the prophets" went forth men who have been blessings to Canada.

Additional means were soon required in carrying forward this new enterprise, and the contemplated project of erecting a college building. Mr. Edwards was requested to visit Britain for the purpose of awakening a deeper interest in behalf of