

was the lately inducted Presbyterian minister of the village; who made some previous remarks, as did other ministers present.

27th, Gouldburn.—Quite a small attendance, most of whom were members; after addresses by myself and others, 10 new names were obtained.

28th, Beckwith.—After a long address to a rather small congregation, 12 names were added to a small society here.

29th, Drummond.—A very good attendance, no great impression seemed to have been made by several addresses, only 9 gave in their names.

31st, Burgess (Scotch Lines).—Here I was assisted by several gentlemen also; fifteen names were obtained.

Feb. 1st, Newborough.—This place seemed anxious to organize a society, 50 names were attached to the pledge, and a society with the usual officers, established; J. Kilborn, Esq., Pres.; and Dr. Millar, Sec.

2d, Waterloo (in M. D.).—A society was regularly organized here by the appointment of officers; it now numbers upwards of 40, quite an increase since I was here last, and found so much opposition.

I have been aided during the past month by the Rev. Messrs. Wilson, Bell, McAllister, Fairbairn, Evans and Mann of the Church of Scotland; Mr. Flood of the Church of England; Adams, Gemby, and Elliot of the Wesleyan Methodists, and several other persons. I found clergymen generally favourable, but only 3 of the magistrates or other official classes, and few, if any, of the physicians. Upon the whole, the cause, is rather more backward in this District than the others through which I have travelled. It is really astonishing to what extent drinking prevails in the townships bordering on the mighty Ottawa, from the remote point which I visited down to its junction with the St. Lawrence. In the southern part of the District there has been a happy change, as temperance men abound, particularly in the township of Lanark and the vicinity of Perth. Among those who have promoted the cause, much praise is due to the Rev. T. C. Wilson; who has been an early and indefatigable friend. He is really one of the excellent of the earth, yet strange to say, his zealous exertions to advance the spiritual and temporal interests of the people, and the good of his adopted country generally, have been repaid, in some instances, by petty annoyance and persecutions, but at the present time his labours are more fully appreciated.

I have procured 416 signatures to the pledge, held 23 meetings (b-sides 2 lectures), and come in contact with societies which number about 2450, the whole number in the District of Bathurst.

Your's &c.,

JAMES McDONALD.

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Believing it to be my duty, as a minister of the gospel, to assist in promoting the temperance reformation, I make it a point to devote as much of my time to the work as my other ministerial labours will allow; and as I have just completed a sort of temperance tour through some parts of the Districts of Newcastle and Victoria, I send you an account of the meetings that I have held.

Jan. 19.—Attended a meeting in Percy. In the front of this township there is a little village containing some twenty or thirty families, and if I were to judge from the number of taverns and grog-shops in the neighbourhood, and victims of drunkenness that I have seen at different times, in the place, I should conclude that *wending and drinking* inebriating liquids was the only business of the place. Here our meeting was held, we attacked the enemy in his strong hold. The attendance was good, and at the close 16 signed the pledge, one of whom had been a hard drinker. There is a society in the village and township numbering 100. The officers are *vigilant and active*, so that I think the cause will prosper. The enemy must be routed at this point, and driven from the field; but it will require some heavy pieces of ordnance, and courage, and good generalship on the part of the conductors of the engagement.

Jan. 25.—Addressed a meeting in Cramahe, where 16 gave me their names. In passing through the congregation for the purpose of procuring signatures, I came in contact with several persons of respectability, and influence in the place, who refused to become members of the society. These, I am well convinced, stood

in the way of others, and as long as such men shall continue their *indirect* opposition to our efforts the evils of intemperance will be perpetuated.

Jan. 29.—Attended a meeting in Haldmand. Quite an excitement has been created here on the subject by an opposition to total abstinence, raised and persisted in by Charles G. Buller, Esq. At the first meeting addresses were delivered in favour of total abstinence, by Rev. Messrs. Edwy Ryerson, Noble F. English, Mr. Joshi, and the writer; and the Magistrate whose name I have mentioned addressed the meeting *against* total abstinence, and in favour of what he called the temperate use of Whiskey, Rum, Beer, &c. Mr. Alcohol, of Mahomedan birth, had a firm friend, and zealous advocate, in the person of the Squire that night. This opposition prevented persons from joining, so that we received but a few signatures to the pledge.

At the meeting on the 29th I was assisted by Mr. John Wilson. The Squire spoke at great length, and brought his Bible and a medical work to his assistance; but unfortunately for his cause, both of these *condemned* the use of wine and strong drink, so that his witnesses testified against him. After the discussion closed, our opponent proposed the following resolution to the meeting:—"It is our opinion that there is no warrant in Scripture for forbidding Christians the temperate use of any spirituous liquors, on the contrary, we think their use sustained by Christ himself." It was seconded by Mr. Patrick Teny. The chairman called for a vote, first from the LADIES, (nearly one half of the assembly) and to their praise be it said, not one of them voted for the resolution; it was then offered to the men, when about twenty supported the resolution. The writer then moved, "That in our opinion, teetotal societies have done good, and are doing good, and therefore it is the duty of all Christians and philanthropists to support them." The chairman took the same course with it as with the former, and every LADY in the house voted for it, besides a great majority of the men. 21 gave us their names to the pledge. One incident in connexion with the Squire's opposition is worthy of being recorded. A drunkard that was present said, "Well after this I shall call Squire Buller my BROTHER." I forbear making any remarks, for the present, on the conduct of a magistrate and a Captain of a Company of Militia, taking such a course in relation to the subject of total abstinence in this day of light and effort, as we are to have another meeting here soon, and we intend to give our opponents enough of it.

Feb. 1.—Travelled thirty miles to attend a meeting, but was disappointed, the appointment not having been circulated.

Feb. 2.—Addressed a numerous and attentive assembly in Thurlow, Rev. Gideon Shepherd, and Henry Yager, Esq., also address the meeting. We received 12 names, and a society will be formed. A circumstance has recently taken place here that will tend greatly to promote the cause. An inn-keeper in the place, and the only one within several miles, attended a religious meeting and embraced religion, and soon after, finding that selling poison to his neighbours, and praying to God to bless them, did not accord very well, he took down his sign, and turned the destroyer out of his house, which made room for the Saviour. This man presided at the meeting, and was the first to sign the pledge. May he go on and prosper. Amen.

Feb. 3.—Held a meeting in Sidney; 34 signed the pledge. A Committee was appointed that will, I think, be active and useful. The cause is rising in this township, but much remains to be done, many that should be foremost in the work are withholding their influence. How strange that professing Christians in this day of light on the subject, can stand opposed to this cause, or refuse to give it their support.

Feb. 4.—Addressed a meeting at the River Trent. The streets were as muddy as they could well be, the rain was falling fast, and Egyptian darkness almost spread over the earth, besides which, the thunder was roaring over our heads as though it threatened to demolish every grog-shop in the village, and the red lightning flashed and streaked till one would be ready to think that the last day had come, and that drunkards, and distillers, and vendors of intoxicating drinks were immediately to receive their doom. I had fixed my mind for a thin attendance, but on entering the school-house I found a goodly number of men and women. They had come to the temperance meeting. Marked attention was paid to the address, and 10 gave me their names.