

tavern-keeper; aided by No. 4, who is also a constable and tavern-keeper. And, to complete this farce, the whole procession moved in the most delightful state of disorder to the residence of No. 5, who is also another tavern-keeper; where the unfortunate victim was bound hand and foot, and straightway conveyed to Bytown Jail!

In my next, you shall have a more detailed account of the doings of whisky in this vicinity.—I remain, &c., P. McELRAY, Secretary R. T. A. S.

PENETANGUISHENE ROAD, Jan. 16.—No doubt you have concluded ere this, that the Temperance Society on the Penetanguishene Road is extinct, not having heard from this place for so long a period. But I am happy to inform you the Society is still in being, and in tolerably prosperous circumstances. We meet quarterly, the last meeting we held, was on Wednesday 10th Dec., when a goodly number assembled; we were favoured with the services of the Rev. L. O. Rice, Methodist Minister, on this occasion (indeed it is but just that I should state that Mr. R. has attended all our meetings since he has resided in this circuit). The Rev. gentleman spoke with very good effect, and interested the meeting very much. Our Society numbers about 200 members, principally young people, there are not many families, of which some member has not joined the Society. And such is the effect that the Temperance cause has gained in this locality, that it is a rare thing for any person to provide ardent spirits for logging bees, or raisings, &c., and I may state that where heads of families have joined the Temperance Society and become sober characters, their temporal affairs have prospered much better, and themselves and families have enjoyed peace and harmony, and what is best of all, they are found in the House of God on the Lord's day.—JOSEPH THOMAS, Sec.

Cobourg, Jan. 10, 1849.—You no doubt by this time will be impatient to hear from me, as well as see some cash for the *Advocate* for another year; and though money is very hard to be got hereabout these times, yet we feel determined to stick to the *Advocate* as long as you do, if we should go to jail for something else.

FOR THE CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

SIR,—Agreeable to a resolution passed at the institution of an auxiliary to the "Charlesville Temperance Society," in the 4th Concession, immediately in the rear of us, on the evening of Wednesday, the 10th instant, I stand charged with the duty of addressing you at this time on the happy success which attended the efforts of the Officers of the Charlesville Society on that occasion, their labours were made much more effectual through the aid and influence of Rev. Charles Manson, E. M., who took an active part in the exercises, and who was ultimately unanimously elected President of that auxiliary Society, known as No. 1. Several resolutions were adopted, expressive of the contaminating influence that the vending, selling, and use of ardent spirits have on Society, and the morals of professing Christians, &c. &c. Although the people of this neighborhood, and adjoining Concessions, are very much addicted to the prevailing customs of using whiskey at bees, which are very frequent in the fall and winter seasons, they showed their willingness, as on preceding occasions, to honor the meeting with their presence, to hear facts and simplified truths. Twenty-seven subscribed their names to the pledge, some of whom are not the least influential in the neighborhood, thereby setting a salutary example, and saying to their friends "go and do likewise."

I do not know that there are any confirmed inebriates in these back Concessions—but I do know that there are too many who are going down the drunkard's path to ruin very fast, and unless the tide of fashion, which has so many barques on its waters freighted with immortal souls, is soon

checked in its deadly progress, many families will be immaturely deprived of their main support, and many parents will be called to mourn over a once promising scion of the parent stock, a victim to whiskey usages and its attendant "delirium tremens."

The friends of the cause here are determined to exert themselves this winter in behalf of the poor drunkard, as well as to thin the ranks of the moderate drinkers, who, beyond controversy, form the fountain head from which the places of the drunkards are replenished. What they come short in utility and profound oratory, they intend filling up the vacuum by perseverance and zeal, as they seem to have a strong adhesion to the old proverb that, "in union there is strength." I predict, that before spring, I shall be able to give you some satisfactory evidence of the fruits of our combined exertions.—ISAIAH R. AULT.

FOR THE TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

Annual Report of the Bath Temperance Society, submitted and adopted at a public meeting held on the 8th day of January, 1849.

The Committee of the Bath Temperance Society beg to report, that at the present moment the society numbers 183 members. During the past year eleven meetings have been held, at which addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Fawcett, McAlcree, Jones, and Aylsworth, and by Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Morton, and Dr. Aylsworth, to all of whom the Committee feel indebted for their kind assistance. They feel in duty bound, however, specially, to acknowledge the very eminent services rendered by Mr. Morton, through whose instrumentality the last six meetings were got up, and at which upwards of 70 names were added to our list.

The Committee further observe, that among the new members recently obtained, are Jacob Dettlor, E. q., and Dr. Stewart, from whose influence it is expected the society will be greatly benefitted. The Committee beg to suggest, that some plan be devised by which sufficient funds will always be in the hands of the treasurer to defray incidental expenses. The Committee also recommend that this society be connected with the District Society, as soon as the necessary preliminaries can be arranged by the Committee. They are glad to observe that Mr. Wadsworth, of Montreal, is engaged to labour for a season within the bounds of the Midland District, and trust that much good will result from his labours. It is worthy of notice, that in other parts of the country they are preparing to petition Parliament on the subject of granting licenses: in connection with this movement they congratulate the people of Ernest Town generally for having adopted a petition on the subject at a late town meeting. In conclusion, the Committee feel thankful in being able, to recognise the hand of God in the efforts that are now being made by means of Temperance Societies to put down Intemperance, and consider the prospects sufficient to inspire this society with confidence that Temperance principles will soon become triumphant in Bath, if every member would but do his duty.

(Signed) CHARLES JAMES, President.

Bath, January 9, 1849.

The officers appointed for the current year are as follow, viz.:—Jacob Dettlor, J. P., President; Dr. R. Stewart, Vice-President; Mr. James Foster, Treasurer; C. James, Secretary. Messrs. Samuel Rogers, T. C. Johnston, Jas. Davey, William Burley, Robert Phillips, and David Swallow, Committee.

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