

assembly of people, J. Percy, Esq., in the chair, only 1 person joined; this may in some measure be accounted for, by the differences and disunion in the neighbourhood, arising out of a late contest about the old and new pledge systems, in which the former was supported by the latter, in a manner that tended, it is said, to irritate the feelings of some apparent friends of the cause.

Friday 12, Newburgh.—P. Madden, Pres., in the chair. Here I addressed at great length, a large and good natured congregation; 8 new names were obtained to an already large and zealous society, of which this growing little village is the centre.

Saturday 13, Priors School-House, Camden.—Owing to a division about some local matter, the meeting was not very numerously attended. It was presided over by Mr. Price, Pres.; after short addresses by three of us, 7 new names were given in.

Sunday 14.—Proceeded in company with my kind host, Mr. Price, through the lately settled parts of the township of Camden, to Card's school-house, 7th concession, where a lecture was delivered to an attentive audience; after which a day was named, on which to organize a society, 27 names were taken down, who were ready to lead the van.

Monday 15th, Millegan's School-House, Camden.—N. Roinbough, Pres., chairman. A society was originated here a few months ago, which promises to do well; 17 new names were added. A few *Advocates* will be sent for.

Tuesday 16.—On the way to my next appointment, I called upon the Rev. Mr. Bourke, Catholic, who gave me a cheering account of the progress of the Catholic Temperance Society, which he has established in the bounds of his mission. Arrived at Clark's Mills where a congregation had assembled in the school-house, Mr. Hamilton in the chair. After the address 13 signed. There is a small society existing here, I should think they have an arduous task before them. Distributed a quantity of tracts, and exertions are being made to procure hereafter, if possible, 100 copies of the *Advocate* for the township of Camden. At the close of the meeting a skirmish took place between some tavern-keepers present, and Dr. Aylsworth, in which it was endeavoured to be proved that there was but little difference between them, both having a right to kill according to law; I may here say, that for the past week I have been ably assisted by Dr. Aylsworth, Rev. Messrs. Carson, Miller, &c., the latter of whom has been my travelling companion for some days.

Wednesday 17, Brick School-House, Ernest Town.—Mr. McLean, Pres., in the chair. Here we had a satisfactory meeting among old friends of the cause, obtained 7 new signatures.

Thursday 18, Old Chapel, 4th Concession, Ernest Town.—Here also the soil has been well cultivated, Mr. Comer, Pres., was our chairman, addresses by Rev. Mr. Van Dusen and myself, 11 joined.

Friday 19, Mill Creek.—A numerous meeting, Mr. B. Booth in the chair. After several well-received addresses, a foundation for a society was laid, by obtaining 30 members; upon the whole, a good impression made.

After the cheering success at Mill Creek, we proceeded on Saturday 20th to Wilton, where we met the local society and friends, at the new and splendid Methodist chapel, Mr. Fisk, Pres., after the lecture 12 signed. The cause here is progressing.

Sunday 21, Huffman's Settlement, Camden.—This appears to be a sober and moral neighbourhood, delivered a lecture in the school-house, after which the Secretary of a society lately re-organized here on the total abstinence system, received 41 new names to the pledge.

Monday 22, Shibley's School-House, Portland.—After a short address to the few friends, perhaps 25, who came out through the storm, a constitution was adopted, and 13 joined. Another meeting will be held soon.

Tuesday 23, Storm's School-House, Loborough.—P. Storms, chairman. After the lecture a constitution was submitted, and 13 signed. No great impression seemed to have been made. Temperance cause new to most.

Wednesday 24, 6th Concession of Kingston.—Here there is a flourishing society, with active men as officers. Had the pleasure of meeting a large and attentive assembly in the school-house, at the close of the meeting 27 joined.

Thursday 25, Waterloo.—Stormy, not a large attendance, Dr. Beamish in the chair. Near the close of the meeting, a retailer,

and an Irvingite preacher or "Evangelist," came out in opposition to the propriety and principles of the total abstinence society. The discussion was kept up to a late hour, the pledge was circulated at the close of the debate, when, unfortunately, most of the people had retired. 9 names were obtained, and a meeting appointed to organize a society, even, on this unpromising soil.

Friday 26, Kingston.—Meeting in the Union chapel, Rev. Mr. Wilkinson in the chair. After addresses by the agent and Mr. Macure, the latter of whom entertained the audience in his usual humorous and energetic strain; the pledge was circulated, and 18 signatures obtained, 1 of whom, rather a *thing* than a *man*, was said to have been the most abandoned drunkard in town. By the way, there is much need of a Victoria Society here. I fear the cause has not that hold on the minds and affections of the good people of Kingston, which its importance demands. I was told that none of the official or professional class, such as Magistrates, Lawyers, Physicians or Ministers (with the exception of 2, Messrs. Wilkinson and Coan) are enrolled in the society, or take an active part to promote its usefulness, and I regret that about every *fifth house*, on an average, is devoted to the traffic. There is a great work consequently before the friends of the cause in the Seat of Government; and I am happy to find that, under all these discouragements, they are determined to persevere, and arrangements have been made by the Committee to hold Ward Meetings every week, and it is expected that a protracted temperance meeting will be held some time during the winter, which, we hope to have the pleasure of attending.

Saturday 27, J. C. Clark's School-House, Ernest Town.—In company of Dr. Spafford, met a few friends here. The soil appears not to have been cultivated in this section, but 10 signed the pledge, distributed some *Advocates* and tracts, and closed my tour for the present month. I may here remark, that for several meetings I have received the valuable assistance of the Rev. Messrs. Van Dusen, Williams, Taylor, and others.

To sum up with a few general remarks, I have had the satisfaction of becoming acquainted with many active and noble-minded tee-totalers, who, in their respective localities, have promoted the good cause to the utmost of their power; and are still, with unwearied diligence, adding trophies to those already gained. I have received abundant practical proof that the Rev. Mr. Murray of Oakville, was mistaken when he said that the principles of total abstinence were adverse to the kindly feelings of hospitality and friendship. Upon the whole, I have met with encouraging success, public attention seems to be awakened and drawn towards the cause more than ever. During the month I have originated, or laid the foundation of 9 new societies, obtained 420 signatures to the pledge, about 30 subscribers to the *Advocate*, exclusive of those who will communicate through the local societies, and in some degree, I trust, prompted union among the friends and excited to increased exertions. There are, at present, in the Midland District, about 3100 members, including the Catholic society, numbering some 500, and the cause in most places is rapidly on the advance. All of the Lutheran, Wesleyan and Episcopal Methodist Ministers, and others, are actively promoting it; as well as a majority of the country physicians. The magistrates, however, of this District appear not to feel so much interest in it as they do in Prince Edward, having only found three who are members; others, to be sure, are professedly friendly, but many are engaged in the traffic, to the great detriment of the cause, and in some places we find the anomaly of professing *Christians* keeping rum-selling inns, and in the town of Kingston so many professors are engaged in selling intoxicating liquors, (some of them *deacons* and *elders* in the church, they say) that it excites little or no surprise!

There are 172 licensed taverns in the District, and more than 40 shops.

The friends of the cause, almost universally, are uniting on total abstinence principles, as the most consistent and effectual; there are not over 100 persons who adhere to the old system.

Public opposition to our principles has nearly ceased, yet from the preceding remarks it is evident there are some difficulties in the way, that tend to retard the march of the reformation. Among the greatest of these obstacles is the sectarian and political prejudice and unyielding obstinacy of many *little minds* in every part of the country. But notwithstanding these unhappy differences