

we are satisfied that it will, to use one of their own phrases, "go a-head." The advertisement in another column, that M. Wallingford, who formerly kept the Union Hotel, has given up the sale of intoxicating liquors, and opened his house on teetotal principles, is very encouraging, as the country is much in want of this kind of accommodation; we hope the friends of the cause will do what they can to support M. Wallingford. We are happy to find that the Union Hotel is of that class which deserves the support of the public; in confirmation of this, we subjoin a short extract from a letter of Mr. W. B. Vipond, of Granby, dated 18th instant:—

On the evening of Tuesday last, a number of our temperance friends paid the Union hotel a visit to tea, when thirty-four sat down. After we had done justice to his well furnished board, I made a few remarks, and endeavored to show the benefit the temperance cause would derive from having a Temperance house of public entertainment in this village, and after the choir had sung a number of Temperance songs, we departed to our respective homes well content both with our entertainment and the charges of our host.

NOW IS THE TIME

For the friends of the cause to exert themselves to increase the circulation of the *Advocate*, and secure a sufficient number of paying subscribers as will insure us against loss. We ask no profit on the *Advocate*; all that is over after paying the usual expenses of the paper, we appropriate to the liquidation of the debt of the Montreal Committee; but unless the friends exert themselves, and keep on the alert, the enemy will come in—they will become indifferent and the paper will, as a consequence, cease to exist. The teetotal press can only look for support from the teetotaler. New Subscribers paying 2s 6d will receive the remaining numbers of the present volume without additional charge.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—We learn from a correspondent in Kingston, that the Sons of Temperance are rapidly increasing in Western Canada, and that there are now 25 Divisions in active operation. He says that in a year hence this number will be tripled. We hope his anticipation will be more than fully realized, and that this grand auxiliary to the Temperance movement will soon attain its triumph over the drinking customs and habits of this country.

A SHORT TEMPERANCE TOUR.

Being invited by the friends of the Temperance cause to visit the places hereafter to be named, I resolved to do so at a convenient opportunity. A few years' experience has satisfied me that the temperance work is one that requires constant exertion and perseverance, and not a little self-denial. I am far from imagining that I have done what, in some instances, might have been done for the promotion of the good cause, but the benefit achieved has generally been commensurate with the work done. There are some friends of the temperance cause who fear to identify themselves with it in a very public manner, lest their leisure and study should be intruded upon by persons and places requiring occasional lectures or addresses. But let these friends look at the magnitude of the evil against which we are arrayed, and let them remember, that it can be successfully overcome, chiefly by the presentation of truth to the understanding and conscience, and then let each consider, whether they ought not to come up "to the help of the Lord against the mighty," and thereby escape the curse of Merod. But I did not design to moralize, when I commenced this communication.

Leaving home on the 8th of October, I proceeded to Bedford, there to perform an important official duty—that is, to solemnize matrimony between a couple of sincere friends of temperance. This teetotal wedding, was a good beginning to a short temperance tour. All the company, (and it was numerous) was so very happy, that I left them with pleasurable regret, reaching Durham in time for the first meeting to be held in the basement of the Wesleyan Church. Dr. Cotton of Broue Corner took the Chair. The assembly was large and respectable. I addressed them about an hour. Dr. Cotton gave a good speech, short and pointed. Mr. Finlay also spoke very sensibly, and we had appropriate singing by the temperance choir.

Next day I went out to Sutton, to see my friend, Mr. John Watson. After a pleasant interview with this teetotal family, I proceeded to Cowansville. Here, it would seem, sufficient notice was not given of the intended meeting, but a few collected, to whom I spoke for half an hour. I remained overnight with an "English gentleman," all of the olden time, except that he is now a total abstainer. Mr. Dent is a warm, almost enthusiastic Reclabito.

My next meeting was at Farnham Centre on Wednesday night. Mr. Hurlburt, with whom I lodged, had done his best to circulate the appointment, and by seven o'clock, a goodly company had assembled in the stone school house. Great and serious attention was paid to the address, which occupied more than an hour; Mr. Harvey Taber gave some very pleasing facts of recent reformations from intemperance through the exertions of the Reclabites in the Townships. The place where this meeting was held, is very favorably circumstanced respecting the permanency of the Temperance cause. There is no drunkery, or house for the sale of strong drinks in this neighborhood, and the friends are determined to keep the necessity of total abstinence before the minds of the people, especially of the young, by public meetings and the circulation of the *Temperance Advocate*.

Granby village was the next appointment, on Thursday evening. It began to rain soon after I started on my journey, the roads were desperately bad, the rain increased, and poured itself down violently. Four hours for twelve miles in a heavy rain, required resignation as well as patience, but we got safely through, and right glad we were to dry ourselves by the stove of an old acquaintance, Mr. Wm. Watson, who used to sing with me in the Methodist choir of my native place. The rain continued, and the friends who heard of my arrival, entertained doubts about holding the meeting at all. I encouraged them, and quite a good company pressed through the storm and rain to the Congregational church; a first rate band of music was in attendance, and, if there was not good speaking, there was, at any rate, what was worth hearing by any person having a musical soul, that is, a fine performance on superior instruments. The choir was kindly taken by the Rev. Mr. Slack, and I addressed the meeting about an hour. The Reclabites have made a successful movement here. Mr. Wallingford, the keeper of the Union Hotel has abandoned the liquor traffic, and opened his house on temperance principles. He has published a splendid handbill announcing his future course in a bold and honorable manner, I hope he will meet with encouragement.

With my little son, Charles Stinson, who accompanied me on this journey, I left Granby on Friday morning for Lorne. We remained overnight at Dunham, enjoying the kind hospitality of a ministerial brother, the Rev. John Tomkins. On Saturday morning we had not proceeded far, before an accident occurred that might have been severe. The roads were bad, and the horse