

to Mr. Booth, who was so kind as to come up purposely from Quebec to attend the meeting. He opened the meeting by a most appropriate and acceptable address, shewing the degrading and demoralising effects of intemperance, and making some most pertinent allusions to the state of this County at the time of the late election, and complimenting the Township on the fact of there not being a single tavern in it, and only one store where the accursed thing (alcohol) can be obtained. He also alluded to the journal of Wolf for proof that the Total Abstinence Society instituted by Jonathan, the son of Bachab, is still flourishing. Several resolutions were then moved, and unanimously adopted. They were ably supported by the different speakers, in particular Mr. Hough, whose address was both instructive and amusing. There was a clergyman of the Episcopal Church present. He rose at the close of the meeting, and said he highly approved of the object of the institution, and would embrace some future opportunity of giving his opinion on the subject. In hopes that our next meeting will prove to be that opportunity, we anxiously wait for it.

The result of the meeting was, teetotal new members. . . . 27
Removed from the old pledge 32

The Society consists of 150 members. The old pledge is about dying a natural death.

By order of the Committee,

J. COOKE, Sec.

L'ORIGONAL, April 15, 1840

SIR,—I feel pleasure in telling you that the Temperance Reformation is advancing in my station. Several extra numbers of the *Advocate* are ordered; and I have recently given lectures in support of Temperance Societies in different parts of this and the adjoining Township. The consequence has been an increased interest in efforts for the promotion of Temperance principles, and many accessions to our Society. If ministers, in different parts of their stations, would occasionally give lectures on the subject, much good might be done. It is necessary to strengthen those who have joined in our ranks, and we should endeavour to reclaim the intemperate. I think, Mr. Editor, that the latter point is too much lost sight of in Canada. In England, many reformed drunkards are found in our societies, and numbers of them, through Divine grace, are converted persons. I recently received the signatures of two persons, who have been for years addicted to excessive drinking, one of whom has passed "three-score years and ten." I trust with God's blessing, that these men are more than reformed.

The tea-party of which mention was made in one of my papers was obliged to be put off, as we had no suitable place to meet in; but we are making some arrangements to hold such a meeting in June, of which further particulars will be given. It would be well for teetotallers to hold a social meeting in honour of the Queen's marriage. Yours, in Christian love,

JAMES T. BYBNE.

Mr. John Graham, of Ormstown, writes, that "A man who lived on the Chateaugay River sent his child for drink. The child, who had learned from its parent's example, drank the liquor by the way, was found lying on the road, and soon afterwards expired." Parents, will ye not be warned!

TOWNSHIP OF LEEDS, COUNTY OF MEGANTIC, April 27.

SIR,—I am requested by the Committee of the Leeds Total Abstinence Society, to give you some information relative to the advancement of the cause of temperance in this township.

About three years ago the friends of temperance in this place, alarmed at the increasing use of ardent spirits, considered it their duty to endeavour, as far as lay in their power, to arrest the progress of intemperance. A society which adopted the moderate pledge was accordingly formed, frequent meetings were held, and the society consisted at one time of nearly one hundred members. At length, however, from various causes, the principal of which was the inefficiency of the moderate pledge, the Society began to decline,

and for upwards of a year no meetings were held, nor were any further additions made to it.

About three months since the committee, arising from the lethargy in which they had so long indulged, called a meeting of the society, the first act of which was to abolish the pledge which it had at first adopted, being convinced from experience and observation, that nothing but total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors can effect that entire and permanent reformation, which it is the design of temperance societies to produce.

Monthly meetings of the society are now held, for the purpose of keeping alive the interest which it has excited, and although the evil effects of intemperance are still seen and felt to a great extent, public opinion seems to have undergone a favourable change with reference to the utility of such institutions; and many, although they cannot prevail upon themselves to renounce what they term the moderate use of intoxicating liquors, profess themselves friendly to the object which the society has in view.

The society at present consists of sixty-three members, with every reasonable prospect of considerable additions being made to its numbers.

Receive four dollars, and address fourteen copies of the *Advocate* to me. We trust soon to procure additional subscribers.

I am, &c., WILLIAM HUNTER, Sec.

BLACK RIVER, L. C., May 18, 1840.

SIR,—It becomes my duty to inform you of the progress of the temperance reformation in this quarter, which I do with pleasure, for it exceeds any thing I have seen, considering the population, either in the United States or Canada, since I gave my heart and hand to this noble cause,—

Which sees the aching bosom rest,
And carries joy to every breast,
And makes the wretched drunkard blest
By living soberly.

Within about two months seventy-eight persons have been pledged to total abstinence from all that intoxicates, which far exceeds any thing we anticipated in this thinly settled country; which is the uppermost settlement on the Ottawa River, embracing the townships of Westmeath and Pembroke in Upper Canada, and the vicinity of Black River and Almet Island in Lower Canada. There has been two societies formed, one in Pembroke and the other at Black River, by the assistance of the Rev. Mathew Conner of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

The Black River Society was formed the 37th April; where after prayer by the Rev. M. Conner, it was

Resolved,—That notice of this meeting be forwarded to the *Canada Temperance Advocate*.

Resolved,—That we tender our sincere thanks for the gratuitous numbers of the *Advocate* forwarded to this section through the medium of the Westmeath post office.

Dear sir, I bid you God's speed in all your labours of love, and unite with you heart and hand in that cause which already has proved, under God, such a blessing to mankind, and is opening such an effectual door for the reception of that Gospel whose mild and gentle rays never can dawn on that heart which is enwrapped in intoxicating fire.

I am, &c.,
JOHN J. PIERCE, Sec.

UPPER CANADA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

PRESCOTT, April 22, 1840.

SIR,—According to the custom of our Society, I beg to acquaint you, in a few words, with the proceedings of our last Quarterly Meeting, held at the Methodist Chapel of this place on the 20th instant.

We expected to have been addressed by the Rev. P. C. Campbell of Brockville, but his being disappointed in the conveyance which was to have brought him here, deprived us of his services. As a substitute, a pamphlet containing a most powerful sermon from the Rev. E. N. Kirk of Albany on the text "Thou shalt not kill," was read by the Secretary, and if we can judge by the very spirited remarks of some of our distillers and alcohol vendors in relation to