

to be done. There are drunkards still amongst us, some of them biting their chains and longing for deliverance—others hugging them to their breasts: it is our duty to snap their fetters in pieces—we are bracing ourselves for the task—all the good, the philanthropic, the patriotic, are with us—but better still, God is with us, we must succeed—may it be speedily.

F. D.

*Albion, Dec. 29, 1852.*—Our locality is situated about seven miles north of Bolton, on the highest point of the country, which goes by the name of Mount Pleasant. We have a pretty good temperance society, and have been holding monthly meetings the past year. Success has attended our efforts, and we are determined to use every means to banish strong drink from the neighborhood. We are glad to hear through your excellent *Advocate* the good that is being done, through the exertions of the various orders of temperance. Your paper is always welcome to the few that take it, and we pray that success may still attend your labors, and that your paper may yet, as in time past, be a blessing to thousands of our fellow-creatures.

W. R.

*Toronto, Jan. 1, 1852.*—The *Advocate* is, I believe, the cheapest and best temperance paper in the Province. You, sir, richly deserve the thanks of the whole temperance public of Canada; only for your zeal in the cause, we might this day have been years further back in the temperance cause. I believe the circulation of the *Advocate* has done more good than any of us are aware. I am happy to inform you that the Sons, Daughters, and Cadets, are all doing well in our city. Our celebration here, 18th June last, was a magnificent affair. The Sons and Cadets were publicly invited, and took a part in the celebration of the opening of the railroads here last fall. Their influence is now being felt more than at any former period. Our old tried temperance men and Sons, through our elective institutions, are finding their way to posts of trust and honour, as Aldermen, Councilmen, School Trustees, License Inspectors, etc. I firmly believe, if the licensing of taverns, etc., in our city, was wholly under the control of a vigilant temperance board, assisted by the police, it would be a saving to our city, in a financial point of view, of fivefold more than the paltry pittance received for licenses, which I view as the price of blood.

J. W.

*Clyneborough, Jan. 1.*—Feeling confident you will be happy to receive any intelligence respecting the progress of temperance, I beg to give you a short account of what we have been doing in this village,—consisting of about 18 dwelling-houses, 1 grist mill, 2 stores and a tavern. It is 24 years since I came to this place; the temperance cause was at a low ebb—no meetings were held,—in truth I may say the Society was broken up. After consulting with some of the old members for several months, and urging them to duty, we at last resolved to hold a public meeting and remodel the Society. The first meeting was held in March, 1851, at which, to our astonishment and encouragement we received 25 names. Since that we have kept up our monthly meetings, which have been very numerous attended, and our success has amply rewarded our exertions—we now number 118, in good standing. In the same month, a Division of the Sons of Temperance was opened with only 8 charter members. The progress has been slow but steady, numbering now 27 members in good standing. I am not aware that the *Advocate* was taken previous to this time, except by one individual, a staunch supporter, who has since left the place. I therefore felt it to be my duty, to atone in some degree for past remissness, to strive to obtain some subscribers for your invaluable paper.

W. M.

*Crowlandville, Jan. 4, 1852.*—Nothing of note has occurred in the history of the temperance cause in this locality, except the steady progress of our order, and a diffusion of our principles throughout the community. I draw this conclusion from the fact that I have not seen an individual intoxicated in this village during the holidays, nor for some time previous. The fact is, it is becoming unpopular to “drink and carouse,” as in former days; and those who were in the habit of spending days and even weeks about the taverns, do not spend that number of hours there. The rum-sellers, consequently, do not receive *shillings*, where they formerly received dollars. They are also becoming ashamed of their employment, particularly since that terror to rum-sellers, if I may so speak, lectured here. I allude to Wm. M. Murrell, the London Sailor, who delivers his lectures in a new, interesting, and I may say, sailor style—comparing man to a ship, life to an ocean, &c. It appears to me that a rum-seller who could go on in his ruinous occupation after listening to Mr M.’s lectures, must have his conscience “seared as with a hot iron.” Upon the whole, it is gratifying to know that the cause is progressing rapidly; and may our watchword be *onward and upward* till we the victory obtain.

G. W. C.

*Buttontown, C. W., 6th Jan. 1852.*—I cannot but express my own thanks, as well as those of the old subscribers, for the attention which has been paid to the punctual postage and regular delivery of our paper in years that are gone by, and I do believe that has been one motive, and not a small one either, which has influenced others to become subscribers this year; at all events, I can, with unshaken confidence, assure those to whom I recommend the paper, with all its other excellent qualities, such as its being the cheapest paper in Canada, (perhaps in the world,) its columns teeming with truth, yea, profitable and entertaining truth, as well as sound morals, &c., also the satisfaction of knowing that we shall not experience disappointment in its delivery.

G. G.

*Penetanguishene Road, Jan. 7, 1852.*—With much pleasure I perceive you intend to continue your very useful paper, the *Canada Temperance Advocate*. That such a periodical is needed in the Province, no argument is required to prove, since intoxicating drinks of various kinds are both made and vended, whereby our fellow-men are ruined, both body and soul. Indeed, its bad effects have been seen in this locality. The temperance society in this place continues to make some little progress. Our meetings are held quarterly, which is as often as is practicable. We obtain a few signatures to the pledge, which encourages the society to hold on its way; but they are principally from among the youth. We should feel much gratified if more of those who are farther advanced in years would join with us. Yet when we consider that it is those who are young now who will shortly fill the situations of the fathers in society, we are persuaded that much good will result to the community at large, in time to come, through the efforts we are now making. The office-bearers for the present year are: Peter White, Esq., President; W. H. Partridge, Vice President; and Joseph Thomas, Secretary and Treasurer.

J. T.

*Erm, Jan. 9, 1852.*—In a recent communication from this place, from W. Taylor, Esq., we learn that two new Divisions have been recently opened in that neighborhood. He says:—

As President of the old society, (the Total Abstinence Society,) I feel it a duty devolving on me to advance its interests as much as possible. As a Son of Temperance, I look on both societies as having one great object in view—the direct overthrow of the use of all intoxicating liquors—and do sincerely hope that both societies will stand firm by each other to pull down the strongholds of the de-