

the brook, Watty.' 'Faith you may say that,' replied Watty, like to roll off his horse with laughing, 'for it's just yourself, Laird!' 'Hout sie, no Watty,' cried the Laird with a hiccup between every word, it surely canna be me, Watty, for I'm here!"

Now, gentlemen, continued the Doctor, here is a case in which I would allow a man to be drunk, although he had neither lost his speech nor the use of his limbs.—*The Old Forest Ranger, by Capt. W. Campbell.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

Berlin, 6th February, 1850.

It may not be uninteresting to the numerous readers of the *Advocate*, to hear something from this place, and the exertions made by the friends of total abstinence in the furtherance of their principles. I am sorry to say that the cause is not prospering among us, as much as it doubtless should, and it may be owing in some measure to the inactivity of the members, and even the committee of the society, in not keeping up their monthly meetings; I must, however, bear in mind, that several fruitless attempts have been made to get suitable persons to address our meetings, and, in consequence, none were held; of late, however, we did hold a few meetings, and one particularly I will mention, in which the Rev. Mr. M. Sehn (of the Evangelical Association) delivered us an excellent address in the German Language, at the close of which eleven names were added to the society, since which the friends seem somewhat encouraged, and I have no doubt the cause will yet prosper in our midst; we intend, if possible, to keep up our monthly meeting, and especially to direct our attention towards the German people, (who, unfortunately, have been too much neglected) from whom we get some of the firmest teetotalers. We held our annual election for officers on the 5th November, 1849, when the following persons were elected, to wit:—Michael Correll, President (re-elected); A. Z. Getwals, Vice-President; Chas. Kidder, Secretary, H. B. Bowman, Treasurer; and a committee of twelve.

Our society numbers 170 members in good standing, as near as we can ascertain. It supports the *Advocate* to some extent (and I here send you \$15 for 30 copies and may, perhaps, send more in future) and it doubtless should do more, and certainly would, if all who profess the principle acted in accordance with the same.

A. Z. GETWALS.

Cramahe, 28th February, 1850.

We have held several meetings during the past year in Haldimand and Cramahe, and, as far as I recollect, over 100 names have been added to the pledge. I am sorry that those whose duty it is to write you, and keep you advised of the progress of the cause, as well as the evil consequence resulting from the use of strong drink, do not do so. Many accidents happen, and much that would be generally interesting to your readers is allowed to pass away without any improvement being made of it. Recently in Peterboro', two

women in one house were burnt to death, caused by intoxication. Another female in the same place, notwithstanding the efforts of her husband to prevent it, obtained liquor, got drunk, fell into the fire, and was burnt to death.

J. DAY.

Albion Mines, New Glasgow, N. S.,
March 4, 1850.

The cause is advancing in this place; a division of the Sons of Temperance has been lately formed, and now numbers about 70 members. I am happy to have this opportunity of extending the circulation of your useful little paper, which carries a lecture with it wherever it goes. With every desire for your prosperity in the cause in which you are engaged, I remain, &c.,

L. TREMAIN.

Richmond Hill, 4th March, 1850.

Teetotalism is gaining ground a little with us, as in our annual report it was stated during the year we have had five lectures and sermons by different individuals, and a nett increase of about forty, with some new subscribers.

EDMOND DYER.

Norwichville, 8th March, 1850.

You will, I doubt not, have arrived at a pretty correct estimate of the state of Temperance in this place, from the apathy and want of zeal manifested by professed teetotalers toward the support and encouragement of the *Advocate*, which should be a welcome and desired guest in every family, as the uncompromising advocate of Temperance, and also furnishing many valuable hints upon education, agriculture, &c. The society here, although it has yet an organization, is lifeless; the monthly meetings have been discontinued for want of speakers, and being somewhat isolated, travelling lecturers but seldom visit us; the facility for tipping, too, is being increased, the effect of which, without any great stretch of foresight, can easily be anticipated.—But as I have no disposition for croaking, I would simply suggest to you (as I believe there is many consistent teetotalers yet in Norwich) when your agent, Mr. Wadsworth, or some other efficient travelling lecturer, shall make a tour of the Western part of the province again, to hint to him to pass our way. Could they be induced to do so the society here might easily be resuscitated, and a considerable addition made to the subscription list for the *Advocate*, and much good done.

JOHN M'KEE.

Greenbush, 11th March, 1850.

Our winter campaign has now come to a close, during which we have held six meetings besides the anniversary; most of which were well attended, and quite an interest appeared to be awakened; and the enemy's ranks have been lessened by fifty deserters who have enlisted under our banner.