

whom were some persons in a state of intoxication who occasionally assisted and created some excitement, 10 names obtained.

16.—*Vaughan, Ash Con.*—No proper notice had reached here, the few that did assemble appeared to be cheered, and a few signed.

17.—*Pine Grove*—The venders all present, some of whom could not keep quiet under the exhibition of the plates and still, and the confidence of the drinkers, in the goodness of Alcohol, seemed shaken; scarcely any exertions to get signatures, and consequently but 3 obtained.

18.—*Clairville*—The nearest inn-keeper refused us a quart of beer, and it was with difficulty obtained; a good spirit prevailed in a large congregation, and 19 signed the pledge. Unfortunately in this and adjoining neighbourhood there prevails some disunion and jealousy among the friends, so that two small societies in each place exist in a separate state, instead of being merged in one.

19.—*6th Line*—A small meeting assembled in the Methodist Chapel, over whom Mr. J. Caesar presided; 13 signatures obtained.

20.—*Mono*—Having heard that drinking prevailed to a lamentable extent in this section of the country, we continued our route back to this remote township, where we found it even worse than was stated; a small number were collected together, and urged to make a stand against the drinking customs—a few signified their willingness to do something in the cause—and a meeting was appointed at which to organize a society.

22.—*Chingacousy*—Here the friends had to obtain the beer by stratagem, and so much interest was excited that the house was too small to accommodate all who wished to hear, yet the utmost order was preserved, and attention paid to the lecture, at the close of which 51 signed the pledge; the society was but recently formed here, yet they bid fair to encircle a great share of the population.

23.—*Streetsville*—They have both pledges in connection here, was assisted by several ministers of different denominations, yet the result of the meeting did not come up to my expectations, only 9 being added to the society, which numbers some 120.

24.—*Norval*—This is a dreadfully dissipated place, and fears were entertained that no reformation could be induced; we had a good meeting however, Mr. Kent, in the chair, and I was pleased to find at the close that 34 had signed the total abstinence pledge; and a society, with the usual officers, was organized forthwith, which I trust will increase.

Having now completed my appointments in the Home District, one of the largest and most important in Canada West, it may be proper to state that there are near 9,000 members in the district, 650 of whom were added now; that there are at least two good temperance houses, one of which I formerly mentioned, the other is kept by Mr. Elliot, in the city of Toronto. I regret to say, however, that the *Temp. Advocate* is very little known in some places, and that few, if any, of the magistrates, or others of the official class, encourage the friends of the cause, and that the ministers of several leading denominations stand entirely aloof, leaving the ministers of the Methodist, Congregationalist, &c., to contest the ground alone, under these disadvantages the friends have certainly acquitted themselves creditably. As an indication of the spread of the cause, I have had occasion to notice, the past summer, the small amount of rye and barley grown in comparison to the quantity formerly raised.

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August 25.—*Georgetown*—We had a large meeting here, where there has been a great reformation of late, the friends were refused wine by the nearest vender, and had to travel four miles after the commencement of the meeting to obtain some. Several tavern-keepers from the surrounding country were in attendance, and tried to give some opposition, particularly one who had lately broken down, but he only made himself ridiculous. After a lengthy hearing 17 joined, among whom was a distiller.

26.—*Trafalgar, Crawford's Chapel*—I should think the drinking customs prevail unabated as there are four taverns in sight;

the small audience assembled were addressed by several gentlemen, among whom was J. Sanderson, Esquire, of Streetsville, who has kindly accompanied and assisted me for several days; only 2 additional names.

27.—*Bowes's Chapel, 11 o'clock*—A thin attendance here, and the meeting protracted to a great length by having to attend to some petty quibbles of certain official gentlemen who were very friendly to temperance but who did not, nor could not understand how alcohol could be obtained from grain, and yet not be in the grain, ready formed; and who seriously believed that the newly expressed and unfermented juice of the apple, grape, and berry, would intoxicate!

Mum's School-house, Evening—Here the house was so excessively crowded, that we nearly had our still crushed by the crowd; after analyzing some beer, showing the stomach plates, and several addresses being delivered, a society was organized with 54 members. P. Kenny, Esquire, President, and Mr. J. Appelbe, Secretary.

29.—*Oakville*—At this far-famed village, several ministers attended and assisted us; we had a quiet and agreeable meeting, although the contrary was feared; as the opposition did not turn out, having altered their tactics, and the meeting being composed of friends, but a slight addition was made to the society, which however steadily increases, numbering at present 310; there is also a respectable temperance house. From the operation of various causes, unfortunately, great violence exists, manifesting itself by outrageous conduct at meetings, and lately by a slanderous paper warfare; and although, in consequence, the conduct of some of the friends has been indiscreet and unjustifiable, yet I cannot but sympathize with the totalitarians of Oakville.

30.—*Nelson*—A full meeting in Van Norman's Chapel, the still and plates seemed to carry conviction, and the present result was 36 signatures.

31.—*Hannahsville, Nelson*—An infant society here has met with considerable opposition; as usual, an attempt was made to oppose us by a person of respectable connections, though a hard drinker, he figured away largely with a certain reverend gentleman's celebrated pamphlet in his hand to assist him in quoting scripture! The result of both our exertions was, that 28 signed the pledge, many of them persons of influence who had hitherto stood aloof.

Sept. 1.—*Eramosa*—After a weary drive I arrived just at the hour appointed, and proceeded to address a small audience in the Armstrong settlement. I had not proceeded far before I was again attacked, very confidently too, by a school-teacher, prompted by others, of course it was scripture again; and as this was a sober man, I took delight in going fully into the subject; our opponent's confidence and vigour somewhat abating at every turn.—No attempt was made to get signatures.

2.—*Guelph*—We had an overflowing meeting in the Court house, which was kindly opened for us, and for which a vote of thanks was given to the sheriff. The operation of the still and exhibition of the plates caused considerable excitement, so that it was with difficulty the speakers, at times, could be heard; 25 signed at the meeting and afterwards; and I trust a favourable impression was made. At Guelph and in the vicinity are two or more societies on the old pledge, which are the first I have met with in a separate organized state; it is said drinking prevailed to an awful extent in this section of the country, and perhaps the introduction of the old pledge was expedient at first, but it is full time to do away with it now.

3.—*Fairley Block*—In company with the venerable president of the Guelph society, Mr. Mickle, I went over to this new settlement, much backwardness was evinced in the small meeting; 8 signed the pledge; the rest with characteristic caution wanted to consider of it longer.

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Sept. 5.—*Berlin*—A society has lately been originated here, and although there was a fair attendance yet there appeared to be too much apathy prevailing; many of the inhabitants of this fine township are Methodists, and from their peculiar religious opinions, stand entirely aloof from the cause, and it was said threatened