

other devoted lovers and affectionate husbands, had been led to offer up in blooming sacrifice, their once loved wives and children upon the infernal altar of intoxication, yet, she could not conceive that he, so loved, and loving in return, could do it. And so the affectionate, the concurring, and devoted bride, became a drunkard's wife.

Years passed away. They were years of misery. A family of interesting children grew up around her. By her daily labours and midnight toiling, she clothed and fed, and schooled them, and sustained more or less the dissipated father and husband.

'Twas spring, or summer's morning in the year 1831, while they resided in the village of Ithaca, New York, that she spread before her children and husband the last repast which she ever furnished them—his anger broke forth—she met from his eyes a look; she observed in him a motion, causing her to tremble for her life, as she had, indeed, often done before. She fled towards the door, essaying to escape—he seizes her by the hair of the head; there is an axe standing in the corner of the room; he seizes the axe, hurls her to the floor—and with an arm nerved by intoxication, he gashes her head and her neck with a demon's wantonness of cruelty; and her limbs are quickly quivering in death! O, what a cry from the beholding children then arose! The neighbour's came, yet the demon, too intent upon the work of death to think of escaping, was yet chopping, and awfully mangleing that body whom which the life had already departed!

Such was the closing scene with her who was the bride and wife of a tippler. The closing scene with him was that of the gallows, from whence he went to eternity, the impotent murderer of her whom he had solemnly vowed to ever love, cherish and protect.—*Banner and Democrat.*

## PROGRESS OF THE CAUSE.

### CANADA WEST.

**DARLINGTON, Oct. 21.**—We have lately had two meetings in this neighbourhood which were addressed by the Rev. Messrs. Edwards and Kemeys, and have formed a society at Oer's school-house, No. 10, in the 4th Con. Darlington, as a branch of the Bowmanville Society; H. Rundall was chosen Pres't, J. Rutledge, Vice Pres't, and John Andrew, Secretary. We number 80, and having had most encouraging success we have determined to hold meetings monthly; we have a good prospect before us, and should professors of religion generally come up to the work, the good cause of temperance would soon reign triumphant.—*J. ANDREW, Sec.*

**GLOUCESTER, Dec. 8.**—We have had three meetings since I last wrote, the first on the 3d October, Mr. J. Carson in the chair, at which several addresses were delivered. The second took place on 7th November, Mr. P. E. Egleson, teacher Lower Bytown, in the chair, the meeting was addressed by the Chairman, and the President, Vice President, and Secretary of our society. Each spoke lengthly on the cause, seven of our members also gave short exhortations, and they spoke the best, for they spoke from experience.—One of our speakers had broken the pledge a few months past, but was a second time convinced of the evil of alcohol; he related the case of a man, in England, his native country, who was passing his neighbour's house, and saw a number of clothes hanging out; he felt the temptation so strong to steal the articles, that after he had passed some distance, he returned and desired them to take the clothes in before they were stolen. He compared this to his own case, he said he had purchased some whiskey for a bee, a few days previous to the meeting, and after he had come a distance from his house to the temperance meeting, he feared when he would return home, that the temptation would overcome him, so he returned and threw the contents of the keg to the earth. This caused a great shouting through the whole assembly. A young boy, who had joined the society in this place, was requested by one of his neighbours to take a bottle of whiskey to a man who was labouring; after he had travelled a piece of the road, he bethought himself that he was doing contrary to the pledge, and hesitated whether to return with it, or break the bottle; finally he concluded to bring it back to the person who gave it to him. Let this be an example to all who have come to the years of maturity, to obey that great witness conscience, and they will find a way to escape all such temptations; nine members joined. Our third meeting took place on the 5th December, Mr. Egleson, in the chair, who stated that the Bytown Society num-

bered 600. Several addresses were delivered and the meeting kept up with much interest, 4 names were added, making ninety in all.—*WM. GLASSFORD, Sec.*

**TRAFALGAR Dec. 8.**—I have during the fall held six meetings in this township all well attended and interesting. On these occasions many who have hitherto been victims of intemperance, signed the pledge, and on the 29th ultimo, the Trafalgar Union Temperance Reformation Society was formed at Mr. David Snider's school-house; Peter Kenny, Esquire, President, James Falconer, Secretary—the society numbers 102 members. The temperance cause is prospering at Oakville, though we have had storms to contend with; meetings are held fortnightly and the number of members has increased to above 300. I intend, God willing, to hold temperance meetings this winter in the townships of Trafalgar, Esqueping, and Egin.—*H. DENNY.*

**MONTAGUE, Dec. 15.**—The Rideau Total Abstinence Society held their second anniversary on the 12th ultimo, when an address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Norman, and an election of officers took place:—Mr. Philip Wickwire, Pres't; Mr. H. A. Johnson, Vice Pres't; and John Telford, Sec. The society numbers 136 members; a Young Man's Total Abstinence Association was formed in this vicinity on the 21st of May last, when a number of the young men left the old and joined the new society. This has diminished our numbers, but it is of no consequence under what banner we list, if the evil is put down and the cause of temperance prospers; that such has been the case, in this vicinity, is evident from the fact, that during the past year one distillery has run dry, and one shop-keeper has discontinued the traffic. This change is brought about through the influence of the Temperance Societies. Three merchants, near this place, I understand, do not intend renewing their licenses at the end of the year and Mr. Michael Kelly, inn-keeper, Merickville, intends opening a temperance house, for which purpose he has built during the past summer a very neat stone building, where travellers desirous of quiet and good accommodations would do well to give him a call.—*JOHN TELFORD, Secretary.*

A very interesting Temperance Meeting was held in this town on Wednesday evening last, which we trust will be the means of putting fresh animation not only into this society but into every society throughout the District. The time of granting licenses is fast approaching, and the magistrates, both of old and new commission, have a responsible duty to perform in granting them. The law requires it to be clearly shown that a tavern is absolutely necessary in the place for which a license is claimed, before it can be granted; and it remains to be seen whether all the 26 taverns at present in this District are absolutely necessary for the accommodation of the travelling community, and if not, whether they will be continued as traps for the sons of farmers.—*P. E. Gazette.*

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.**—I have been employed on my way to this city, in placing the interesting tracts given me by our depository, in taverns and on board of vessels in Philadelphia and Baltimore, also in this place. I find a good degree of attention paid to the subject of temperance in this city, where I am with Dr. Sewall, who is a warm friend to the cause. Last Sabbath, in Baltimore, I heard a most powerful advocate for temperance and religion in the seaman's chapel, also, I heard, that one of the most popular ministers of the Methodist connexion, has been holding public meetings in his own chapel, to promote this important object. He told me that at the close of that meeting upwards of 200 came forward and signed their names to the pledge of total abstinence. I wish that it may be so in Canada. That all ministers of every creed may be as active and successful as the one above alluded to is the prayer of—*T. OSGOOD.*

**CHURCH ACTION.**—The General Association of Congregational Churches, in Massachusetts, met at Peterboro' on the 28th ultimo. The Association is very large, and embraces some of the best talents in New England. The following resolution, we learn from the *New-York Ecceanglist*, was unanimously adopted, after hearing various reports relative to the progress of the cause:—

**RESOLVED.**—That we gratefully acknowledge the goodness of God in the origin and progress of the Temperance Reformation; and in the means, which, through its means, He has conferred on men; and we earnestly