

Davis; and the entertainment furnished by the choir and band belonging to our town, it would be difficult to excel. I never was at a better Temperance meeting.

The day following, at twelve o'clock, the children belonging to the juvenile society, in connection with the children of the Sons of Temperance, which were about 200, met at the Town Hall, to partake of refreshments, which were prepared for them by the friends of the Temperance cause. Every eye sparkled, giving evidence not only of joy, but also of a determination to persevere in the good cause they have entered on.

JOHN WARE.

Georgetown, February 28, 1851.

Sir,—It is some time since I wrote to you respecting the prosperity of total abstinence amongst us. Although I have been romies in this respect, our prosperity has not been retarded by it. We are still on the increase, every month gaining ground, and with renewed vigor pushing our battle to the gate, and shouting as we fight, that victory shall be ours,—Temperance must prevail. We have held the anniversary of our society under truly pleasing circumstances. A deputation from the "Division of Sons," in this place, waited upon the Temperance Committee, desiring that the anniversary of the old society be held in connection with their soiree, to come off on the 6th of February. It was agreed upon, as it would demonstrate to the public that there is nothing like antagonism between us; but that on the great subject of temperance we are indissolubly one. The evening came. It was a clear cold night, yet temperance hearts were warm; the division room was filled, over 200 persons sat down to partake of a rich repast, prepared by the sober heads and steady hands of temperance sons. Why, sir, the tables groaned beneath the ponderous weight of cakes, viands and tea. There were fathers and mothers, sons and daughters of temperance, quaffing down the smoking element to their hearts content; all happy, cheerful and smiling. After discussing cakes and tea, the Chairman called the meeting to order, made a few appropriate remarks, and then called upon the Secretary to read the report as follows:—

*Ladies and Gentlemen,—*

It is a source of pleasing consideration to the intelligent and contemplative mind, to view the rapid and increasing success that has attended the "Temperance enterprise" throughout the world. Its progress has been astonishing, notwithstanding the formidable opposition it has had to encounter. It has triumphed over the long-established customs, habits and interests of society, and has, in a great measure, made them subservient to its interests, and men who stood aloof from it for years, considering it all fanaticism, are now amongst its foremost friends; and others, who for a long time looked upon it with indifference and apathy, have thrown off their useless reserve, and are at this moment numbered with its advocates; and many more, who a short time since, hated the name of temperance, from the fact that they were connected with the traffic, either as manufacturers, or dealers in the liquid poison, have now relinquished connexion with the trade, convinced that the making, selling and using of intoxicating liquors is alike injurious to society, and the best interests of man. It must, also, be gratifying to the lovers of the temperance cause, to learn that the very men who, at the last session of the present Parliament, declared that they would rather vote for a direct tax on Temperance Hotels than votes, voted at the last session for the Hon. Malcolm Cameron's bill, for the suppression of intemperance, and also, for the amended license law, brought in and carried through by the Hon. Francis Hincks. This shows the power of public sentiment, when brought to bear upon any important ques-

tion, and that the very persons the most violent and boisterous in their opposition to the Temperance movement, were made to feel their position, from the fact that their popularity was in danger. We have then nothing to fear upon this point. Let us, as Temperance men, make good use of the power which the authorities have placed in our hands, which, if properly applied, will tend greatly to advance the interests of our beloved cause. Your committee rejoice in the delightful thought that total abstinence has had a salutary effect upon many persons in their locality, in reclaiming them from the haunts of vice and inebriation, restoring them to the bosom of their families, and to the joys of their homes. Also, in enlisting the energies of others, who were inactive, but are now, with might and main, engaged with your Committee in trying to arrest the monster evil—intemperance—in his blighting, blasting, withering, wasting progress, and to roll back the all-devouring surge that threatens to inundate the joys, the hopes, the prospects and the comforts of our fellow men. Your committee cannot report that progress they desired to see, yet they feel happy in saying, that during the past year they have had some increase. At the close of last year, the number of members reported was 296, to which may be added as an increase 32 persons who have united with us, making our number in all, 328. We have held 12 regular monthly meetings, and at those meetings we have had about 40 addresses from different persons, amongst whom are the following: the Revs. John Clark, Wm. Willoughby, and Thomas Dick; also—Messrs. Ferguson, of Guelph, and Samuel Alcorn of Toronto, who is with us this evening. Your committee have endeavoured to act as faithful to their trust as possible. On the 28th of October last, your committee met to consider what measures should be adopted to awaken interest on behalf of Temperance, in the different villages of Esquemaug; it was resolved that the Societies in those villages should be visited. A deputation was sent to the following places:—Acton, Hornby, Stewarttown, Norval and Williamsburg. As the result of their efforts, 56 persons joined the pledge. A short time since, your committee were solicited to hold a Temperance meeting on the town line between Chinguacousy and Esquemaug; the invitation was attended to, and a flourishing society organised, numbering over 80 members. Thus, to the number of teetotalers in our township, they have been instrumental in adding 163 new recruits to the cold water army.—To God be all the praise. In addition to these matters, their agent for the *Canada Temperance Advocate*, Mr. P. W. Dayfoot, has sent the names of 30 persons as subscribers to that active and efficient auxiliary to the Temperance reform in Canada. Your committee would not forget to state that there is in our thriving village, a vigorous division of the "Sons of Temperance," numbering 28 members, in full standing, who are laboring in unison with this society, to promote the high and noble objects of total abstinence amongst us. Let it be borne in mind that the division of Sons in Georgetown has been divided into three separate and distinct divisions; one in Stewarttown, and the other in Williamsburg. There is in connexion with the division in this place, a section of Cadets numbering 20 members, who are being trained in the true principles of Temperance, taught in the morning of their days to despise the drunkard's drink, and to hold in utter contempt that great destroyer of human happiness—*alcohol*. Let us then, as Temperance men, and Sons, say to these young teetotalers—Rise up then ye young, hope of your country, and to the world exhibit one general combination of moral courage, intelligence and purity, and with corresponding efforts say to the whole earth, that the hour of her redemption is come. Happy! thrice happy! ye who may thus have the honor of dashing away for ever, the cup of drunkenness, and washing this foul stain from our country's glory. Happy the generation who may rise up in stead of their fathers, and, like the rainbow above the retiring cloud, reflect, from the one end of the universe to the other, the glories of the millennial sun.

JOHN FREEMAN, President,  
JOHN ELLIOTT, Secretary.

The report having been read, it was adopted, and the following persons chosen officers for the ensuing year:—Mr. P. W. Dayfoot, President; Mr. Elijah Leavens, vice President; and John Elliott, Secretary. The Chairman then introduced Mr. S. Alcorn, of Toronto, to address the meeting. He gave us a rich intellectual treat; it was an admirable address, replete with fine senti-