

1. *Resolved*,—That the report now read, be adopted and printed, under the direction of the Committee.

Moved by Mr. HENRY LYMAN, seconded by Mr. C. BREWSTER.

2. *Resolved*,—That as the use of intoxicating drinks has uniformly led to intemperance, and produced the most appalling evils in Society,—*Resolved*, that it becomes the duty of all who love their fellow men, to impress upon the young the importance of entire abstinence, and the danger of any degree of indulgence.

Moved by the Rev. C. STRONG, seconded by Mr. J. C. BEERS.

3. *Resolved*,—That the success which has attended the Temperance cause throughout the world, and particularly this Society, calls for devout thankfulness to Almighty God, and we are thereby encouraged to labor with more diligence and zeal, in promoting its object.

Moved by Mr. B. LYMAN, seconded by JACOB DE WITT ESQ.

4. *Resolved*,—That the following persons be the Officers for the ensuing year.

Mr. JOSEPH FRASER, *President*.

Mr. S. HEDGE, *Vice President*.

Mr. C. L. BIGELOW, *Treasurer*.

Mr. S. H. MAY, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE.

Messrs. J. M'WATTERS, T. M'LAREN, H. LYMAN, G. HAGAR, A. ADAMS, J. HALLIDAY, W. HARDIE, and B. WORKMAN.

At the close of the meeting 18 new members joined the Society.

We are sorry that our space only permits us to give the following brief extracts from the excellent report which was submitted on the occasion, and which many of our readers must have perused with pleasure in the columns of the *Montreal Courier* [Ed. C. T. Ad.]

During the two past years, your Committee have distributed over 2000 numbers of that excellent publication, "The *Canada Temperance Advocate*,"—the good produced by such a number of publications, will only be known at the last great day. We cannot, however, refrain from mentioning a few instances, which have come under our notice, of the good resulting from this little Messenger of Peace.

One of the distributors writes:—"J. S. was once in good circumstances, but was daily in the habit of using ardent spirits; the habit soon became so firmly rooted in him, that his friends were persuaded in their own minds that, unless he abandoned his cups, he must soon fill a drunkard's grave; humanly speaking, their worst fears were about to be realized,—but, in a sober moment, the *Advocate* was handed to him, and he entreated to desist from his habits of intemperance, and attentively to read this little herald of mercy:—he did so, and the result was, as might have been expected, he resolved from that time forward to touch not the unclean thing. He has now regained a part of his property, and if he should continue sober and industrious, as at present, will, in a few years, accumulate property sufficient to support himself and family in his old age."

Others, though not habitual drunkards, have discontinued the use of all intoxicating drinks, and say, that nothing would induce them again to indulge in the use of them, as their families are more comfortable, and their own health much improved.

Another distributor says:—"I have distributed ten copies of the *Temperance Advocate*, monthly, during the past year;—the result has been, that eight confirmed drunkards, in my sphere of labour, have become total abstinence men, besides a very extended influence amongst others. It is worthy of remark, how decided the cases of total abstinence are."

Another writes:—"As the result of my labors, five moderate drinkers and one confirmed drunkard, have given up the use of all intoxicating drinks;—three have joined the Montreal Temperance Society, and three the Catholic. The case of the confirmed drunkard is so striking, that I could not but notice the change a few months of abstinence had produced. His house and furniture, (though of the plainest description,) are neat and clean—his children at the day and Sabbath school,—and he, himself, attends church regularly on the Sabbath. Of these seventeen cases of reformation, two only have united with our society; twelve, with the Montreal Temperance Society, and three with the Catholic."

If these were the only instances of good effected by your Society, you would be more than amply paid for your labour; but the influence does not stop here. We think that it can be said with in-

fallible certainty, that this is but a small part of the good resulting from your efforts. How can it be otherwise? Suppose each *Advocate* should find its way into a family consisting of six persons,—from this it would appear, that more than 500 individuals would be under the influence of temperance principles, every month. Eternity alone will reveal the whole effect of your self-denying efforts in this noble cause of benefiting your fellow-men.

FIRST REPORT OF THE SAGERSFIELD ST. ARMAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

The Committee, in laying their first Report before the Society since its renewal on the principle of abstinence from all intoxicating beverages, have the pleasure of congratulating the Society on the unanimity and consistency which has prevailed among its members since the adoption of the teetotal pledge; and to it they ascribe, as a principle reason under Divine Providence, that so few cases of violation of the pledge have come to their knowledge—as of 114 who had subscribed the pledge, only two have been expelled; and they being but sojourners for a short time among us, have now left the place. One man on New Year's-day yielded to former habits; but he still ranks among us, as he came forward and acknowledged his contrition, and his desire to continue a consistent member. Five have moved to other parts, leaving 107 members, among whom are more persons come to years of discretion than ever before were enrolled in this place under the partial abstinence pledge—a pleasing proof that our new pledge is held in higher estimation than the old one.

The Committee find great cause to be grateful that this neighbourhood is not much exposed to the temptations of drunkard-makers; and although but few bad cases have come within their sphere, yet they are not without instances of the good effects of this Society; and they can point to individuals, who, by its influence, have been reclaimed from habits of intemperance. And while your Committee rejoice at the success of all who are engaged in honourable worldly pursuits, they cannot withhold their expressions of satisfaction, as seeing the drunkard's flag struck, and at the knowledge that the only tavern in this village has lately died a natural death;—and they would earnestly call for your united prayers, that the hearts of all who continue to deal in the bitter waters of strife, may be enlightened; and that in this place especially there may not be a single individual found holding open the flood-gates of ruin.

The lack of talented men to create an interest has prevented your Committee from calling as many public meetings as they would. For the addresses you have had, they would remind you of your obligations to the Rev. Mr. Squires, who has on every application come cheerfully forward; and we have reason to believe that his labours have been blessed. The address given you by the Rev. Mr. McDonald on last Christmas evening (when thirty-two new members were obtained) had the effect of knocking the "prop from under" at least one stiff moderationist. "He which converteth a sinner from the error of his ways shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." In the absence of public meetings, your Committee are gratified to know, that almost every family has been supplied with that excellent substitute for them—the *Canada Temperance Advocate*; and they would earnestly recommend that it be more extensively subscribed for during the ensuing year.

In conclusion, your Committee hope that the time draweth nigh, when total abstinence from intoxicating beverages, and from manufacturing and dealing therein, shall no longer be "a church question," but that it shall be a decided "test or condition of membership" in every Christian Society.

DANIEL CAMPBELL, Sec.

Letters to the Editor.

LOWER CANADA.

TEMPERANCE MEETING, INVERNESS, COUNTY MEGANTIC.

INVERNESS, April 20, 1840.

A meeting was convened on the 17th ult. (St. Patrick's Day) in the Chapel at two o'clock, P. M., which was numerously attended. W. Hargrave, J. P., President, resigning the chair on the occasion