

JOURNEY TO GUELPH—MEETING AT CUMMINSVILLE—GREAT SOIREE AT WEST FLAMBORO.

We noticed in our last that we had spent a few days in a tour to the neighborhood of Guelph and Flamboro, during the latter part of January. A few facts in connection therewith are now given. The Cumminsville division kindly invited us to attend their anniversary meeting on the 27th ult. Knowing the zeal of the brothers of this division, and having experienced their personal kindness, we could not refuse to attend. On a very stormy day we left Toronto and arrived at Cumminsville, a country village, situated in the northern part of Nelson, and surrounded by romantic hills and valleys. It is situated on a creek which affords numerous mill privileges. There are several mills there, and but one tavern. We arrived at the meeting about 2 o'clock, and found the house quite full of farmers, artisans, and their families, listening to an able and energetic speech from the Rev. Mr. Dick, of Toronto, who, as usual, ever warm and devoted to temperance, was explaining our principles. The brother spoke for near an hour. He was succeeded by myself. Although quite fatigued with a journey of near fifty miles, travelled over in ten hours, we must say we felt a warm pleasure in addressing this division. This arose from a conviction that our listeners were sincere and devoted men. The Choir was filled by a very excellent brother, John Mathews, one of the earliest patrons of this paper, and one of the leaders of the division. The Sons were in full regalia, and the meeting was full of persons of various views as to temperance. For the first time in our travels, we met here with the Rev. Job Moxom, a minister of the Baptist persuasion, and feel gratified to have met with a brother so warmly engaged in furthering temperance principles; and who is at once so talented, candid and zealous. He addressed the audience for half an hour in a speech to us original, for it was one that combined funn with argument, education and deep feeling. His style of oratory tells well in a miscellaneous audience, for whilst there is argument in it, it is free from pomposity or pedantry; it comes from the heart freely, sincerely, and naturally. We wish Canada had more of such friends, not only of temperance, but of religion and human rights. The meeting broke up at about 11 o'clock. Some 300 persons were in attendance, and we doubt not that the division here will be increased by it. We met here with Leobers Tynce, Galloway, Newton, and others, Sons in the Cumminsville division, who are intelligent and active men, looked upon in the community as the best men in it. The following morning we took breakfast at the house of bro. Newton, a worthy and intelligent mechanic, living on the Nasagawya road. He is a native of England, and shines in the neighborhood in which he lives, as a patron of temperance in a very drunken community, and also a worthy and industrious citizen. He is surrounded by an interesting and intelligent family. There might be a large Union of Daughters formed in the neighborhood. We wish this kind brother and his family every success in life. From this locality we visited Milton, in Trafalgar, and the village of Fern, calling on many Sons. The brethren in Milton seem to be doing well. The division contains 42 members, and a Section of Cadets. A Union of Daughters should be formed here. Go to work, ladies, and see that it is done within a few months. Bro. Joseph Harrison, a respectable farmer, is W. P.—Some of the brethren live in Fern, a village two miles away. We met with Bro. Cruise, there, a good friend of the cause. Milton is situated in a very fertile country, and has grown very much since we were there some years ago. It has several large mills, and at least three too many inns.

We then turned our way to Nasagawya, and passed through its verdant pine woods; as old as the cedars, passing through its romantic valleys and over its hills. The mountain ridge here that comes from East Flamboro, seems to have been the play of some mighty convulsion; for it is torn into gullies and hills of all shapes, rising into conical forms to the height of two and three hundred feet. Upon these hills and becks, the number of henlocks and towering pines are seated, looking upon the valleys beneath in a frowning attitude. Among the hills we paraded of the hospitality of bro. Alexander McCam, and his family. He has just started at the village of Sisters, a fine cloth and carding mill, in which he manufactures blankets and cloths; thus consuming the farmer's wool. He owns also a large steam saw mill, now owned by Messrs. Mann & Rogers, who,

we hope, will meet with a due reward in this pine country. The vicinity abounds in pine of the best kind.—May success attend all such noble enterprises as our prayer. Men who go into back settlements, with their interesting families, deserve, at all events, to get rich.—A sitting little vantage is springing up at the Sixteen. It is indebted a good deal to the enterprise of Mr. McCam. Growing up with it, we are happy to say, is a young division of our Order, No. 334, just opened, and in which we found some active brothers. We hope they will keep united and increase. If they are all actuated by the same zeal that appeared to move those with whom we spoke, the division will do well. A post office is now established there. Wheeler Torrey is the W. P.

We thence wended our way to Guelph, passing up through Nasagawya and Eramosa. The sun sat in a most beautiful hood of crimson clouds, the ground work of which was a deep blue sky. We stopped for a minute on a high hill, and gazed on the beauty of that scene. If God on this earth can exhibit such beauty to his creatures, how much more glorious must that world be, where his spirit shines forever before the souls of the good! Seidon have we gazed on a more glorious sky; and thus, too, on the 29th January, 1852. The shadows of night, however, soon set in, and we saw the gorgeous beauty fade like the vanities and glories of life into oblivion. 8 o'clock found us seated in Mr. Thorpe's Hotel, in Guelph. We enquired for a temperance Hotel but found none. There is, however, one in prospect.—Guelph has grown greatly of late years. The houses and stores in it are generally built of stone, and are large and respectable. The style of architecture in Guelph does credit to the taste of its inhabitants. The very best of free stone is found beneath the soil affording an inexhaustible mine of building materials, of which the inhabitants usually avail themselves.

We observed many genteel residences and several fine churches, especially that of the church of England, just finished. The Court-house and Jail are built of stone. This town contains about 2,000 inhabitants, and is well watered by the river Speed, and abundantly situated on gentle hills. We will allude to it more fully in our next, in an article to be written on the Grand River Country. The division here is very large and flourishing, as well as the Section of Cadets and Union of Daughters. Our crowded columns this week prevent more detail. We omit noticing many things to which we will again allude.

The West Flamboro Soiree.—The brethren of Mountain Division, West Flamboro, had kindly invited us to attend the anniversary of the formation of the division, of which we availed ourselves. It came off on the 30th January, and the attendance here prevented our prosecution of a journey to Fergus, Leora, and Berlin. Our kind friends in these places will bear this in mind, and thank us not long for. Leora and Berlin, as well as Fergus, we wished much to visit. Business called us home on Saturday. Passing through the thickly settled township of Passaic, we arrived at Flamboro and the place of meeting, at 7 o'clock, P. M. The 30th and 31st of January were cold and extremely businessous; quite the opposite of the lovely day to be seen there. Here we found assembled in a Chapel a gay and joyous assemblage of temperance friends ready to enjoy the creature comforts and luxuries, least before them. The church was densely crowded with men, women, and children. Sons, Daughters, and Cadets, were every where conspicuous, and in the gallery was seated the well skinned Dundas band. The gallery was full of youthful faces, wearing the badge of Cadets. In front of the platform and near a goodly row of the fair faces of ladies appeared, wearing the badge of the Daughters.—They belonged to the Dundas Union. The regalia of Sons were every where to be seen over the meeting. One had of course, we should judge, of the persons present, were Sons or members of their families. Around the point we found assembled several of the trading Sons of Hallow, among them the Rev. Mr. Braine of Guelph, Moxom, of East Flamboro, and Clutton, of West Flamboro, and Messrs. Regan, of Ancaster, and Lazar and Barton of Dundas. The Rev. Bro. Clutton filled the Chair. The company partook of a sumptuous tea, well served. The evening's entertainment commenced with the presentation of a beautiful banner by the Sons of West Flamboro, to the Sons of Mountain Division, accompanied by an able and well read address delivered by Mrs. Wright. To this address the Rev. Bro. Clutton replied at length in an able manner. The same lady then, on behalf of the same ladies, presented to the division a beautiful gilt Bible, and all and rever-

cussion, delivering at the same time a neat short. To this speech, bro. Moses S. Deunick replied promptly, in a peculiarly impressive and eloquent. The band then struck up a beautiful tune. Bro. in an exceedingly becoming speech opened the of the evening. The addresses, we trust, the will forward to us. The Rev. bro. Braine then addressed the audience for near half an hour in a logical and impressive style. We had never before met this who is doing in the surrounding country great to our Order. It affords us great pleasure to have met an acquaintance with so talented and zealous friend of our cause. Bro. Regan, W. P. of the division, then entertained the meeting with a but argumentative and effective address, for fifteen. Again we had the pleasure of listening to a meeting with bro. Moxom here, who spoke well the point for twenty minutes. The speaking was by himself; having been kindly invited to address excellent people who dwell in this neighborhood can assure them that any thing that we can do to their social comfort shall be most willingly done. We felt deep pleasure in meeting for the first time with our kind friend, bro. Clutton, and only regret so little time was afforded to converse with him, however to be hoped that this is but the beginning of a better acquaintance. Any one looking on the page at this soiree might well be proud of the of the Sons, Daughters, and Cadets; for taking a sample, it will be found that the bone and sinew of the division and the precious portion of the people of Upper Canada on our side. The sturdy old yeomanry and their faithful children—the manly, industrious artisans, and well clad families, and not a few of the professional classes walk beneath our banners of Love, Faith, Fidelity. This meeting suffered some inconvenience from the great crowd. There must have been some persons present. The evening was enlivened by excellent band. The addresses we hope to give in future number. Sons and Daughters of Flamboro, a distance wish you success in the great cause of manly, and every earthly and spiritual blessing, will not allow us to enlarge on a few other things reserved for our next.

¶ *The Montreal Temperance Advocate*, has referred to this paper in a most unbrotherly manner. It is a pity that Upper Canadians cannot agree with in taste, for they generally think our paper wants general support. Interest causes an oblique and critical view. We are quite willing that this should be compared with his in style and matter; comparison will injure us none. A tiresome and want of energy will not be found in our journal. The Sons, Daughters and Cadets of Upper Canada of Quebec too, choose to patronize this Journal freely, it is no body's business but their own. We ever find us their friend. They will also find that are too well versed in the principles of the order to be induced by indecent epithets or make insinuations against the moral character of a brother to gratify malice. It is a pity that any Son in Lower Canada, so far from duty as to do so. The good opinion of a Division of 330 intelligent men like the Ontario Division, and others in Upper Canada, most of whom know personally, is a sufficient offset to the bad opinion of a Printer Becket of Montreal. His opinion is gathered from a few contemptible bigoted papers of Canada, and he appears to know no more of his country than a Son to refuse to listen to exparte slander against a brother. Go brother and examine the Blue Book. Have more regard for the good of the cause, than to commence a quarrel and then refuse to do right. We never spoke in unfriendly terms of the *Advocate*; let the order generally, treat of it would commence mischief as he deserves. Our columns shall not be filled up with editorial dissertations by a thoughtless contemporary.

The last survivor of the Boston Tea Party, Mr. Kinsion, is now living in Chicago at the advanced age of one hundred and fifteen years.