

intend as soon as possible to send some little to the funds of the Montreal Temperance Society.

RICHARD SAUL, AGENT.

Appleby House, March, 1813.

HALIFAX, N. S. *March 4.*—The usual semi-monthly meeting of the Halifax Temperance Society, was held in the Old Baptist Chapel on Wednesday evening. In the absence of the President, Rev. Mr. Dewolf was called to the chair. A lecture was read by Mr. A. W. Godfrey, and the meeting was addressed by Mr. W. M. Brown, Rev. Mr. McDonald, Mr. Murray and others. Seventeen names were added, which with 15 on the previous evening, and 98 at the military meeting; make 130 new members within 8 days. Its progress is onward.—*Office Branch.*

EAST GWILMBURY, *March 13.*—Report: This Society was organized on the 10th Feb. 1842; and although it had many difficulties to contend with, it has progressed beyond our most sanguine expectations; the Society now numbers 253 substantial teetotallers, and out of this number there are sixteen reformed drunkards.—Although our means have been circumscribed, still we think it is not too much to say, that the Society has done incalculable good, and although we have to lament the instability of some who joined with us; yet we have reason to rejoice that so many are true to their pledge. Your Committee congratulate you upon the achievement of the past year, and recommending, especially to the Committee, redoubled exertions for the ensuing year, in order that alcohol with all its concomitant evils, may soon be banished from our land; and your children and your children's children will rise and call you blessed.—H. MILES, F. McFARLANE, J. AYLWARD, *Sec.*

WILTON, *March 15.*—The third anniversary of the Wilton Temperance Society took place, on Wednesday the 8th March, Mr. J. Hill in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Aylesworth, the Report of the Committee was read and adopted. The following officers were then elected—John Hill, President; Wm. Fisk, Vice-President; Stephen Warner, Treasurer; with a Committee of seven. The meeting was afterwards addressed by the Rev. Mr. Aylesworth and Dr. Aylesworth, a quart of wine was distilled, and 10 signatures were added to the pledge. Your Committee are happy to report not only the continued existence, but the continued and growing prosperity of your Society. At our last anniversary 81 was given as the whole number of signatures to the pledge up to that period. Your Committee have the satisfaction of reporting that during the past year the number has been increased to 207, and out of these 14 have been struck off as past hope for their continued violations of the pledge; 8 have withdrawn and 2 have removed, leaving upon the 1st 183. We have had many difficulties to encounter, as several persons of influence have stood in opposition to the cause, and the neighbourhood has been embarrassed with three dram shops which have been the chief cause of the many vices practised by the youth of our village; but your Committee rejoice that out of the three dram shops only one exists, and many of the persons who have stood in opposition to the Temperance enterprise, are now united to your ranks, and have cast their influence into the right scale. Several persons, who a few months ago were going down the stream of intemperance, have also been reclaimed and become useful members of your Society. In conclusion your Committee would remark that the progress of the Temperance enterprise throughout the world is rapid and cheering and full of promise for the best interests of mankind in every clime. While the virtuous and reflecting are awakening to their duty, debased and degraded drunkards are pressing onward to the Temperance standard, and arraying themselves under it with all the zeal of a newly acquired existence. This calls for devout gratitude to the Giver of all good, and should ensure for these Societies the respect and co-operation of all who love their fellow men.—J. PARROTT, *Sec.*

DUMMER, *March 16.*—I beg to remit you the sum of 15s. as a small donation from the friends of Temperance in this township, to help your Society out of its present straightened circumstances. Our annual meeting was held, 27th January last, when we were addressed by the Rev. J. Gilmour, of Peterboro, and others; at the close of the meeting we obtained 8 names to our pledge, the cause is moving slowly but taking root in the minds of many. The public generally, though opposed to the pledge, pronounces the cause good, and we are happy to say they are very moderate, in

comparison to what they were some three or four years ago. Our number now amounts to 108, with the exception of six that have removed; the officers for the present year are—Mr. Francis Crow, President; S. Lukey, Vice-President; with a Committee of seven—our watchword is 'still agitate, agitate'—W. MANLY, *Sec.*

LENSXOVILLE, *March 17.*—Enclosed I beg to hand you \$15, to be applied as follows: seven to the Montreal Temperance Society, being the amount of a collection taken up for their benefit at a late meeting of this Society, and the remainder, eight, to be passed to our credit for the *Advocate* the current year. Our Society now numbers 536 members, and its good influence upon the community generally is evident.—C. BROOKS, *Sec.*

WENTWORTH, *March 22.*—I beg leave to inform you that our annual Temperance meeting was held in Wentworth on the 9th instant, but we had no addresses as all our time was employed in expelling from our Society those that had broke the pledge, and in changing our officers; the number of names that was on the pledge at first I cannot tell, but the number that is on at present is 89.—The names of the officers are—Rev. Mr. Anderson, President; Joseph Campbell, Vice President; with a Committee of six.—J. PERRY, *Sec.*

OSHAWA, *March 23.*—Report, of the year 1842, of the Whity Temperance Association being the 11th annual meeting, and the second of the Union of the different branches of Societies throughout the flourishing township of Whity. At the commencement of the Union the number of members belonging to the parent Society now constituting the central division was 285; and the number connected with the different branches could not have been over 200. The total now upon the general Secretary's book, and including the latest returns from the different branches, is 1504, from which if we make an allowance of 50 who may have violated the pledge, it will leave 1454 in good standing engaged in this important enterprise. It will thus appear that with all the disadvantages necessarily attendant upon the first years operations; the cheering result is presented of an increase to the cause of 899 in the township of Whity for one year's labour in this great and glorious cause. We may add that very great progress has been made upon the general feeling of the community at large, upon this important question. The Rev. R. H. Thornton was re-appointed President of the Association, and the other office-bearers duly elected; and after the ordinary business had been transacted the meeting was addressed by the worthy President, the Father Mathew of Whity, in this great and good cause.—J. G. WATSON, *Sec.*

CAMDEN, *March 25.*—Our anniversary was celebrated this winter with a public dinner under the name of a picnic; several friends from a distance attended and all passed off remarkably well. Upwards of seventy sat down to tea, and the company was afterwards augmented to one hundred and fifty who were entertained by the singing of select pieces and by several addresses, producing an interest which we hope will not speedily die away; our numbers are at present 96.—J. DOWLING, *Sec.*

CITADEL, QUEBEC, *March 28.*—The teetotallers of the 70th Regiment, being desirous of testifying their regard for a few of their brethren previous to the departure of the regiment for England, have granted four silver medals, with suitable inscriptions, value £6 5s., to the following non-commissioned officers and private—Sergeant W. Sands, about to be discharged, Corporal J. Kimberley, ditto, ditto, Corporal R. Fuller, 'volunteer,' to be transferred, and Private J. Robinson, ditto, ditto; and I am happy to state that a further inducement is to be held out to those men who will join their ranks, that is to say, after serving faithfully in the Temperance cause for two years, they will present to each man a silver medal. It is to be hoped that this plan will succeed, in overcoming the great temptations to which soldiers are liable.—E. D. FITZGERALD, Paymaster-serjt. 70th Regt.

PROGRESS OF TEMPERANCE.—A curious and yet very decisive proof of the progress of temperance is furnished by Mr. Ransom Cook's Report to the New York Legislature upon the expediency of employing convicts in mining. After stating the fact that the contractors at Auburn for coopers were willing to pay a large sum to be let off from their contracts, he adds:

"The salutary and wide-spread reformation from intemperance has so ruined the market for whisky barrels, that the sales are said to have fallen off ninety per cent!"