

It was then moved that the following be the officers of the Society, with power, agreeably to the constitution, to add to their number:—

President.—Mr. Robert M'Phee.

Vice-President.—

Secretary and Treasurer.—Mr. Robert M'Pherson.

Committee.—Mr. Donald M'Rae, &c.

BEAUHARNOIS, L. C.—The steamboat having been detained here by the lateness of the hour, it was concluded upon to endeavour to get up a Temperance meeting. Having received the use of a room from the School-master, Mr. Richardson, a hall was obtained, and a man sent round to inform the inhabitants of the meeting. At the hour appointed, a few of the inhabitants, with most of the passengers by the steamboat attended, and were addressed at length by the Rev. Mr. Taylor. At the close of the meeting Temperance publications and a Signature Book were left, and it is hoped that a Society will in course of time be formed here. It was stated, it may be remarked, that there were *ten places* in the village, where intoxicating liquors were sold; this, assuredly, is fit to bring upon it the bad character for drinking, which one of the persons present gave it. The party arrived in Montreal on the morning of the 30th, in safety. They were greatly satisfied with the result of their journey, and grateful to God for the success which had attended it.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

DEAR SIR,—Believing the following letter from Wales, will be interesting to the friends of Temperance in this country, I send it, hoping you will insert it in the Advocate, and praying that the time may soon arrive when the cause here will progress with equal rapidity. I remain, your's respectfully,

W. G.

From the New York Evangelist.

MY DEAR FRIEND, * * * * *
Immorality, in its various forms, has made rapid progress in the principality during the last few years; especially is this true with regard to the sin of intemperance, with its accompanying evils. In populous districts, such as the salt quarries, coal works, and other mine works, intemperance has prevailed and increased, during the last eight or ten years, to a very alarming extent. But there is a redeeming spirit in Wales. God has appeared in very deed among his people, in rousing up their slumbering energies, and in uniting the efforts of the wise and good of all classes of society in the promotion of the temperance cause.

My dear sir, it is impossible to give you a correct idea of the almost miraculous success which has attended this cause, during the last twelve or fourteen months, in North Wales; and I am happy to say, the sacred fire of reformation is fast spreading in South Wales. The principle is *total abstinence* from intoxicating liquors, as a drink. It should be remembered that the Welsh people are one people, differing much in this respect from the people of this country; (composed as we are of the elements of almost all nations,) and that the mass of society can be induced to *move together* in any good

cause much better than in America. They are also a people among whom infidelity is hardly known; I mean, in open profession. From habit, if not from a better principle, they will come under the sound of the gospel. The entire people have had much gospel training, and can appreciate something of the value of gospel principles and of correct moral reasoning; the consequence is, that while their ministers have taken a firm stand on the side of temperance, and have come forward with promptness and zeal to plead the cause; and while other good men, and men of influence in society, have taken the same stand; and while a blessed harmony has existed among the friends of the cause, a most glorious triumph has been achieved over this mighty evil. I have heard from brethren who are in the way of knowing facts in this case, that *several thousands of intemperate men have already been reclaimed*; and, being reclaimed, they generally become *firm advocates of the temperance principle*, which gives great encouragement to their friends that they will hold on well. A still greater number of those who had formed habits of drinking "*moderately*," as it is termed, but who were fast treading upon the footsteps of the drunkard, and whose case was scarcely less hopeless than his, have abandoned those habits altogether. And very many of those who had not at all been affected by this evil, have come forward to join this cause, for the purpose of aiding, by the influence of their example, in the promotion of this blessed reformation. And it is amusing and pleasing to every friend of his species to observe how even little children become zealous and consistent advocates of the total abstinence principle. Children's meetings have been held, and little boys have come forward in these meetings, and have astonished and rejoiced the hearts of their parents and others, as well by the zeal which they manifest, and the soundness of the principles which they advance, though clothed in the simple language of childhood.

There is something peculiar in the character of the great public temperance meetings held in Wales. They are attended by vast multitudes of people—two, three, and even four thousand persons have been present at some of these meetings, held as they necessarily are in some places in the open air, but usually in their large and spacious chapels. At some of them, and as a public expression of joy and gratitude for the blessings which the temperance cause confers upon the world, the people move through the streets in solemn procession, under appropriate banners, with such inscriptions as the following, in large capitals, "*Sobriety and Happiness*," "*Sobriety, Peace and Godliness*," "*Temperance, Health and Domestic Happiness*," &c. &c. And as they go, appropriate hymns are sung by some thousand voices, bespeaking the language of joyful hearts. This gives publicity to the cause; it brings the multitude together; and in some way prepares the mind to receive truth. And to some the very appearance of such a procession of men rejoicing in their deliverance, and the deliverance of the world from an evil so great as that of intemperance, is very affecting. In one place, a mother, seeing her son walk in this procession and carry one of the temperance banners, and calling to