

lisher. The letters we occasionally have from parts of the province where the only information received on the temperance question is from the *Advocate*, are very encouraging, and we think that those who may have other sources of knowledge, should consider well before refusing their annual subscription of two shillings and sixpence to a paper which has been, in bye-gone days, the means in the hand of God for carrying the truths which it has chosen as its peculiar work to many a settlement, and stirred up many hearts to assist in this reformation. The *Advocate* is at present in financial difficulty. This should not be so. To get over this difficulty, we do not propose any other means than the extension of our subscription list. An increase here would meet the case. Instead of about 2500 copies, we should have a sale of at least 5000. This could very easily be done by every subscriber inducing one person to take it. The semi-annual meetings which many of the societies hold are just coming on; we urge them to take up the question, "Should the *Advocate* be allowed to go down?" We press this on their attention.

The following statement was promised at the close of the Annual Report:—

Statement of monies received and paid by the Montreal Temperance Society, from February 1, 1847, till May 1, 1848.

Paid sundry disbursements, between February, 1847, and May, 1848, namely:

Dr.	
Accounts due by old committee, . . .	£15 15 8
Canada Temperance Advocate, paper, printing, publishing, &c., . . .	534 12 6
Tract effort, printing, and salary of agent, . . .	79 6 6
Prize library for essay, "I never take anything to hurt myself," . . .	2 0 0
Temperance hall, on account of rent, £20, and fitting up, £15 10s 7d, . . .	36 10 7
	£688 5 2

Received sundry receipts, between February 1847, and May, 1848, namely:

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Balance on hand, last anniversary, £18 17 3	
Collection at annual meeting, . . .	3 8 9
Can. Temp. Ad.—Subscriptions, 386 18 4½	
Consignees for sales of stock, . . .	6 6 3
Donations and collections for <i>Advocate</i> , temperance hall, &c., . . .	158 9 11½
City sales of stock, . . .	8 13 3½
Tract effort—subscriptions, . . .	105 17 11½
	689 11 10

Balance on hand . . . £21 6 7

This balance is all that is available to meet the following demands, now owing or becoming due before 1st Jan'y. 1849, viz.:

Temp. hall, for stoves, furniture, &c., £25 4s 9d; rent, £30, . . .	£55 4 9
Canada Temp. Adv.—paper and printing vol. xiii., £118 7 2	
Do. "xiv., 206 18 10	
Postages, &c. &c., . . .	10 0 0
	435 6 0
Tract effort, for paper and printing	44 5 0
Hand bills, and other small jobs of printing, . . .	11 18 6
	£546 14 3

LLOYDTOWN AND BROWNSTOWN, C.W.—I am sorry to state that the temperance cause seems to decline much in this place, independent of my utmost exertions. In this community there are two respectably sized country villages,

viz., Lloydtown and Brownstown. A division of the Lloydtown Temperance Society has taken place; and a new Society has been formed at Brownstown, at which place your correspondent has resided about a year. In that short space of time I have been the principal means of getting up a good instrumental temperance band. A year ago, they had no place to hold meetings of any description except the *tavern*; but, within the same period, I have also been the means of getting the village a good meeting-house, capable of holding 200 persons; and, as we have no resident clergyman in the village, it is at liberty without price to all denominations of Christians. I have also opened a Sunday School, which promises to overstep my most sanguine wishes. Excuse me for this short epistle, promising you a more lengthy one soon, wherein I shall offer the teetotal community, and others, some practical hints.—J. GRAHAM.

[Mr. G. is evidently a practical working man. He has comprised much interesting information in few lines, and we always like our correspondents to study conciseness and brevity in their communications.—Ed. C. T. A.]

EAST ZORRA, March 20, 1848.—In consequence of many of the members of this society having acted in a manner opposed to the principles and practise of total abstinence, at the last annual meeting a resolution was moved and adopted, that the members of this society should subscribe their names anew. The object in view was to sift the society, and free it from those beer drinking and dram taking members who had forfeited their connection to it by a breach of the pledge. By the adoption of this plan, it was thought that the unpleasant task of excluding the offenders directly, might be avoided, the matter being thus left altogether with the individuals themselves, whether then to withdraw, or come forward and again subscribe their names, with fresh resolutions and new endeavours, and to continue with steadfast and untiring perseverance. Although the measure has not been so satisfactory to all parties as could have been desired, yet the end intended has, in some measure, been accomplished; for some, who had dishonoured the cause by their conduct, have withdrawn, while others have again advanced, and entered the lists against alcohol, the tyrant; and it is to be wished for, that the time will soon be, when all who once had, and those who never had their names at the temperance pledge, may yet give, not only their names, but will also employ their best endeavours and energies for the advancement of so beneficial and humane a cause. The number of old members who have re-signed is 41; the number of new members, who have joined during the past year, 32, making in all 73. Monthly public meetings have lately been established, where information may be communicated, tending to bring the principles of temperance more clearly and directly under the notice of this community, and especially the young and rising race, among whom we look for its future firm and staunch supporters; for it is a cause that none need be ashamed of, because it shrinks not from the clear light of day, nor shuns the scrutiny of its opposers, but commends itself to the human family the more its constituent parts are examined, understood, and carried into operation. The committee are persuaded that among the various means that might be used to promote its success, is not the least, the consistent and unwavering conduct of its members, thereby manifesting before the world that it can save them at least from the dreadful evil of intemperance and the miseries that follow, and that it can secure to them and their families a great deal of health, plenty, peace, and comfort.—W. WILSON, Secretary.

The necessity for expulsion is always painful, but it will not answer to be frequently re-forming the society. We suppose this is the first re-construction of the Zorra society, and we trust it will now go on and prosper. For this end,