

President: David Vandervoort, Alexander Wright, Vice-Presidents; James Gardiner, Secretary; David Lockwood, John Bradshaw, John Bonistell, Cornelius Kelly, Peter Vandervoort, Committee; and twelve others as a "committee of vigilance," male and female; who are each to be furnished by the secretary with a copy of the pledge to procure signatures.

It was agreed that quarterly meetings of this Society be held the ensuing year. The meeting then adjourned till March 7.

JAMES GARDINER, Sec.

*Third Report of the Committee of the Sydney Total Abstinence Society.*

Three years have now elapsed since the organization of this society was effected. This was done principally through the praiseworthy exertions of the Rev. William E. Norman, who was then labouring among us in word and doctrine, and who sought to do good to the bodies as well as the souls of his fellow-men. Since the formation of this society, there have been many and great obstacles in the way of its progress—obstacles unforeseen, even by the most discerning and intelligent of its friends and promoters.

Amongst others we may be allowed to refer to the almost disorganized state of every institution of this character in the country for the two past years. During the time of which we here speak, the minds of the people generally have been so much engrossed with the prevailing party spirit of the day, that every other consideration has seemed to merge into this; and, in consequence, the temperance cause has been overlooked. By reason of this agitated state of society, the officers of this institution have not taken that lively interest—have not made that vigorous effort which this Committee feels it to have been their duty to do; especially in view of the increasing practice of intemperance in the Province. The many removals of members from this Society to the United States, or other parts, has also operated against its more rapid progress. The gentleman who was last year appointed as President of this Society, as also one of the Vice-Presidents, who were tried friends, removed in the early part of the season to the States, leaving us to suffer the loss of their influence and counsel, which, in our enfeebled state, might have helped us not a little. Our Secretary has also been absent; and we have not, therefore, been favoured with his services.

After deducting from all the names which stand upon the Total Abstinence list those who have removed, twenty who have withdrawn, and three expelled, we still find remaining, as members of this Society, 150—giving an increase of twenty since the last anniversary.

Your Committee are firm in the belief, that if renewed and vigorous exertions were to be put forth by all the friends of temperance who compose this Society, the intelligent inhabitants of this Township would not be found to oppose the good cause, but to hail its progress, and lend their names and talent to aid in exterminating from this favoured land the cause of at least nine-tenths of the individual suffering urged upon our notice at every turn in life.

Your Committee are inclined to think that the public mind is as yet quite too much in the dark as to the intention and particular method of carrying forward the total abstinence cause; and while this is, in any degree the case, people will not come up so readily to our help as they would if possessed of proper information on the subject. We therefore think that we are not transcending the bounds of our duty by recommending the circulation of some temperance journal amongst the community where we wish to exercise an influence in promoting the Temperance Reformation. This would be attended with good results in two ways:—*first*, by enlightening—by furnishing us with accounts of the progress of the cause in other parts; and, *second*, it would assist in putting into the hands of the philanthropic conductors of the temperance press the means of circulating more extensively their little publications, which are calculated to save the rising generation from the ignominy and woe experienced by many thousands in the past. We will not dictate in the choice of these, but merely suggest the propriety of encouraging the *Canada Temperance Advocate*. This Report has been drawn up with a due regard to the future well-being of this Society, and is now respectfully submitted.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

SIR,—I am happy to inform you that the cause of Temperance is moving a-head in this place, and that its friends are uniting round the standard of teetotalism, which has gained a very signal triumph here lately, as you will perceive from the following Report read by the Secretary of the Society, at the last general meeting held on the 27th January.

*"First Report of the Lanark Temperance Society, on the principle of Total Abstinence from all Intoxicating Liquor as a beverage.*

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY, MALE AND FEMALE,—Your Secretary, in presenting you with the First Report of the Society, would acknowledge the goodness of Almighty God, in blessing the humble exertions of this Society with such signal success. Our Society was formed on the 28th of June last, at a general meeting of the old moderation Society, who had agreed to discuss the propriety of adopting the total abstinence pledge, and after considerable debate passed the following Resolution.

*Resolved*,—That in view of the evils resulting from the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, the time has fully come that we as a Society, and as individuals, employ the most efficient measures for their disuse, and for this purpose ought to adopt the following pledge (the Teetotal).

The pledge being presented for signatures, 47 names were immediately enrolled. Mr. William Scott was chosen President, and James Dick, Secretary.

Since our organization, our numbers have continued steadily to increase, amid misrepresentation, and prophetic predictions of our speedy dissolution; thus affording a pleasing evidence that "great is the truth, and it will prevail." 78 signatures have been obtained since our formation. Total number at present, 125.

In conclusion, allow me to remind you that in reviewing the remarkable success which has accompanied past exertions, we ought to 'thank God, and take courage,' remembering that 'the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong.' Let us seek wisdom from on high to guide us in all our deliberations, and ever manifest a spirit of love and good-will to those who oppose us, and endeavour to show them, that however gratifying it would be to have their names and influence, yet we cannot compromise principle for that purpose; that we are more anxious to have the principles of temperance embraced throughout the community, than to have our ranks prematurely swelled. Our numbers are not so great as in the old Society, but we are not on that account less efficient."

During the above meeting, 29 signatures more were obtained; and among them the Rev. William McAllister, who, though President of the former Society, and a teetotaler, had hitherto stood aloof from the new organization from a conscientious belief that the change was premature, &c.; the results that have followed, however, have fully justified the measure. Mr. William Scott then signified an earnest desire to resign the chair to Mr. McAllister, as being the most influential person in the Society; this, the latter gentleman strenuously opposed, as it would be treating Mr. Scott rather uncourtously, but finally consented to leave it to the voice of the meeting, who unanimously called him to the chair. A vote of thanks was then given Mr. Scott for the able manner he had filled the chair. After appointing a Committee of five to prepare Bye-Laws for the Society, the meeting was closed with prayer.

I am, dear Sir, yours in the bonds of temperance,

JAMES DICK.

Lanark, February 19, 1840.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

SIR,—As but little has appeared in public with reference to the Kemptville Temperance Society, a few observations are communicated to you for publication, if deemed worthy.

This Society was formed principally through the influence and by the exertions of the Rev. Henry Patton, of the English Church, who has contributed much to it from time to time by philanthropic addresses before the Society; and it is painful to state, that notwithstanding this, but a few of the members of his charge have followed his amiable example. The pledge included in the constitution, requires abstaining from alcoholic drinks only; and this at