

Christian friends, it is to you I call; let us wake up to our duty, and do all we can, by precept and example, to reclaim the poor drunkard and bring him to the feet of Christ, and to get him in the right mind; and let the Scripture be for ever sounding in our ears, that no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven, and that we, as Christians, will be held responsible if we neglect to do our duty; and as one who, having been reclaimed from the dreadful degradation of drunkenness and misery into which I had fallen, I feel for my brother drunkard and his family, because they have immortal souls bound for an eternity, and, if not reclaimed and converted, must suffer the vengeance of eternal fire for ever. Let the church universally send up their prayers in faith to him who hath promised to hear and answer, and then we may expect to see drunkenness come to an end, taverns closed, distilleries demolished, and the church of God reign triumphant.—JOHN ANDERSON, Secretary to Salem Chapel Society.

QUEBEC.

A Second Meeting of the Quebec Total Abstinence Society took place at St. Roch's on the 17th of last month; it was held as before in the capacious rigging loft belonging to John Munn, Esq.

As on the former occasion, a large assemblage of persons were present, many of whom were French Canadians. The usual number of speakers addressed the audience in support of the several resolutions proposed. Amongst the speeches delivered at this meeting was one in French, intended to meet the wishes and for the benefit of those present who spoke that language.

Mr. Munn favoured the society with his presence on this occasion as well as the last; at the close of the regular business of the evening, a vote of thanks to that gentleman expressive of their sentiments for the obligation conferred in affording them a second time the use of his premises, was unanimously passed by the meeting.

The following are the resolutions adopted:

No. 1.—That it is truly deplorable to observe the utter apathy and indifference with which a large portion of the community look on and see the wide spread ravages which this evil is producing around us, and that it is becoming the character either of the patriot or the Christian to remain an unconcerned spectator while a desolating scourge like that of Intemperance is threatening to unhinge and disorganize the very frame work of society.

No. 2.—That the drinking usages of society, sanctioned and countenanced by persons occupying prominent stations in the Church and in the world, present a most formidable barrier to the more general diffusion of Total Abstinence principles; and until such practices cease to be approved of and indulged in by all classes, intemperance will continue to abound on every side.

No. 3.—That the prevailing idea of the beneficial effects of alcoholic liquors upon the system cannot be too soon exploded, and it is cordially to be desired that more general enquiry on this point should take place in order that people may be convinced by the conclusive evidence which exists on the subject, that nothing is more delusive than the belief that any real benefit is derived from the practice of habitually using intoxicating drinks.

TEMPERANCE IN GANANOQUE.

During the present winter the committee of the temperance society in this village have been making strenuous exertions to promote the great and important cause in which they are engaged. They have held numerous public meetings, which have been addressed either by members of the society, or by able and eloquent lecturers from other places. Their crowning effort, however, was made on the evening of Friday last, the 19th ultimo, when a grand festival or soiree was held in the stone school house. The interior of the building presented a beautiful appearance. On each side of the president's chair was a union jack, and the walls were covered with green boughs, which had been arranged by the ladies in the most elegant and tasteful forms. A large chandelier suspended from the ceiling in the centre of the room, shed a brilliant lustre on the decorations, and on the happy company which thronged the room. The duties of chairman were ably discharged by Mr. J. R. Raynall, president of the society. After an abundant service of tea, coffee, cakes, &c., had been supplied by the

stewards, and after a short speech had been made by the chairman, the room was entered by the Right Rev. Bishop Phelan, of Kingston, who, happening to be here in the discharge of his pastoral duties, had kindly consented to attend the meeting, and deliver an address on temperance. After his lordship had sat awhile, and engaged in conversation with the Hon. John Macdonald, the Rev. Henry Gordon, and other gentlemen on the platform, he was introduced by the chairman to the meeting, and proceeded to deliver an address, characterised by his usual energy and eloquence. He showed that, by drunkenness, a man degrades himself far below the level of the brutes; he condemned the drinking of intoxicating liquors altogether, and proved by an appeal to Scripture, and common sense, the duty and advantages of entire abstinence. His lordship spoke for about an hour, and throughout the whole of his address he was listened to with the most profound attention. He gracefully acknowledged a vote of thanks which was given to him, and immediately afterwards retired amid loud shouts of applause.

The Rev. Henry Gordon, of Gananoquo, next addressed the meeting. After expressing his cordial concurrence with every sentiment which had been uttered by the gentleman who had just left them, he delivered a speech, which, for sound argument and sparkling humor, we have seldom heard surpassed. He utterly demolished the objections which some learned divines bring from the Bible against total abstinence. He said that though many of these rev. gentlemen were far superior to him as regarded talents and attainments, and were perhaps far better read in the ponderous tomes of Calvin—yet, as regarded the temperance question, they were not so intelligent as many of the little boys who sat before him. The rev. gentleman was loudly cheered at the close of his address.

The meeting was afterwards addressed by the Hon. John Macdonald, and by several other members of the society. The speeches were agreeably blended with temperance hymns and songs, sung in superior style by a choir under the leadership of Mr. George Mitchell. At midnight the meeting broke up, and all present retired to their respective homes, fully satisfied with the proceedings of the evening, and resolving to be present at the next temperance soiree.

There were many circumstances of a pleasing character connected with this meeting. It was pleasing to see the rich and the poor, the old and the young, the learned and the unlearned, meeting together on common ground to enjoy a few hours of social happiness. It was more pleasing still to see that those present were not under the delusion that social happiness is inseparably connected with the drinking of intoxicating liquor. And it was most pleasing of all to see two clergymen of churches so opposed to each other in many things as the churches of Rome and Scotland, agreeing to appear on the same platform for the purpose of denouncing the enemy of all religion and morality, INTemperance.—Kingston Argus.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

NORTON TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.

Mr. Editor.—As it has been the custom of total abstinence societies to give you some account of their proceedings (and we think it a good one), for the encouragement of other societies, and the friends of humanity in general, I send you the following:—

Our Society met on the evening of the 17th of January, the meeting was then opened with singing and prayer—addresses were then delivered by several of the members—then came on the election of officers for the ensuing year. Mr. John Hayes, was elected President, Mr. Joseph Stewart, Vice-President; Mr. George Burnett, Secretary, Mr. William Crabb, Treasurer; and Messrs. Wm. Hay, Henry Jackson, Thomas Hicks, Joseph Pickel, and Charles Baxter, Committee.—Next came on the petition to the House of Assembly which was unanimously adopted, and four new members were added to our list. Whilst we view the past year, we have to acknowledge that we have not been so active in the good cause as its merits demand.

This society is willing to co-operate with other societies in sending an able temperance missionary through the Province. We feel thankful to the St. John Society for sending Mr. Kellogg and others amongst us. We promise to pay £5 to the Young Men's Total Abstinence Society for the support of Mr. Payson for one year; the half of that sum has already been paid, the