

all shipwrecked on the *Rock of Moderation*. I would ask you if the moderate drinker had never taken his first glass and so continued, would he have become a drunkard? The horrible victim of intemperance in the village of W——n, is a warning to you, O young men; it shines forth as a beacon, to warn you never to approach the breakers of intemperance; nay, it warns you to keep distant from that sea, where silently, yet fearfully, revolves that deceitful whirlpool. He was what you would call (at one time) a moderate drinker, but immoderation fast overtook, and held him with an iron grasp, until I was summoned a jurymen, to view his lifeless corpse. W. A. G. was found one Sabbath morning in the cold embrace of death. At one period he was a man whose abilities, honesty, and candor were acknowledged with pleasure by all to whom he was known; a Scotchman by birth, and for many years a respectable and wealthy merchant in this village; but he kept ardent spirits in his store. His expectations were at one time as bright as yours are at present; but, alas! he fostered that serpent till it fastened its fangs in his very vitals. It is not for us to judge, but the holy Scriptures say: "That no drunkard shall enter into the kingdom of heaven." Through the use of intoxicating liquors he squandered his wealth, and became a poor man wandering about, living upon the charity of his neighbors.

And further, I may add, that if the place, (as is the case with part of this village) where distilleries, taverns and grogeries are tolerated, be blighted, wretched and miserable, let us blot them out of existence, but if they are a benefit to society, let us uphold and sustain them. And as the decrease of the number of licensed houses in each Township now depends on the majority of total abstinence men, and their exertion in favor of our cause, let us not be slumbering; we will, I trust, be more united, and boldly assert both our right and might. It is a philanthropic undertaking, and, if entered into with proper motives, will be crowned with abundant success.

In conclusion, I would address myself to the fairer part of the community. The powers of woman are great over the stubborn hearts of men: use it then for the banishment of this evil from our midst; remonstrate and reprove with energy, and you will soon have a conquest more to be envied than the laurels of a warrior. Have no love for those who take strong drink, no matter how small the quantity. And in conclusion, "tie not the marriage knot with such, for it is a heart-rending sight to see a drunkard's wife."

JAMES BURR.

Bath, March 12, 1850.

Sir,—On the evening of the 25th ult. a meeting was held in the Methodist Chapel here to organize a *Juvenile Cold Water Army*. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Hardy and McAleese, and by Messrs. Newton, Phillips and Cameron, after which the names of 50 juveniles were enrolled in the books of the regiment. A constitution was submitted and adopted. Mr. John Cameron was chosen President; Mr. Robert Phillips, Vice President; P. R. Davy, Secretary and Treasurer; Committee, Messrs. James Foster, David Sharp, Charles, James and Francis Priest, and Masters Richard Burly, Charles Miller, Elisha Priest, Jno Harris and Jno Balfour. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to Dr. Newton for his services in effecting the organization of this auxiliary to the general army. We are on the eve of a contest with the rum power, which I doubt not will be carried on with spirit on both sides, and you may rest assured that our regiment will always be found fighting on the right side.

P. R. DAVY, Sec.

We have much pleasure in giving place to the following communication, inasmuch as we deem it good evidence that the principle of temperance will work its way, even to the leavening of the entire population. Let other districts follow the example of the Midland, employ a thorough and talented lecturer, and the work will be half done.

Nowburgh, March 18, 1850.

SIR,—The Ninth Anniversary of the Midland District Temperance Society, was held on Thursday, the 21st of February last, at Switzer's Chapel, in Ernest Town. At an early hour the delegates assembled from various parts of the district. As several divisions of the Sons of Temperance had been formed in the district during the past year, in order to secure their co-operation, the following resolution was passed by the delegation:—That this society would be happy to receive delegates from the various divisions of the Sons of Temperance, within the district, provided that they send them in the same ratio as other local societies, and the same men are not numbered among the constituents of the other delegates—and that such delegates shall be members of the old organization. Another important resolution was passed by the delegation, recommending the executive committee to employ a lecturer for as much as possible of the ensuing year: after which the following officers were elected for the present year, viz.:—N. Fellows, Esq., President; Edmond Shibley, David B. Yeomans, Milton Fisk, Peter McKim, and Cephas H. Miller, Esquires, Vice-Presidents; Isaac B. Aylsworth, Corresponding Secretary; John G. Switzer, Recording Secretary; Mitchel Neville, Treasurer; and the following general Committee—Jacob Dettlor, John Cameron, Philip D. Booth, Frederick Keller, Benjamin Clark, Benjamin Ham, Benjamin Aylsworth, Richard Williams, Mr. Canfield, Thomas Price, John Black, Joseph Lucas, Joseph Foster, Christopher Shorey, Job Aylsworth, William McGilvray, Charles McBane, George Mills, John McGill Dettlor, Thomas Lamb, Robert Thompson, James Wilson, David Purdy, Samuel Purdy, John F. Ward, John A. Lamb, Edward Chown, Dr. Sutton, Cornelius Vanluven, Barnabas Wartman, John Aylsworth, George B. Sils, Jacob Peterson, Thomas Anderson, Edward Curlett, Samuel Carey, William Sweetman, William Gifford, David Perry, Isaac Bond, John Bailey, Henry Vanluven, Hiram McKim, Wm. Wood, William Carleton, Delos Cain, and Henry Shibley, jr., Esquires. After the business of the delegation was over, the public meeting commenced. The report was read and adopted by the meeting, consisting of nearly one thousand persons, from various parts of the district. The meeting was ably addressed by the Rev. Mr. Plato, Lutheran Minister, the Rev. Mr. McFadden, Wesleyan Methodist Minister, the Rev. Mr. McAleese, Presbyterian Minister, by Robert Aylsworth, Esq., and Dr. Yeomans, whose speeches appeared to leave a powerful impression on the audience, and inclined them to respond to a sentiment expressed in the conclusion of the report—that the new aspect of our cause, resulting from the placing, by the new Municipal Act, of the licensing of taverns and the license money in the hands of the Township Councils, involves the Temperance community in new responsibilities, and requires increased exertions on their part.

At a meeting of the General Committee held at Switzer's Chapel, in Ernest Town, on the 9th inst., the following gentlemen were appointed the Executive Committee for the present year, viz.:—Peter McKim, Frederick Keller, Benjamin Clark, George Eakins, John Cameron, William Wood, William McGilvray, and Richard Williams. Resolutions were also passed in favor of employing an agent, and of holding a great mass meeting about the first of July next, of which you may expect notice in due time.

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Cor. Sec.