

recently chosen is a teetotaler, and his election was effected upon abstinence principles.

Be so good as to forward us forty additional numbers of the *Advocate*.

I recently attended a very interesting temperance meeting in the bush, in the township of Bozanquet, when out of a very crowded house only one person left without signing the pledge. Here embosomed in the forest are one hundred and thirteen members of the total abstinence society. A day or two afterwards, a meeting for the same object was called in the township of Warwick, in rather a tippling neighbourhood, when seventeen signed the pledge.

I rejoice with you that the good cause is rapidly progressing, while I subscribe myself, your's truly.

W. CLARKE, *Congregational Minister.*

LONDON, U. C., March 14, 1840.

SIR,—On the 18th ult., a meeting was held in the Congregational Chapel, London, U. C., at the instance of John Dougall, Esq., of Montreal, who addressed the meeting at some length, showing the importance of taking higher ground in the cause of temperance, as the old pledge was quite inadequate for the purpose for which it was intended, and showing the bad effects arising from the use of all wine and cider, as well as from other intoxicating liquors. The meeting was also addressed by our able chairman, the Rev. W. Clarke, Congregational minister, and by the Rev. Mr. Goodrich, of the Wesleyan connection; after which forty-nine persons gave in their names in favour of forming a society on the teetotal plan. The meeting then adjourned until the 2d instant, when it was proposed that a society should be formal to be called the London Reformation Temperance Society.

1st. Moved by Mr. S. Morrill, seconded by Mr. James Odell, that the Rev. William Clarke be President.

2nd. Moved by Mr. S. Morrill, seconded by Mr. Joseph Gibbon, that Mr. E. Lyman be Secretary.

3rd. Moved by the Rev. Mr. Byers, seconded by J. W. Van Wormer, that Messrs. Pringle, S. Morrell, and J. Odell be Vice-Presidents.

4th. Moved by Mr. S. Morrill, seconded by Mr. D. Morrill, that Messrs. J. W. Van Wormer, Joseph Gibbons, — Angus, William Wadley, Ephraim Pierce, David Wright, be the Committee of management. They then adjourned to the first Monday in April.

E. LYMAN, *Sec.*

BRANTFORD, April 8, 1840.

SIR,—I hasten to inform you that we had a meeting on March 2d, when we re-organized a total abstinence society in this place, at which meeting I was appointed Secretary. We have had another on the first day of this month, and an address delivered by the Rev. William Ryerson of the Methodist connection; the address was very good, and the meeting well attended, at which time there were fourteen names added to our number, which now amounts to about sixty in all. I have since collected by personally circulating the subscription list, one pound more, with what I had in hand, which I herein enclose to you for the *Advocate*, of which you will please forward thirty-three copies. I am, &c.,

JOHN W. TUPPER, *Sec.*

ST. CATHERINE'S, April 7, 1840.

SIR,—Thinking that you would be pleased to hear of the success which has attended the efforts which have been lately made in a part of this (the Niagara) District to form Temperance Societies, I take the liberty of troubling you with the following. About ten weeks ago, a Society was formed in this (St. Catherine's) village, on the principles of entire abstinence from all intoxicating liquors, when seventy persons came forward and gave in their names: since which, at two other meetings, there have been added to their number forty more, making in all 110. We have also formed another Society in the village of Allenburgh, about nine miles distant from this, which numbers forty. Meetings have been held in other places, where we expect Societies will also be formed.

Had I time, I could tell you much about the effects which have been produced by these meetings, but must omit this for some other more convenient moment, when, with your permission, you will hear from me again. We have also obtained eighteen subscribers for the *Advocate* at Allenburgh, and a number more in St. Catharines, which will be sent in due time. Your's truly,

SAMUEL ROSE, *Wesleyan Minister.*

[The following testimony in favor of Total Abstinence, is worthy the attention of every one, particularly every minister of the Gospel. The venerable writer is known throughout the religious world as the author of "Jay's Prayers, Jay's Morning Exercises," &c.—Ed. C. T. A.]

Letter of the Rev. W. JAY to the Secretary of the Bath (England) Temperance Association.

PERCY-PLACE, December 24, 1839.

"MY DEAR SIR,—Circumstances will prevent my accepting your invitation to attend 'The Tee-total Christmas Festival,' on Friday evening. I am thankful that all through life I have been a very temperate man, and for more than twenty-five years generally a tee-totaler; but for the last six years I have been one constantly and entirely. To this (now I am past seventy) I ascribe, under God, the glow of health, and evenness of spirits, and freshness of feeling, and ease of application, and comparative in exhaustion by public labours, I now enjoy.

"The subject of tee-totalism I have examined physically, and morally, and christianly; and after all my reading, and reflection, and observation, and experience, I have reached a very firm and powerful conviction that, next to 'the glorious Gospel,' God could not bless the human race so much as by the abolition of all intoxicating spirits.

"As every man has some influence (and we ought to employ usefully all our talents), and as I have been for near half a century endeavouring, in this city, to serve my generation by the will of God, I have no objection to your using this testimony in any way you please; and am willing that, both as a *pledger* and a *subscriber*, you should put down the name of, my dear Sir,

"Yours truly,

"WILLIAM JAY.

O, CONSCIENCE! CONSCIENCE!

"O, that Conscience were not encased in a leathern bag,
Which is, alas, too seldom perforated by simple truth."

One of the most active, self-denying friends of temperance in the town of Oyster-Bay, in Queen's County, is Mr. M——. He once retailed intoxicating drinks, and felt it was both a lawful and an honourable business. Beside him lived a family which had become much reduced in circumstances, in consequence of the intemperance of the husband and father. Mr. M—— was in the habit of selling the poison which had formed and now fed this vile appetite. One cold night in winter, this ruined man returned home from Mr. M——'s, after taking his usual potation. He abused and beat his wife, and cut a deep gash in the fleshy part of her arm, and drove her he had sworn "to protect and provide for," with their infant, only a few weeks old, into the piercing frost. The mother, with the wound all bleeding and undrest, took shelter in the barn, and covered herself and little infant in the hay. The next morning, "early as the day began to dawn," the mother, bloody and wounded, with herself and infant half frozen, were seen at Mr. M——'s, as he was opening his rum establishment. "See here!" said the heart-broken woman, in mild but piteous accents, "Mr. M——, see what you have done!" And then giving a brief narration of facts, and holding up the gaping wound, and with the other arm pressing her shivering infant to her bosom, she said, "You have done all this, and our Father in heaven will hold you accountable." That day, Mr. M—— turned out of doors all that could intoxicate; and with self-denial and diligence has laboured ever since to make amends for his "sins of ignorance."—*Albany Temp. Recorder.*