

lowing gentlemen appeared as delegates from the places opposite their respective names:—

Murray, 3d Concession,.....J. R. Reynolds,
Colborne,.....W. H. Colton, W. Jackson, J. P. Scott,
Colborne Branch.....J. A. Spafford,
Haldimand.....J. Wilson, W. C. Irish,
Cobourg.....Rev. Edwy M. Ryerson, Rev. D. C. Van Norman, W. Kingston,
Township of HopeJ. W. Cleghorn, M. Hay,
Percy.....A. Plumb.

The principal object of the convention, according to advertisement, being the formation of a District Temperance Society, the benefits to be derived from such an association, were stated to be 1st, The employment of a Temperance Lecturer, who should regularly visit all parts of the District, deliver addresses, and aid in forming new societies. 2d, The societies being thus united, would naturally be desirous of promoting each other's welfare, which could be done by a frequent interchange of speakers; and thus, by uniting their efforts, assisting and encouraging each other, variety would be secured in the addresses, interest excited, and disappointments at public meetings prevented. 3d, A more respectable and formidable appearance would thus be presented to the enemies of Temperance than can be done while the societies remain isolated. 4th, Bringing before the public annually the number of deaths by intemperance, the amount of grain destroyed, the persons engaged in the traffic, exposing individuals who sell without licence, and the onward progress of the Temperance cause, would necessarily make an impression on the public mind, and tend ultimately to a change in the license law. 5th, The establishment and support of Temperance taverns. These important benefits being very apparent, it was resolved unanimously, that we form ourselves into a District Temperance Society.

After fully discussing each article, the following constitution was adopted:—

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called The Newcastle District Total Abstinence Association.

II. The officers of this Association shall be a President, two or more Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of nine, including the President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.

III. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of this Association; and in his absence, his duties shall be performed by one of the Vice Presidents.

IV. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of this Association, and present at its annual meetings, a report of the state of the Temperance cause within the District.

V. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Association, keep its accounts, and make disbursements only by the direction of the Executive Committee.

VI. The Executive Committee, as soon as the funds will admit, shall employ one or more Agents or Lecturers, and transact such other business as may be deemed advisable for promoting the objects of this Association. Five shall form a quorum.

VII. The officers of this Association shall be elected at its anniversaries, by ballot, by vote of a majority of the Delegates present, representing the various societies which may become auxiliaries to this Association.

VIII. Any Total Abstinence Society within this District may become an Auxiliary to this Association, by signifying to the Corresponding Secretary its wishes to sustain that relation; and every such auxiliary shall have a right to send one or more Delegates to the annual meeting.

IX. The officers and committee of each auxiliary shall be a committee to carry out the objects of the Association in their several localities. Some of these objects are, to ascertain and report (post paid) to the Corresponding Secretary, at least two weeks previously to the annual meeting of the Association the following statistics, so as to enable the Secretary to make out his annual report before the anniversary. 1. The number of members in their society; 2. The number added the year immediately preceding the date of such report; 3. The number of drunkards reformed in the same period; 4. How many have relapsed; 5. How many are now drunkards; 6. The number of stores, taverns,

groceries in which intoxicating drinks are not sold; 7. The number of those that continue the sale and the probable quantity used; 8. The number of breweries and distilleries, and the probable quantity of grain destroyed; 9. The number of those that have been stopped; 10. How many stores, &c. have renounced the traffic; 11. Are Temperance principles advancing or otherwise? &c. &c.

X. The anniversary of this Association shall be held on the second Wednesday in February of each year.

XI. The constitution of this Association may be altered or amended at any of its annual meetings, by vote of a majority of the delegates present.

Officers of the Newcastle District Total Abstinence Association: J. W. Cleghorn, President; Rev. D. C. Van Norman, H. Monro, J. M. Merriman, Vice Presidents; W. Kingston, Corresponding Secretary; A. Jeffrey, Esq., Treasurer.

The following persons, together with the President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, compose the Executive Committee: W. H. Colton, J. P. Scott, D. C. Van Norman, A. Plumb, W. C. Irish, T. Dickie.

The following Resolutions were then adopted:—

Resolved 1st.—That this convention recommend through the Advocate to the different societies in the Newcastle District, to alter their constitutions at their next annual meetings, so that their subsequent anniversaries may be held early in January of each year, in order that they may be able to send the statistics of their societies to the Corresponding Secretary in season for his annual report.

Resolved 2d.—That a collection and subscription be taken up at the anniversary of each auxiliary in the district, and the proceeds placed at the disposal of the Executive Committee, for defraying the expenses of an Agent, &c. &c.

Resolved 3d.—That the meetings of this Association be opened and closed by prayer.

Resolved 4th.—That the first anniversary shall be held in Cobourg, at Ten o'clock, A. M., on the second Wednesday in February, 1843.

Resolved 5th.—That the proceedings of this convention be published in the Canada Temperance Advocate.

A vote of thanks having been given to the Chairman and Secretary, the Convention was closed by prayer, by the Rev. Edwy M. Ryerson.

Thus closed a meeting which was characterized by free and friendly discussion, by zeal for the promotion of our pure principles, and which I hope will be followed by important and beneficial results to this District.

W. KINGSTON, Cor. Sec.

P. S.—The Corresponding Secretary cannot call a meeting of the Executive Committee, until he is informed of their address, post-office, &c. They will therefore please inform him (post paid) forthwith.

W. K.

ALCOHOL'S DOINGS IN MONTREAL, NO. III.

We continue our extracts from the Visitor's journal:

August 22.—In the first family I visited this week I found the parents in an awful state of intoxication. They were in a most disgusting situation to look upon; having been fighting with one another for a half pint of whiskey. They had torn the clothes off each other, and the whiskey was spilt on the floor; they were swearing at a most awful rate—neither of them had been at church for the last two years. The next family was nothing behind the former, only they had not been fighting, but were so drunk that it was impossible to speak to them; it was lamentable to hear the cursing and swearing going on. Called upon a family whose father was a hard drinker. After expostulating with him on the evils of intoxicating drink, he signed the pledge.

23.—Called upon a family, the heads of which are very much given to the intoxicating cup; they are a trouble to the neighbours around them, and the husband has been paid off by his employer on account of his drunkenness; for ten years past his wages have been from five shillings to six and six-pence per day; but they are now in great wretchedness, without furniture or clothes; they are never sober while they have any money. Called upon a young man who had broken his pledge in the following manner: