

EXTRACTS FROM REV. R. SAUL'S JOURNAL.

I now communicate the results of my fourth Temperance Tour through parts of the London, Brock, Gore, Wellington, and Niagara Districts.

Dec. 23.—My first meeting was held at Katesville, in a tavern. The tavern keeper was voted into the chair, and is in every other respect a gentleman. He expressed himself much in favour of the temperance cause, but when the pledge was handed round, he refused to sign. The meeting was the first of the kind held in this neighbourhood. The room was crowded; one man was so drunk that he had to be carried out of the room before we commenced,—and some one for a joke, put him into my cutter. The greatest number at this meeting were temperance people from other places; 8 names were added.

Jan. 21.—*St. Thomas*.—This meeting was not so large as had been expected. I believe all, however, went away well satisfied, and I was strongly pressed to hold a second meeting. The Rev. S. Waldron, Wesleyan Minister, is President of this Society, and is an able and zealous advocate of the cause; 8 names were added to the Society. I was kindly entertained at the Temperance House of Mr. L. Ferrier: I am glad to find such *houses* springing up in every part of the country. Temperance men and any others calling at St. Thomas, will be well treated and charged moderately at the above named establishment, where every accommodation as to stabling, &c., can be had.

31.—*Port Stanley*.—Much interest was excited at this meeting, and 10 names obtained, amongst which were some *hard cases*.

6th.—*Putnam's School-house*.—A large audience—some toppers present, one of whom had once been a preacher of the gospel; but now the mighty is fallen, and fallen through "strong drink."—Though I conversed with him some time, he would not sign the pledge; 12 names were obtained, and the Society much encouraged.

7th.—*Ingersol*.—A full meeting. Some interest was excited.—This Society is called The Oxford Total Abstinence Society, and now numbers on its books 416 members. It has exerted a good influence on the surrounding neighbourhood. One drunkard has been reclaimed, and has stood firm for a year, and appears to be gaining respect. Since the commencement of this Society two distilleries have been broken down, and one brewery has ceased to pour forth its liquid poison. Two stores that sold intoxicating drinks, at the commencement of this Society, have for want of support, been compelled to give up the traffic—and one that commenced afterwards fairly broke down, and the gentleman, immediately on winding up his business, joined the Society. Within the last eight or nine years, five have died through drinking in the village of Ingersol, and one a year or two before. One man, while drunk, fell into a potash kettle and was in eternity in a few days. While in the kettle and after he was taken out, he cursed and swore in the most shocking and awful manner, and died in the same state of mind. Another of the number was found in the bed-room of the tavern dead—one of his boots was off, and it appears that he had been preparing to get into bed but was not able. Two others of the number died in a tavern under similar circumstances. They had been in a drunken frolic, one lingered a few days, and would suffer no serious person to converse with him; the next died of delirium tremens after a debauch. The last one died after a protracted debauch, while a person was gone to fetch another bottle of whiskey. At the present time a man is in prison who called at one of the most respectable taverns in the same village, was severely beaten by the tavern-keeper with a loaded whip-stock, and then sent to prison, for some delinquency committed while under the influence of the drink he himself sells. There are yet in this small village 15 drunkards, one of whom is a female.

17th.—*In the Methodist Chapel at Malahide*.—Three magistrates present, all belonging to Temperance Societies, one of whom presided. This meeting was large, 23 joined, and several others might have done the same, had proper order been preserved towards the latter end of the meeting. To the honour of the ladies in this neighbourhood, I may say, that, they are nearly all united with the Society. Much praise was awarded to the Montreal Society for their benevolent exertions in favour of Canada.—All approve but few contribute to their funds. A subscription list

was handed round which, when completed and collected, is to be forwarded to the Montreal Society.

30th.—Meeting at St. George, Dumfries; at the time appointed the large Methodist Chapel was well filled, the most marked attention paid, great interest excited, much approbation expressed—115 names obtained; a fresh impetus given to the cause, and a small collection taken up. Dr. Stimson presided, and ably conducted the business of the meeting. The next night at Paris was very stormy. The congregation was not very large, but the meeting lively and interesting. Two of the most influential gentlemen in Paris united with the Society; 28 names were obtained.

February 2d.—*Galt*.—One man opposed, and as I was informed he has done so from the commencement of the Temperance cause, not, however, I understand, on his own account, but to oblige other gentlemen. But on this occasion his opposition did more good than harm, I judged.

31.—*Apr.*—This is principally a Scotch settlement, a large number were present; this meeting was held in the room of a large tavern, all were very attentive, but only 10 names were obtained. The seed is sown and I hope will spring up at some future day.

14th.—*Guelph*.—The Rev. F. Fawcett spoke for a short time, he is very zealous in this good cause. All present were well satisfied with the meeting, excepting a brewer, a Methodist local preacher; yes, a Methodist local preacher, in Guelph, is a brewer! The Society in Guelph has had to contend with much opposition against which, however, it struggles manfully. Numbers refuse to give up their beer—you may be sure they are Englishmen—and consequently cannot unite with the total abstinence Society. I found some of them embraced every opportunity of throwing odium on this good cause.

16th.—*Nichol Township*.—This Society is very efficient and has done much good. The night was severe and only few attended. A subscription to aid the funds of the Montreal Temperance Society had been previously made. "They have done what they could." If each Society would do its duty the cause would be well supported.

22d.—*George-town*.—I found some good friends to the Temperance cause in this place. The people listened with great attention, and at the conclusion 16 names were obtained. I was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Wastell, from Guelph. A collection was made, and the friends have it in contemplation to raise a subscription and forward it to the Montreal Society. I found in this place as in many others, a strong desire existing for the continuance of the Agency.

March 7th.—*Seneca*.—We held this meeting in a mill. Every thing was done by the friends that could be done to make the place comfortable, yet it was too cold to be so. A very large number were present and the meeting went off well; 40 names were added. The Temperance cause has in this place proceeded very rapidly, it has only been established a few weeks and already numbers 187. There are here some zealous friends to the Temperance cause.

In conclusion, I am happy to be able to state that the Temperance cause is rapidly progressing. The public mind is changing in favor of Temperance principles, and the cause is now looked upon with a more favourable eye. Another thing which affords much pleasure is the great revivals of religion which are going on, in almost every part of the country, and among every denomination of Christians. I am however sorry to have to state, that there are yet many ministers of the gospel who stand aloof, and some who are opposed to the Temperance movement altogether; these things ought not to be. I hope, in this respect, a change will soon take place; most of the ministers belonging to the Wesleyan Church in Canada are advocates of this cause, and also of the Episcopal Methodists. All the Congregational ministers, I have met with, are on our side, and also a large number of the Baptist ministers. In this tour I have travelled 904 miles; delivered 48 addresses and lectures; obtained 577 names to the total pledge; addressed 4,305 persons on the subject of total abstinence, and preached 10 sermons. A general desire exists for the Agency to be continued. There is at the present time a general scarcity of money—some places have subscribed very little, but nearly all appear desirous to do something, and many