

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

SIR,—The Temperance Society in Russelton having for some time past, for want of strict attention of the members to the cause whereunto they were pledged, has become languid and seemingly almost forgotten, until lately when the more thoughtful of the community have become awakened to the alarming situation of their fellow men in the vicinity, by the rapid accumulation of drunkenness, (somewhat to be attributed to the volunteering and marshal order kept up in this section of country since the commencement of hostile commotions in our country,) have considered it vitally a duty incumbent on them, to call the attention of the remaining part of the old society together, with their friends and neighbors in general, in order to rouse them from the prevailing lethargy, and assume an energy that may in some measure counteract and put a check to the destroying evil; and in consequence thereof have effected a reorganization of the society, and although the society entertains but little hope of reclaiming the confirmed drunkard, yet it is bound by the strictest confidence to believe, that by a steady perseverance in precept and example, the youth and rising generation may possibly be saved from the perilous vortex. The society has therefore resolved to take under their guardianship, patronage and protection, all children as early in life as eight years of age, and admit them as members for that purpose.

The society in the present stage consists of seventy-two members, with a good prospect ahead for gaining in numbers.

It has also ordered that fourteen copies of the *Canada Temperance Advocate* for one year shall be obtained, addressed to the President of the Society.

JOHN MANNING, *President.*
FINLEY MOE, *Secretary.*

January 1, 1840.

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SIR,—Believing that the success of the temperance cause will be gratifying to your numerous readers, I send you, for publication, an account of the progress of temperance in this township. It is about ten years since temperance was introduced in this place. Many there were who professed to love our Lord, stood opposed to the cause by not giving their names to the pledge, thus throwing the weight of their influence on the side of tippling; yet the cause continued to advance under the head of three societies in different neighbourhoods, until some three or four hundred had signed the pledge. About the commencement of the rebellion, however, two of the societies died away, yet many stood firm to their pledge. In October last, a meeting was held in the brick schoolhouse, in this township, for the purpose of forming a new society. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Shirley, of the Church of England, and the Rev. Mr. Healy, of the Wesleyan Methodist, who ably advocated the cause of teetotalism. A constitution not having been prepared, a committee of three was appointed to form one, and present it to the next meeting, which was to take place in a few days; this meeting was addressed by the same reverend gentlemen, after which the committee presented the following report:—

That although the exertions which have been made in the cause of temperance in this township, have done more in diminishing the practice of using ardent spirit than your committee anticipated, yet, we are of opinion, that nothing short of entire abstinence from all intoxicating liquor, will answer the purpose of reclaiming the intemperate and preventing others from becoming so. But as there may be some who are not willing to come up to the principle of entire abstinence, yet wish to give their influence in the temperance cause, we have thought proper to present to this meeting a constitution comprising two pledges, one on the principle of entire abstinence, and the other from ardent spirit only.

Signed, { JACOB SCOUTER.
 { GEORGE SIMMONS.
 { JOHN STORMS.

This meeting was concluded by prayer, after seventy-one names were taken down, forty of them on the teetotal pledge. We have had another meeting since, which has raised our number to ninety-five, above sixty of them teetotals. We believe there are more waiting for an opportunity to join our ranks against the common

enemy. The *Advocate* is read with great interest in this neighbourhood. May the cause of temperance continue to prosper, until intemperance shall be banished from the earth, is the ardent wish of
A TEETOTALER.

Ernest Town, U. C., Jan. 12, 1840.

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SIR,—I cannot at present undertake to furnish you with anything worthy of being called a communication. I have only time to say that a pleasing revival, as to spirit and action, in the temperance cause is visibly going forward in most of the neighbourhoods included within the circuit of my travel. A temperance meeting was held in this place this evening. The Society here ceased to shew signs of life some two or three years ago. It has risen to-night, arrayed in a new dress of total stuff. It has commenced again with about 30 members. A few names more obtained as subscribers for your excellent paper, which the postmaster here will send you with the 'ready' required. The temperance society in Matilda has commenced again with upwards of 100 members. This society is not yet, it seems, prepared to go together on the total system; therefore both pledges are on the books and offered for signature. More than half, however, I think are total abstinence members. Respecting the Prescott Society, the diligent secretary, Mr. Dickenson, will no doubt furnish you with the details of the late movement respecting the dismissal of the old or moderate pledge.

May continued and increased success attend the benevolent exertions of all the co-operators in the great temperance movement.

I am, &c.,

H. WILKINSON.

Kitley, Jan. 17, 1840.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

SIR,—The Association in this village (Newburgh) has existed about three months. Its principles are those of "Total Abstinence from all intoxicating liquors." The number of its members is 75, of whom several were almost confirmed drunkards; but all, with one or two exceptions, have kept the pledge inviolate. The superiority of the total abstinence pledge over the old one (as it is called) in this vicinity, is incontestible. The influence of the Society is manifest in the quiet and orderly conduct of our inhabitants.

On New-Year's day, fifty persons, members of this and neighbouring Societies, partook of an excellent dinner, prepared by Mr. R. F. Hope, after which the company was addressed by different individuals. No intoxicating drink was allowed or desired. The utmost order and cordiality prevailed throughout, and all parted highly delighted, and more than ever confirmed in the principles and practice of total abstinence.

ISAAC B. AYLSWORTH.

Newburgh, Camden East, U. C., Jan. 20, 1840.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

SIR,—Believing that an account of the progress of Temperance in this section of the Ottawa District would be acceptable to you and all true friends to the cause, I beg leave to transmit to you the proceedings of a meeting held in the Township of Hawkesbury on Monday the 13th instant. A goodly number assembled at the hour of 2 o'clock, P. M. for the purpose of celebrating the ninth anniversary of our Society. The attention of the assembly being called by the President, the Rev. James T. Byrne opened the meeting with a fervent prayer to Almighty God for a continuation of his blessings to the cause of Temperance throughout the land; after which the Secretary read the minutes of the last quarterly meeting.

The Society then proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, as follows: David Pattee, Esq., President. Messrs Robert Brock, Chauncy Johnson, Esq., and Charles Flynn, Vice Presidents. John Pattee, Secretary, Levi Bancroft, Treasurer, and a Committee of management, consisting of fifteen suitable persons.

Some debate arose among the members respecting the manner of altering the pledge from the Temperance to the Teetotal pledge, which was done at the anniversary meeting in January 1838.