

few ventured through the rain to witness the analization of some wine, among the number a rum-seller; this man had formerly been a preacher of the Gospel, and possessed of fine natural abilities, but piety, abilities, character, all are gone, and he is now a bloated inebriate; he could not keep quiet, but repeatedly interrupted me, and began to talk about the wines of Palestine, and to quote Scripture! His case, I mention, as a fair sample of the results of engaging in the traffic, so far as it has come to my knowledge throughout the province, as also the quarter from whence arguments are drawn, by such characters, against abstinence from intoxicating liquor—five or six signed the pledge.

Having now completed my tour, permit me in reviewing the ground, to make a few general remarks. The Brock District contains near 1600 enrolled members; the Talbot District about the same number—a great share of the magistrates and physicians are tee-totalers, particularly in the former; the ministers of different denominations, also, are generally taking an interest in the subject, which augurs well for the cause. In Brock an effort was lately made to establish a District Association, but the final consideration of it was postponed to obtain a more general attendance. Talbot is the only District, besides Prince Edward, that had a clean calendar at the last assizes. Brock had but one or two criminal cases, which speaks well for the sobriety and good conduct of the inhabitants of these Districts. The London District contains more than 3,600 members, and from the spirited conduct of the friends heretofore, I should judge that their numbers and influence would be rapidly augmented. There is, however, a lamentable deficiency in the circulation of the *Temperance Advocate* through the western section of Canada; the astonishing lukewarmness in this respect is manifest from the fact, that I was not able to add over a dozen to the subscription list in the three Districts—although about 670 signatures to the pledge were obtained.

JAMES McDONALD.

December 1, 1842.

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CORNWALL CELEBRATION.

The town of Cornwall presented an unusually animated scene on the 20th ultimo, being the day appointed for a Tee-total Festival. The company assembled at the Court House at 1 o'clock P. M., when John E. Dixon, Esquire, president, took the chair, and after prayer and praise, appropriate addresses were delivered by several gentlemen. A procession with banners and music was then formed, in which about 100 non-commissioned officers, and privates of the 4th batt. In. Militia, led the van. Some of the inscriptions on the banners were peculiarly appropriate; such as the "Temperance Tree, may its branches overshadow the world." "Juvenile Tee-totalers—as the twig is bent the tree is inclined," &c. &c. After the process on the society and their friends to the number of about 150 dined together, the president in the chair, supported on the right by Rev. Mr. McDonell, R. C. C. and on the left by G. McDowell, Esquire, Judge of the Ottawa District. Many ladies were also present, showing the great advantage of tee-total dinners over others. The Rev. Mr. McDonell delivered an appropriate address and 20 individuals joined the society on the occasion; since that time the pledge has been administered by that gentleman to upwards of 300 in this place.

I am, &c,

THOS. PELAN,

Cornwall, Nov. 25, 1842.

Sec. Pro. Tem.

NEWBURN, Dec. 8.—The Newburgh Temperance Association held its third anniversary on the first Monday evening in November. The Report states that the number of its members has increased 59, during the past year; the circulation of the *Advocate* has increased considerably; a temperance house opened and now in operation in the village, at which two soirées have been held; a Victoria society, formed of fifteen members—the monthly meetings have been kept up. The cause not only prospers in this village, but throughout the township; union and cordiality has prevailed. The report finally recommends union, firmness and activity, and an humble dependence upon the aid of Providence. The meeting was addressed by several speakers, a quart of beer was put to the test, with the small still, yielding abundance of alcohol to the surprise of most of those present. The following are the office-bearers for the ensuing year: John Black, Esquire, Presdt.;

George Eakins, V.P., and a committee of ten. Nine delegates were chosen to attend the District Convention the ensuing winter; and 20 names were added to the pledge, making 300 in all.—ISAAC B. AYLESWORTH, Secy.

COLBORNE, Nov. 26.—Since the formation of our society in this village, in February 1841, we have procured the signatures of about 600 persons to the pledge up to May, last, since which time the efforts of Temperance men seems to have relaxed in a great degree; but our winter campaign is now commencing, and we hope to see many more added. There were three taverns, one distillery, and three stores in this village, which sold spirituous liquors, when the society went first into operation, and now two taverns are closed, and two stores quit the traffic; and all that are remaining is one tavern, a distillery, and store, owned by the same persons.—J. P. SCOTT.

In Ireland the great are imitating the humble, by joining the Temperance Society. We remark that Sir Richard Musgrave took the pledge in the presence of thousands; likewise the Earl of Ennisk. It would seem that the ladies also are animated by the same noble ambition of doing good. The Countess of Clanricarde, and six hundred other ladies, joined the ranks of the Tee-totalers. It must not be imagined that these ladies were spirit-drinkers. They took the pledge to afford a good example to others. It is a strange circumstance that the nobility and gentry of Great Britain are following the example set them by the humble. It is not often they have done so. We should be glad that "our nobility and gentry," (as advertisements occasionally say) would imitate the example set them in Ireland.—*Montreal Messenger*.

LETTER FROM MR. BAIRD—PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF TEMPERANCE DOCUMENTS—CHEERING NEWS FROM NORWAY.

A letter has been addressed to the Rev. Mr. Hallock of the American Tract Society, by the Rev. Mr. Baird and published in the *New York Observer*, which communicates some interesting intelligence from the North of Europe. Mr. Baird had been no farther than into Western Germany. At Bavaria he found a good temperance society existing. There is one also at Elberfeldt, and one at Osnabruck in Hanover. In Hamburg the work has made good progress—2000 copies of the Temperance History have been sent to Denmark and Norway. Its continuance is in contemplation by Mr. Baird when he returns to America, so as to include the operations of Father Mathew and of the Washingtonians in America. The work has not yet been published in Russia, but may be soon. As the results of placing a copy of the History in the hands of every member of the Norway Storting, or Parliament, the lower house have adopted a bill by which all distilleries are to be closed in ten years. They suppose ten years to be quite enough for all who have distilleries, and the number is immense, to find some other and honest calling. Mr. Baird expects to return again soon to this country. He is confident that the temperance cause suffers greatly for the want of some one permanently stationed in the North of Europe to attend to it.—*Journal Am. Temp. Union*.

ECCLES. STREET, DUBLIN, November 11.—I am happy to tell you that tee-totalism is spreading more and more rapidly here, the good Father Mathew's journeyings through our land are one continued triumph, thousands continue to join his peaceful standard, and although we hear of some pledge-breaking, I expect it is but to a very limited extent, drunkenness is rarely seen, and our whole country presents a delightful appearance to the lovers of peace and harmony. The gentry too are beginning to take an interest in our movement, but only a few of them have yet had the courage to join our ranks. I made an attempt to get our only Irish shipping Insurance company to take up the cause you have so much at heart. They did not even reply to my letter on the subject. I apprehend they were unwilling to have the matter publicly agitated, which they knew would be the case if they wrote to me. The agent objected that it would be impossible to ascertain what were temperance ships, how do you obviate that difficulty? Here we have very few vessels, I believe, navigated on that principle, but I know very little of shipping.—JAMES HAUGHTON.—[I will reply to the above question in next No. J. D.]