

the practice returned to their former habits. We hold our meetings quarterly, and on such occasions we often have the assistance of the Rev. Wm. M'Killigan, of Lochiel, and other professional speakers to supply the deficiency that exists in the society, which is much to be lamented, when we have several men among us, who, were they to join us, would, by their example and abilities be able advocates for the cause, and do incalculable service in putting a stop to the progress of intemperance in the land. The quantity of ardent spirits consumed in this part of the country is enormous, and the mischief done by it is beyond all human calculation. I intend at some future period to send you a picture of misery in a small country village, drawn from real life and public notions, which will in some measure exhibit the fruits of intemperate habits in true colours; at present I shall only trouble you with the relation of 2 or 3 dreadful examples of the effects of indulging in drinking spirits. A man employed on section No. 1 of the St. Lawrence Canal, being in a state of intoxication for some days, at last finished his career in attempting to swallow a piece of meat; his comrades, after committing his body to the grave, on their return from Cornwall in a drunken state, committed the murder of the law much lamented and much esteemed Colonel French. A man, this winter, after drinking ardent spirits to excess, was found dead on the floor of a bar room in Williamstown; and I am fully persuaded a very brief sketch of the miseries caused by using ardent spirits in moderately, and to excess, in this province, would fill the columns of your Advocate were a number to be published every day of the year.

BATHURST DISTRICT TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

A Convention of delegates appointed by the different temperance Societies in the District of Bathurst, along with the office bearers of these Societies, was held in the Methodist Chapel at Carlton Place, on Tuesday the 23d inst., when delegates and others from five societies were present as members of the convention.

The Rev. Wm. Bell, of Perth was appointed Chairman of the meeting, and the Rev. T. C. Wilson, Secretary.

Mr. Bell having opened the meeting with prayer, the names of delegates were called for, and taken down; after which the following resolutions were passed unanimously.

1st. Moved by the Rev. T. C. Wilson, and seconded by the Rev. M'Fadden.

That considering the advantages resulting to the Temperance cause, from the union and co-operation of different societies, a central society be now formed to which all the others in the District of Bathurst may become auxiliary, and that the following articles form its constitution.

2d. Moved by Mr. William Wallace, and seconded by the Rev. John Fairbairn.

The following persons be the officers of this society for the present year:

- Rev. WILLIAM BELL, President.
- Rev. JOHN M'INTYRE, } Vice-Presidents
- Mr. JAMES DICK, }
- Rev. T. C. WILSON, Secy. & Treasr.

3d. Moved by the Rev. M'Fadden, and seconded by Mr. William Wallace.

That the delegates of the different societies recommend to the members of their respective societies, consistency in supporting the temperance cause in all its various branches.

4th. Moved by the Rev. John Fairbairn, and seconded by the Rev. T. C. Wilson.

That, as it has been proved by experience that abstinence from the use of all intoxicating liquor as a drink, is not only safe but salutary, and as this is

the only course, in which it can be rationally expected that intemperate persons will ever be permanently reformed, and as the example, and kind moral influence of the temperate, is the grand means, not only of leading the intemperate to adopt and pursue a course so essential to their present and future good, but also of preventing the formation of intemperate habits among others, therefore the more extensively this course is adopted by all classes in the community, and especially by all members of temperance societies, the more rapid will be the progress of the temperance reformation, and the more certain prospect that drunkenness and its evils will cease.

The Secretaries of the five societies whose delegates were present, gave an account of the formation, constitutions, and present members of their respective societies.

- 1st. Perth Society, 511 members.
 - 2d. Mississippi and Ramsay Society, 295 do.
 - 3d. Lanark Society, 187 do.
 - 4th. Richmond Society, 57 do.
 - 5th. Franktown Society, 18 do.
- Total number of members in District Society, 1068.

There are several other societies in the district from which no delegates appeared, and no report was received.

Of the above five societies, four have added to their constitution the pledge of total abstinence from all intoxicating liquor as a drink, and 141 members have adopted the pledge, and many more it is believed, are ready to do so, as soon as an opportunity shall be given them.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the society shall take place at Perth, on the last Tuesday of February, 1837, but with power to the committee of management to alter the time and place of meeting, should they deem it expedient.

After which the meeting was closed with prayer.

THOMAS C. WILSON, Secy.

HOME DISTRICT TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.

Agreeably to a recommendation from the Toronto City and Yonge Street Temperance Societies, a convention of delegates appointed by several societies throughout the Home district, was held in the Methodist chapel, Newgate street, on Thursday the 25th inst., commencing shortly after 12 o'clock.

Mr. Jesse Ketchum was unanimously appointed President. The President stated the object of the convention, and called upon the Rev. William Rintoul to open the meeting with prayer to the Almighty to bestow his blessings upon its deliberations.

Joseph H. Lawrence and Lardner Bostwick were appointed Secretaries.

The names of the delegates were then taken, and there were found in attendance 28. All the members of temperance societies then present were invited to take seats as corresponding members.

The Rev. William Rintoul, Messrs. Oliver Phelps, George Bostwick, Roland Burr, John Campbell, and Asa Patrick, were appointed a standing committee to prepare business for the convention.

Reported by the Standing Committee.

1. Resolved, That the convention do now proceed to ascertain the number of members belonging to the various societies represented by the members of this committee. The number was found to be 2898.

2. Resolved, That this committee petition the Provincial Legislature on the prevailing vice of intemperance in this province, and that a petition, according to the following draft be adopted.

To the Commons House of Assembly of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The petition of the undersigned delegates from

temperance societies in the Home and adjacent districts in convention assembled,
HUMBLY SHewETH

That your petitioners view with serious alarm, the prevalence of intemperance throughout the province; believing it to be the fertile source of pauperism and crime, and utterly opposed to all the interests of man, personal and social, temporal and eternal. Your petitioners, therefore, pray your honourable house to institute an enquiry into the extent, causes and consequences of intemperance, and to ascertain whether any legislative measures can be adopted for arresting this great national evil. And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

(Signed) By all the members of the Convention.

3. Resolved, That this convention recommend to the different temperance societies throughout the province, to meet in convention in their several districts for the purpose of appointing delegates to meet in a provincial convention, to be held in the city of Toronto, on the last Wednesday of September, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

4. Resolved, That the following questions proposed by the ex-committee of the Montreal Temperance society, to be answered by delegates, to meet in provincial convention in that province, be proposed to the several temperance societies in Upper Canada, to be severally answered as correctly as possible by delegates who may be appointed to meet by the several district conventions, in provincial convention, viz. (See Advocate for January.)

4. Resolved, That this convention proceed immediately to the appointment of delegates to represent this district in provincial convention. Whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed, viz:

- Rev. Messrs. Wm Rintoul, Jas. Richardson, Wm. Merrifield, R. Thornton, and Jas. Harris, Jesse Ketchum, M. S. Bidwell, and Wm. B. Robinson, Esqrs.; Messrs. Roland Burr, John Cummer, John Wilson, Asa Patrick, James Bolton, Wm. Clemie, Ed. W. Thompson, Cooke, C. W. Page, John Garton, Nelson Gorham, and Lardner Bostwick.

5. Resolved, That any society not represented in these appointments may send their President, Vice Presidents and Secretaries.

6. Resolved, That this convention recommend the committee of the Toronto Temperance Society the establishment of a temperance hotel in this city, to be patronised by the Societies which they represent, and which the members of this convention pledge themselves to patronise.

7. Resolved, That in order to train up the rising generation of this province in habits of sobriety and temperance, and with correct views of the danger and immorality of using ardent spirits, this convention recommends to the various societies in this province the formation of Juvenile temperance societies for the youth of both sexes, under the superintendance of the different parent societies.

8. Resolved, That a monthly paper be published, under the direction of Jesse Ketchum, Esq., with the aid of the committee of the Toronto temperance society and other friends, to be entitled the "Temperance Record."

9. Resolved, That the committee of the Toronto temperance society be requested to address his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in the name and on behalf of this convention requesting his patronage to the temperance cause.

10. Resolved, That the proceedings of this convention be read at the meeting of the Toronto temperance society tomorrow evening.

Jesse Ketchum, President.
J. H. LAWRENCE, and }
LARDNER BOSTWICK, } Secys