

occasion. The day was delightful, and the beautiful scenery on each side of the St. Lawrence was seen to the best advantage. At Boucherville and Varennes, the company landed for the purpose of visiting the churches, and were kindly received by the inhabitants. The fine brass band of the 85th Regiment was on board, and contributed greatly to the pleasure of the party, but the chief attraction of the occasion was an address from the celebrated J. S. Buckingham, Esq., who came as a guest of the Society, and was introduced to the company by the Rev. Caleb Strong. The address was delivered on the promenade deck to an attentive and highly gratified audience, consisting of, we believe, every person on board, few of whom, we venture to say, will forget it, as for eloquence and pointed application, we have seldom or never heard it surpassed. A unanimous vote of thanks was presented to Mr. B. on the occasion.

Refreshments of various kinds were served round from time to time; and there was no lack of excellent ice water, which was the only beverage. The boat returned to town about 6½ o'clock in the evening, and the company separated, to all appearance, mutually pleased with each other, and thoroughly convinced of the superiority of Temperance pleasure parties over those where intoxicating drinks are used.

We have only to add, that no accident nor disturbance of any kind occurred, that no discontent nor ill feeling appeared in any quarter, and that the children, a good many of whom were on board, enjoyed themselves as well as any of the party.

PUBLIC MEETINGS.

On Saturday evening, the 8th August, a most interesting and numerously attended meeting was held on Mr. Connolly's Farm, Quebec Suburbs, at half-past six o'clock. The object of the meeting was stated, and Messrs. Wadsworth, Dougall, Wilson, and Rev. H. O. Crofts, addressed the numerous assemblage—it being calculated that about from 200 to 300 were present. Nine joined the Society at the close of the proceedings.

On Thursday evening, the 20th August, a public meeting was held in the Girl's Room of the British and Canadian School. About sixty persons in attendance. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Wilson, Dougall, and Wadsworth. Three signed at the close of the meeting.

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The quarterly meeting of the Montreal Roman Catholic Temperance Society, took place on the afternoon of Sunday the 23rd August, when the Rev. P. Phelan exerted himself with even more than his usual zeal and ability. Fifteen backsliders were deprived of their tickets, and twenty-three new members joined the Society on the occasion, making the whole number over 1800.

We expect a report of the proceedings of our friends in Quebec for the next number. Several temperance meetings have been held in that city during the past month, at one of which a Young Men's Society was formed.

TEMPERANCE AMONGST THE FRENCH CANADIANS.—For some time past the worthy Curé of Beauport, has laboured not only to inspire his parishioners with a taste for Temperate habits, but to enlist them in the sacred and patriotic crusade which is already carried on by other apostles of Temperance in different parts of the world. His zealous efforts had been so far successful that the society of Beauport counted 100 members, when on Sunday, the 2d August, the interesting spectacle was beheld of 250 persons presenting themselves to take the pledge and be admitted into the society.

It would be difficult to calculate the immense good which is effected by those who range themselves under the Temperance banner. It is not themselves and families alone who are benefited—their example and exhortations will gradually spread Temperance principles around them, and the large sums expended for poisonous drinks may be employed in the education of youth—we shall then see Schools erected in place of Taverns.

We can cite three parishes in the district of Quebec which show that education keeps pace with Temperance. First, Beauport, where since Temperance has flourished, six Schools, attended by

289 children, have sprung up. Second, St Gervais, where there is also a Temperance Society and twelve Schools—and third, l'Isle Verte, which has always been famous for the Temperance of its inhabitants and where education prospers.

The reason is plain. We know by careful calculations that the money expended for intoxicating drinks in each parish may be estimated, on the average at £1500 per annum. Let this sum be economized and even a part of it will be enough to support education without in any respect diminishing the comfort of the people or taking away from them any thing that is necessary or useful.

It is with Temperance however as it is with all other social improvements—it needs the aid of public opinion, and the best means of turning that opinion into the desired channel is association. Let those then who desire the happiness—the regeneration of their country hasten to form Temperance Societies after the example of Beauport and St. Gervais, and they will merit the title of benefactors of their race.—*Le Canadien*, 12th August.

Messrs. Dufresne and Beaumont, Curés of St. Gervais and St. Jean, District of Quebec, have established Temperance Societies in their respective parishes, one of which numbers three hundred members, and the other upwards of one hundred. We hope soon to announce many similar Societies.

We have received a very interesting communication from St. John's, respecting the progress of temperance principles in the 71st Regt. The Society in that Regiment now consists of 1 officer, 1 Band Master, 1 colour sergeant, 2 sergeants, 10 corporals, 66 privates and 12 women—in all 93; who take about 50 copies of the *Advocate* amongst them.

This great amount of good has been effected chiefly through the instrumentality of one benevolent officer and two active and zealous sergeants, whose example will we hope be extensively imitated in the army.

It is the intention of the Committee of the Montreal Society to forward this and all future numbers of the *Advocate* to all Editors of newspapers in Canada, without any expectation of receiving their papers in exchange; but with the hope that they may copy, from time to time, items of Temperance intelligence and other interesting extracts from our columns.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PROGRESS IN POTTSVILLE, PA.—1,900 Catholics have taken the pledge in Pottsville. The chief drink there among the colliers has been strong beer, made fiery by whiskey, poisoning the blood and causing men to bloat and fall an easy prey to disease and death.

PHILADELPHIA—GREAT MOVEMENT.—The city of Philadelphia, was marked by a Temperance movement of more than ordinary interest on Sunday last. In the morning, Temperance discourses of an eloquent and appropriate character, were preached at four of our Catholic churches—namely, St. John's, St. Augustine's, St. Joseph's and St. Mary's—and after Vespers, Temperance Societies were formed, when upwards of 1,500 individuals went forward and took the pledge of total abstinence. This is an admirable beginning of a laudable work, the results of which are likely to be of the most salutary kind. In most instances, the clergymen themselves were the first to go forward, when they were followed by ladies and gentlemen, and individuals, indeed, of every class in society. The scenes were gratifying in the highest degree to every benevolent mind. Each member obtains a card, signed by the Pastor of the Church.

Bishop Kenrick, in his diocesan tour through the state, will form temperance societies.—*Phil. Eng.*

AWFUL POWER OF FASHION.—A FACT.—A certain young man belonging to a family of high rank, we do not say where, was taken up by the watch drunk in the street, the night before New Year, (where he would have inevitably frozen to death before morning) was carried home about day break, and presented nearly lifeless to his parents. The father would have dispensed with intox-