

choir, as also a stand for the speakers and chairman, the tables groaning with provisions, &c., presenting a *tout ensemble* of the most interesting kind.

This soiree was under the management of the right sort of men, and we beheld there many of the magistracy of that part of the district, many of the most comfortable farmers, and certainly a large proportion of the youth of the neighborhood. The ladies turned out well, and it seemed to us as if all the beauty of the district had agreed to assemble together; bright eyes and happy faces met us on every side, and on the whole, we must pronounce the Grimsby soiree to be one of the best it has been our good fortune to attend. The men of the Forty will always secure a good attendance on their soirees, if they conduct them all as they did this; it seemed to us as if they calculated on keeping open houses during this jubilee, for all Temperance men who came from any distance. A dinner table was laid at R. Kilborn's, Esq., for the Band, at Beamsville, and we ourselves were taken to task most severely for going to dine at a tavern on an occasion of this kind.

What locality will hold the next Temperance soiree? We pause for a reply; don't keep us in suspense long; all we want in St Catharines, is a house suitable; will any of our kind friends obviate this difficulty, and put us in a position to issue our cards of invitation? we have no doubt but we could soon form a committee of ladies, who would do their part of the work. There is a reaction in favor of Temperance; let the members in every locality in the district now stir themselves, and immediately regain what has been lost by inactivity; we have the materials in every part of the district, and hope to see them worked in to the cause without delay.

Re-organize every society that has been permitted to go down; open new roll books; fly to the rescue, for you have the only remedy against drunkenness that was ever discovered, namely, *total abstinence*. Keep this city of refuge open for the poor inebriate; don't close the gates, but let him that flies for his life have a place to rest in, and protection from the many snares which beset him on all hands. A great deal has already been accomplished in this district, and it would really be disgraceful were we now to permit the cause to languish. Agitate, agitate, agitate the subject, until action in the premises be taken by the legislature, and let our magistrates follow the example of those of the Home district, who so nobly met last week, and so nobly performed their duty, by the resolutions passed on that occasion. We give those resolutions in this impression, and sincerely hope that a similar expression of feeling will be given by all the districts in Western Canada. The Home district has taken the initiative; which of our districts will have the honor of standing next in the order? It is said that the Niagara district has a majority of temperance magistrates; it is the next western district to the Home; we hope to see it next in this noble cause—the cause of humanity.

BYTOWN TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.

The Anniversary Meeting of the Bytown Total Abstinence Society took place in the Congregational Church, on Thursday evening, the 18th ultimo. It is gratifying to know that the house was crowded. The *Ottawa Advocate* says this Anniversary Meeting was the largest we have ever seen in Bytown, and on the whole it went off exceedingly well.

The Meeting was opened with the singing of a hymn by an excellent Choir which was in attendance; together with prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Finley. After a speech from the Chairman, whose name by the way seems to have been

omitted, the Secretary read the Report, when the following resolutions were passed unanimously:—

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Lochhead, and seconded by Mr. Peacock,—

Resolved I.—That the Report now read be adopted, and that a copy of it be transmitted for publication to the Bytown papers, and *Canada Temperance Advocate*.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Wilson, and seconded by Mr. Matthews,—

Resolved II.—That viewing the Temperance Reformation in its general bearing, its great and manifold objects, and its cheering success, we feel bound to praise Him from whom all blessings flow, to sympathize with those who have been instrumental in advancing its interests, and to increase our exertion for its prosperity.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Wardrope, and seconded by Mr. George Hay,—

Resolved III.—That we greatly rejoice in the assistance heretofore afforded by the Ladies and Juvenile portion of our Society, and fondly hope that they will continue heartily to co-operate in every effort that is likely to advance the Temperance cause in this town and neighbourhood.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Bird, and seconded by the Rev. Mr. Budge,—

Resolved IV.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to the office-bearers and Committee for their services during the year that has closed.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Byrne, and seconded by W. Stewart, Esq.,—

Resolved V.—That the revised Constitution, which has been read, be adopted as the future Constitution of this Society.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Finley, and seconded by the Rev. Mr. Duncan,—

Resolved VI.—That the following gentlemen be the Office-bearers and Committee for the ensuing year, with power to add to their number when deemed advisable:—

President:—John Durio, Esq.

Vice Presidents:—Messrs. J. Mathews, and J. Peacock.

Secretary:—Rev. James T. Byrne.

Treasurer:—Mr. George Hay.

Committee:—Messrs. E. McGillicray, A. Scott, J. D. Fuller, Roland Carter, William Tracey, J. Linfoot, Donald Kennedy, James Brough, William Bowles, Corporal Goudie, and the Ministers of the Gospel in the town who are members of the Society.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Byrne, and seconded by W. Stewart, Esq., and carried with loud and continued acclamation:—

That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Editors and Proprietors of the Bytown papers for their liberality in admitting into their columns frequent notices of the meetings of this Society: and to the Ladies and Gentlemen, composing the choir of this evening, for their services, in so greatly interesting the audience by the hymns and songs sung on this occasion.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1848.

As the year has now closed which terminates the labours of your Committee, they hasten to report what has been done by them during the period of their official relation, what is the present state of this institution, and the reasons which call for renewed and augmented effort to advance the enterprise in which you and others are engaged.

They desire, in the first place, to recognize the hand of God in this benevolent and moral reformation; not only in its existence as an instrumentality designed and adapted to effect great and important results, but in the abundant success which, by His blessing, has been realized. So many obstacles exist to the progress of your Society, as to render inadequate the best concerted means unless accompanied with the Divine benediction, the bestowment of which your Committee acknowledge in the past, and sincerely and earnestly crave on behalf of those who shall succeed them in office.

While your Committee have to lament a degree of apathy among many of the friends of this noble cause, and have perhaps just reasons to complain of themselves for neglect and want of