

were congratulating ourselves on the success of this experiment, and our having an argument which the advocates of beer could not refute, some desperate creatures, unable to meet the arguments in any other way, dashed two large stones violently through one of the windows. Providentially no person was seriously hurt, and the board of police, very promptly and honorably offered a reward of ten pounds for the discovery of the reckless ruffians. Very much to the gratification of the students of Victoria College, on Monday morning, they extracted the alcohol from a quart of wine, and exhibited Dr. Sewell's plates of the stomach, as they did also at the meeting on Saturday evening. I rejoice to say that they were then addressing an audience of tee-totalers, as nearly all the students belong to a society formed in the institution. The intervening Sabbath the indefatigable delegates spent in endeavouring to reclaim those who are fast hastening to a drunkard's grave, and a drunkard's eternity, from their ruinous practices.—Such was the interest created by the addresses and experiments of Saturday evening, that the town-hall, where the meeting was held on Monday evening, was literally crammed full. The people were wedged together, head to head, shoulder to shoulder; and probably some hundreds, unable to gain admittance, went home disappointed. The expectations of the meeting were fully met; a quart of what is called the 'best port,' was put into the still; from it about six wine glasses of alcohol were extracted; and even those who are accustomed to smack their lips after a glass of good port, would spit out what remained of their precious liquor—just as a sick child would the nauseous drug of the apothecary. All declared that alum and logwood were the principal ingredients. All this, in connection with the thrilling effect produced by the exhibition of Dr. Sewell's plates, and the interesting addresses of your efficient Victoria men, turned the tables so completely in favor of our pure principles, that out of both meetings we had an accession of over 150 signatures to the pledge. Collections amounting to two pounds, were raised to aid in defraying the expenses of the lectures.—S. KINGSTON, *Cor. Sec.*

BARTON, May 22.—The cause of temperance is advancing in this place; the society has increased in numbers during the past year from 70 to 149; we have some active members in this society who were supposed to have been confirmed in their intemperate habits.—A. BLACKSTONE.

MURRAY, 4TH CON. May 23.—According to public notice a temperance meeting was held at the house of George R. Huffman, on the evening of the 16th April last; the Rev. R. Ireland opened the meeting with singing and prayer, and delivered a lecture on the evils of intemperance, which called forth thanks and applause. Several other addresses were delivered, and at the close 18 joined. We then proceeded to the election of officers to serve the ensuing year: Mr. Daniel Comstock, President; John H. Harvard, Vice President; G. R. Huffman, Secretary; with a committee of seven. The meeting then adjourned until the 22d of May, when a constitution and total-abstinence pledge was unanimously adopted.—G. R. H.

NELSON, May 25.—I rejoice to be able to say that tee-totalism is on the advance, and heartily join with you in hoping that the time is not far distant when it shall have borne down every opposing influence.—D. R. SPRINGER, *Pres. N. T. S.*

HAMILTON, May 25.—You will receive from the bearer, the sum of *Ten Pounds*, currency, being the profits of a soiree, held in this place, by the friends of temperance, for the benefit of the Montreal Temperance Society. Time does not, at present, admit of particulars, Messrs. Wilson and Mitchell can give you an account of the soiree. The cause seems to prosper here at present. I may mention that Lieutenant-Colonel Gourlay is very favourable to the formation of a regimental temperance society here.—P. THORNTON, *Sec. H. T. S.*

NORTH PORT, May 25.—This society was organized on the 26th of March last, at which time we were favored with an address by G. Demorest, Esquire. We then numbered upwards of 70; from whom the following gentlemen were selected as officers: viz.—Peter Demill, President; Samuel Osborn, Vice President; Ansel B. Randall, Secretary; together with a Treas., Cor. Secretary, and a committee of five as managers for the year. A subsequent meeting has been lately addressed by Jacob Howell, Esquire, and James Gardiner: at present we number 90. This place, among our small villages, stands high in point of morals,

the vice of drunkenness is nearly, or quite unknown, yet we regret to say, that many of the influential stand aloof from the noble enterprise. Cider is much in the way of our cause; can we not through the *Advocate* receive some general and useful remarks in reference to this beverage? Orchards here are large. I would comment upon general and minute principles; but supposing you are crowded with matter, from the general interest taken in the moral enterprise, particularly in our district. I have attended a monthly meeting of the Milford Society; the attendance was not so large as usual; but their appears to be a peculiar interest taken in the enterprise here. This society numbers 188, 4 or 5 have removed or withdrawn. A 'Committee of Vigilance' are quite active procuring signatures.—J. GARDINER, *M. E. P.*

GORE OF TORONTO, May 27.—Since the formation of this society a meeting has been held once a month, and new members have been added at each meeting. An interesting tea-party was held the 29th December, 1841, when 97 sat down to tea in the school-house. The members then walked in procession to the village of Clearville; and in the evening a very interesting meeting was held, when 15 joined the society. On the 27th April last, the anniversary meeting was held, several gratifying addresses were delivered, and the officers elected for the ensuing year. The society now numbers 109 members, and the committee are about to extend their labours, by holding meetings in settlements at a distance. At the last meeting, held on the 25th inst., several spoke on their own experience of the good they have received since they joined the society. This society is on the tee-total plan.—W. HUGILL, *Sec.*

NIAGARA, May 30.—Agreeably to a resolution of the committee of our society, passed on the 13th April last—that collections be taken up at each monthly meeting, in aid of the Montreal Society, unless special notice be given that the proceeds be applied for some other purpose," herewith you will receive the sum of £2 2s 6d; being the balance of the last collection after defraying the expenses of the delegates from this place to Toronto.—J. H. OAKLEY, *Sec.*

HAWKESBURY, May 31.—Since the organization of a temperance society, in this district, in the year 1830, a remarkable change in the habits of the community has been effected; and although but one twentieth part of the inhabitants have joined the tee-total ranks, yet the influence exerted has been good. Society in general has been renovated, and men see plainly that they can live, and endure fatigue, without the stimulating agency of alcohol; and can be gentlemen, and rank in the first circles of society, without indulging in habits that have produced one of the greatest curses under which the world now groans. Let no man shrink from his duty—your cause is a philanthropic one—your enterprise a benevolent one—and your exertions, such, that merit and receive the approbation of every candid man. Our greatest antagonist is custom, that old fashion of taking the social glass, which generally turns out to be an unsocial one.—Now instead of its being disrespectful to refuse a friends invitation to partake of this hell creating poison, the blush is on the other cheek.—D. PATTEE, *Junnr. Sec. O. T. A. S.*

ANNIVERSARY OF THE TORONTO TEMPERANCE REFORMATION SOCIETY.—On Wednesday evening last, this society held its Annual Meeting in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Newgate Street, which, spacious as it is, was crowded by persons interested in the good cause. The chair was occupied by the Rev. J. S. Richardson, Agent of the Bible Society; and Mr. A. Christie, the indefatigable Secretary, read the Report—a very encouraging document—part of which, and perhaps the whole, we intend to publish. The speakers were, Jesse Ketchum, Esq., the Rev. Messrs. R. H. Thornton, and Lumaden, and Mr. Milne, whose addresses were heard with great attention and effect. Among the members of the excellent Committee and other gentlemen on the platform, were the Rev. Mr. Null and Peter Lawrence, Esquire, whose unceasing exertions in the work are well known and beneficial. The meeting was enlivened by the first public efforts of the band of the Society. What is still better, the number of members reported as belonging to the Society is 1462; increase during last year 642; total number of temperance members in Toronto, including the Military, Roman Catholic, and the Juvenile Societies, about 2,800. We are pleased to know that the reformed drunkards of this city have formed themselves into what they