

intoxication, but one unanimous feeling of harmony and hilarity pervading the whole!

Although we did not number amongst us those who consider themselves our aristocracy, such as our storekeepers and their clerks, and the old resident aristocratic families here, yet, I believe, we presented to the eye of the observer such an array of beauty, fashion, and respectability, as was never before witnessed in Amherstburgh.

We obtained a number of subscribers to the *Advocate* for next year. I think that for Amherstburgh and the township of Malden, we shall be able to send sixty subscribers instead of thirty as heretofore, as all seem anxious that the *Advocate* should continue. You may rely upon every exertion being made in its behalf in this place.—I remain, &c., ALEX. BARTLETT, Secretary E. T. U.

Amherstburgh, September 4, 1848.

(To the Editor of the *Canada Temperance Advocate*.)

QUEBEC, 9th Nov., 1848.—Dear Sir,—Pursuant to a resolution of the Committee of the Union Total Abstinence Society, passed at its regular monthly meeting, on the evening of Tuesday, the 7th inst., I have it in charge to address you, and to forward some account of the last public quarterly meeting of this Society.

This meeting was held on Thursday evening, 19th Oct. ult., in the Hall of the Parliament Buildings, which the Committee have hitherto been kindly permitted to use for the public meetings of the society. The evening being exceedingly unpropitious, the attendance was small. The Committee, notwithstanding, feel grateful, that although the circumstances under which the meeting was held were so unfavourable, the result was gratifying far above their expectations.

Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Marsh, Baptist minister, and by other friends of the cause. The rev. gentleman was, as usual, happy in his advocacy of the principles of the society, and although for several years a practical teetotaler, he had not till then recorded his name among its members. The influence of his address was doubly felt from this circumstance, and several other names were added to the list, chiefly those of military men, a class among whom it is especially desirable that our principles should spread.

I am also directed to state, that at the regular monthly meeting, the Committee approved of the action of our delegate to the Convention, in as far as relates to the assistance promised towards liquidating the debt of the *Advocate*, and the subscription to that periodical for the ensuing year.

The Committee feel happy in recording the fact that Robt. Symes, Esq., J.P., has kindly consented to become the President of this Society, in the room of Mr. S. Alison, who has removed to another part of the Province, where his labours will, no doubt, be fully appreciated. Our President, from his position in society, will be enabled to do the cause much good, and he has already manifested his interest in the Society, by commencing a list of regular subscriptions to its funds. Amongst others is recorded with pleasure that of P. Patterson, Esq., of £5 currency, and a parting dona-

tion of £10 by our respected ex-President. There is reason to believe that we are on the eve of a revival here, and we shall have it, if we succeed in getting the valuable services of that celebrated advocate of temperance, John B. Gough, whom we hope will be induced to pay Canada a visit the ensuing winter.

I remain, &c.,

GEORGE MATHISON,

Secretary.

### “IT'S STRANGE FOLKS CAN'T SEE.”

NO. III.

Go, ask that person to join with you in your warfare against the tyrant Alcohol, and what will he say? Why, it is likely he will say, that it is of no use for him to join the society, for he is not going to be a drunkard. Tell him that you wish him to give his name in to set a good example for others. He'll perhaps tell you that others need not be guided by him—that they can join just as well without him as with. But still endeavour to persuade him to choose the right path. Perhaps you will get the sentiments of his heart and appetite by this time;—listen, “Let those join your Temperance Society who choose, I ain't going to sign away my liberty: if I please to take a little once in a-while, I'll take it, and it's nobody's business.”

“Assertions are not arguments;” then how will he make it appear that it is nobody's business. Look at that middle-aged man yonder. He took a little only when he pleased, till it pleased him to take a little more, and then a little oftener—“nobody's business,” though, even if he did take it himself—and give a little to those youngsters to increase their desires for it also. Look at him, I say; can you tell how many pieces there are in his clothing above the number used by the tailor or economical housewife; that is, if it has all the patches its countenance bespeaks its need of. Where is his place of abode?—his friends?—or perhaps even his relations? Take a little, and you have made a decided start on the route he has taken—for the life he has lived, if it may be called living. Then behold that other object. Where is all his land and houses? His children uneducated and even degraded. Now can you tell me why he is in that miserably deplorable condition? why it is that he is a burden to his friends and a burden to himself? It is most obvious to all;—he took a little when he pleased, and held to that peace-destroying, misery-making maxim, that it was “nobody's business.” I can see and you can see, that it is the business of more than himself at times. You cannot find one in a hundred, who are not suffering, or have not suffered in some way to some degree, from the baneful influence and consequences of this contaminating, physically and morally, deadly poison—Alcohol. How many crimes are committed in our land through the influence of intoxicating liquors, and who has to pay the expenses incurred thereby? Do you answer “The government?” It is the government in most cases, certainly; but it is from the people the government derive the means to meet these expenses, and that money had far better be laid out in the improvement of the country, and in giving us better facilities for education; and beside that, take each