

821 Regiment, lying in this garrison—I never saw a steadier or better behaved set of men. The two most extensive Teetotalers in the village of Penetanguishene, are decidedly in favor of the Temperance Reformation; both of them are dealing out the poison; one of them has signed the pledge, and is determined neither to sell or buy any more of it—we made him President of the Society; the other declared to me his conviction of the evil of its influence, is quite ready to sign, but he wants to clean his hands of it first; he said he has got part of a cask of brandy in his cellar, for which he paid £50, and so soon as he can get clear of it, he will then go the whole hog. I am sure he is sincere, because I know several who signed by his persuasion. The R. C. Priest in this place is also a warm friend of the cause. All the hands of H. M. S. Experiment, lying here, with the exception of one or two, are Teetotalers. I can assure you that I feel quite elated at the prospect of the cause here.—L. CAMPBELL.

Percy, Feb. 12.—We held our Annual Meeting on the 6th ult, when the following officers were appointed for the present year, viz., Mr. David Cummings, Sen., President; Mr. Isaac Blair, Vice-President; the writer, Secretary, Mr. David Cummings, Jun., Assistant-Secretary, and a Committee of fifteen. During the past year we have held regular monthly meetings; lectures have been delivered by Mr. Horace Davidson, and although we are, as it were surrounded by taverns, yet, the temperance cause is advancing; much good has been effected; drunkards have been reclaimed and moderate men have been made teetotalers. Our society numbers at present 320 good soldiers, and we look forward to the day when enemies to temperance will be few and far between. In reviewing the progress of temperance for a few years past, the changes which have been produced in public opinion, on this important subject, are astonishing, even to its most sanguine friends; and it furnishes to us all the highest encouragement to continue our exertions until the common use of ardent spirit shall be considered as disgraceful as open opposition to such use was deemed unpopular—until reflecting men will no more think of making and vending ardent spirits as a means of gain, than they would now think of poisoning the well from which a neighbour obtains water for his family, or of arming a maniac to destroy his own life or the lives of those around him. It is a matter of surprise that so many ministers of the gospel yet stand aloof from the temperance reformation. Ministers who have embraced the cause look with confidence to the co-operation of these societies in aiding them in Christian instruction—for where a temperance society leads the way the Christian instructor might hope to follow with success. It is an institution of which the church of Christ, in all its branches, ought to be most anxious to avail itself. And unless ministers of the gospel and members of the church shall cease to teach, by their example or business, that fatal error, that it is right for men to buy and use ardent spirit as a drink, the evil will never be eradicated—intemperance will never cease. If ministers and members of Christian churches do not connive at the sin of furnishing this poison as a drink for their followers, and men, who, in opposition to truth and duty, continue to be engaged in this destructive employment, are viewed and treated as wicked men; the work which the Lord hath commenced and carried forward with a rapidity and to an extent hitherto unexampled in the history of the world, will continue to move onward, till not a name, nor a trace, nor a shadow of a drunkard, or a drunkard maker, shall be found on the globe. I say then, on all moderate drinkers, (for it cannot be denied that all the drunkenness in the land is produced by what is called the temperate use of ardent spirits) on all that traffic in the accursed thing, rests the woe that God himself hath denounced on him that putteth the cup to his neighbour's mouth and maketh him drunken.—W. K. FOXFORTH, Sec.

DUNVILLE, Feb. 17.—The Dunville temperance society held its first soiree on the evening of the 14th Feb., when there was in attendance two hundred and twenty persons, including the beauty, virtue and talent of Dunville and vicinity; the attention of the company was chained by the eloquence flowing from the lips of the Rev. Mr. T. Natham, H. Hopkins, Esq., and Mr. G. W. Bungay. The richness of this intellectual feast was enhanced by several pieces of appropriate music performed by the Pelham and Dunville choir; the refreshments served during the evening gave ample praise, to the fair hands engaged in preparing them.—A LOOKER ON.

NIAGARA, Feb. 18.—NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NIAGARA TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.—This society held its anniversary meeting in the temperance hall in this place, on the 31st. ult. The meeting was numerously attended, W. J. Cameron, Esq. President, in the Chair; the business of the evening was opened with music by the Niagara Temperance Band, after which the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and adopted; the President made a few remarks in explanation of one or two items contained in the reports, and then left the Chair, his term of office having then expired. Mr. Richard Wagstaff, was appointed Chairman for the evening, and Mr. F. M. Whitelaw, Secretary, after which the following gentlemen were elected officers of the society for the ensuing year: W. J. Cameron, Esq., Pres.; R. Wagstaff, & A. R. Christie, Vice-Pres.; P. Christie, Treasurer, and a Committee consisting of 25 persons.

It was then moved by Mr. Richard Wagstaff, seconded by Mr. James Butler, "That Messrs. John Nisbet and Francis Connor be appointed Delegates to represent this society in the District Association at St. Catharines, for the ensuing year."

Moved by Mr. A. R. Christie, seconded by Mr. G. D. Atkins, "That all Ministers of the Gospel, residents in the town of Niagara, or within its limits, who are members of the temperance society be ex-Officio members of this Committee."

Moved by Mr. F. Connor, seconded by Mr. F. W. Whitelaw, "That the thanks of this meeting are due, and are hereby tendered to the Ladies Committee with this Society, for the valuable assistance which they have rendered to the Committee on all necessary occasions, and in particular at the several *soirees* held by this Society, and their untiring exertions to promote generally the cause of temperance."

The report of the Secretary, shews that four *soirees* and nine public meetings were held during the past year, and an accession of 180 members to the society, from which it would seem that Niagara has not been slumbering for the last twelve months; although nothing has appeared in the columns of the *Advocate* to warrant such a conclusion.—FRANCIS M. WHITELAW, Sec.

PORT HOPE, February 28.—I am sorry to say that the good cause has been retrograding in the township of Hope these last two years, notwithstanding the most strenuous exertions of the Committee; things now, however, look more promising. On the 26th December we had a very interesting public meeting, agreeably to the suggestion in the *Advocate*, when the leading members seemed resolved to take hold with renewed zeal; the subject of petitioning the Legislature to abolish the traffic was discussed, and a Committee appointed to consider the propriety of taking action on the subject at the present time. This Committee reported unfavourably on the subject to the annual meeting held on the 10th of this month. The report was rejected all but unanimously—its adoption not being seconded—and a resolution carried with the same unanimity, approving of the form of a petition issued by the Montreal Society last year, and pledging themselves to union and co-operation in a general movement on the subject. One subject referred to in the said report, was approved of, viz.:—"They