

be done to promote a better state of things. We did so, and the prospects of the first, warranted us in appointing another, the following night; and, at the two Meetings, thirty-seven took the Entire Abstinence Pledge. And, although the Temperance Pledge was submitted, there was not one but became Teetotellers. A Society was formed, for the first time, in this place; and, from the character and intelligence of its Members, it bids fair to improve the state of things around. It was quite an interesting sight to see several Indians in attendance, and encouraging their white brethren and sisters to take the Pledge! I made mention of the Temperance Paper at the Meeting, and obtained eight Subscribers. From this place I proceeded to Gay's River. * * * Although there are a number of worthy persons who have not defiled their garments with intoxicating drinks; called on Samuel Moore—stated the object of my mission, and received encouragement that something might be done.

January 14.—Met, according to appointment, at the Presbyterian Meeting House—fifteen took the Pledge—appointed another Meeting in the same place on the 21st January. We expect to receive a larger accession, and to form a Society, which, I trust, will do much good in the place.

I have done what lay in my power in persuading persons to abandon the practice of rum selling, and open their establishments on temperance principles. As the day of reckoning has come, in these Sections of the County, in consequence of the current of travelling being turned in another direction, sufficient time is therefore allowed the Tavern keepers on the Main Eastern Road, to cast up their accounts. And where is there an individual of them that has made money at rum selling? Not one to my knowledge.

* * * From the past, Tavern Keepers had better learn a lesson which will guide them in their future operations. From Gay's River I proceeded to Musquodoboit—called on the Revd. John Sprott—by whom I was kindly received, and in whose manse I lodged during the most of my stay in that place. * * * The Temperance Meetings were intimated by Mr. Sprott, on Sunday, and as it was done in such a workman-like manner, and so much to the point, I will here state his method: "On Tuesday next, at 10 o'clock, there will be a Temperance Meeting.—I think it is your duty to attend, and take an active part in this great question, and acknowledge the Mission—not simply by passing votes of thanks, which seldom reach half way to where they are intended—but the most effectual way would be, by an appropriation of the precious metals to the purpose—this would be acknowledging in deed as well as in word." Had two Meetings in this place—one at the lower Meeting House, and another at the new and finely finished Church in the Upper Settlement, the plan and finish of which, reflects great praise on the people.

At each Meeting I took up collections for the agency, which, although small, indicated their willingness to assist in carrying forward the views of the Central Society in Halifax. On my return I will try and visit this place, and should any be disposed to contribute to this philanthropic cause, who have not done so, they will then have an opportunity. I also suggest the utility of sending Delegates to represent the Societies, at the Meeting to be held the last

Tuesday in February; also obtained nine Subscribers for the Temperance Paper.

After attending a funeral, by the request of Mr. Sprott, at the House of Mr. David Archibald—whose wife died, leaving an afflicted family to mourn the loss of a pious partner, and an affectionate and kind mother. After the funeral I was invited to partake of the hospitalities of Mr. Samuel Archibald, whose house is always a home for the travelling stranger passing that way. In taking my leave of Musquodoboit, I cannot fail to acknowledge the obligations I am under to Mr. Sprott and family; and I think that the praiseworthy disposition which has ever marked the labours of Mr. Sprott, in his charitable feeling, and earnest desire to cultivate a spirit of "peace and good will" among his brethren who differ with him in opinion, is an example well worthy of imitation, by all who bear the Christian name. This Evening I expect to meet the Society at Lower Stewiacke, in the Baptist Meeting House, and To-morrow at Gay's River, and on Monday next at Upper Stewiacke, Monday, 26th, at Truro—by this you may see I have work laid out for many days, what the ultimate success will be, it is for time to develop. As I proceed in the work, I am the more confirmed in opinion that it is a good work; and the object of the Mission is one which commends itself to every man's conscience.

I am, dear Sir.

Yours, very truly,

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To BEAMISH MURDOCH, Esqr.

GARRISON CHAPEL MEETING.

The Halifax Temperance Society has always had some active and very useful members belonging to the Regiment in this Garrison; whose regular attendance at meetings, as Members and Committee-men, gave an example to others, which was not without its effect.

The Commanding Officers of the Regiments now stationed here, have given encouragement to the men to enroll themselves under the Banner of Temperance, and it is probable from the readiness they have already evinced to engage, that they will soon cause some of the dealers in Fire Water residing in the vicinity of the Barracks to sound retreat.

On Tuesday afternoon a meeting was held in the Garrison Chapel, and these valued defenders of our homes were assembled to the number of 5 or 700. It was truly a gratifying sight, and the friends and leaders of the good cause of whom there were many present and among whom were B. Murdoch, Esq. who occupied the chair, Rev Dea Twining, Rev. Mr. Knowlan, Rev. Professor Crawley and Rev. Messrs. Crosscombe and Dewolf, Wesleyan Missionaries, who plainly evinced by their looks and language the high degree of pleasure they experienced on the interesting occasion.

By Colonel Robinson's kind permission the Band of the 30th Regt. attended, and gave forth its sweet strains accompanied by the united voices of nearly all present. Before the meeting closed 108 individuals took the pledge, 103 of whom were Military men.

The Soldiers and Inhabitants have always lived happily together in this city, even when the habits of both were