

day he was in the habit of collecting his fellow-workmen in his house, and divine service was performed.—*London Record*, May 21, 1835.

PROGRESS OF The Temperance Reform.

UPPER CANADA.

A meeting of the Yonge Street Temperance Society was held in Cummer's Meeting House on Saturday the 9th inst. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. E. Ryerson, and Elder Mitchell of the Baptist Church; the following Report of the Committee was also read, which by request I send to you for publication.

JAMES HUGHES.

Yonge Street, May 11, 1835. Secy.

REPORT.

The committee in taking a retrospective view of the rise and progress of this Society, congratulate its members on the great, and they trust lasting benefits which have been conferred through its agency under the smile and providence of God, whose glory it has the greatest tendency to promote in the well being of the souls and bodies of mankind.

They would assign as a principal cause of this congratulation, that upon examining the records of the society, and after raking into consideration the baneful influence of long established customs, and the violence generally manifested in opposition to an institution that has for its object the improvement of the condition of man, by those who rejoice not in the conversion of a sinner, but rather when one returns to the errors of his former ways, they have found it necessary only to erase the names of 2 for a breach of the rules; after deducting these, with 4 deaths and 5 for removals, there remain 131 who still continue faithful to their pledge, and useful members of community.

This number may be thought to be a comparatively small proportion to the population of the neighbourhood, but it should be taken into consideration that many who once indulged themselves with an inordinate or moderate use of ardent spirits have, through the influence of your society, to a greater or less degree renounced the odious practice, but are unwilling to enrol themselves as members of a temperance society. In addition to this, through the influence and agency of some of your members two societies have been formed since the last meeting of this society, both of which bid fair to be ornaments and blessings to their surrounding neighbourhoods.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SWITZER CHAPEL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

The select committee of the Switzer Chapel Temperance Society beg leave to call the attention of this meeting to the object of their appointment. In submitting their report for the past year, they would record their unfeigned acknowledgements to that God who hath protected and prospered the cause in which they are engaged, and hath permitted them to aid in that tide of reformation which they behold like a mighty torrent, swelling from year to year, and which ere long, we trust, will find its way into every inhabited quarter of the globe. Your committee can truly state that it is not with feelings of despondency that they meet you; although the society which they have the honour to represent, has not entirely accomplished its desired end, yet we find it has effected a most pleasing and beneficial change among us. The advocates for the temperance cause at the formation of this society, were few in number; yet such has been the change in public opinion that we now find its opposers much less—yes, we boldly say, less in number and less in argument; for although, with regret, we have to acknowledge that a few among us appear resolved to cleave to the bottle, and silently moving on, say by their actions, we are determined upon our destruction; although we cannot boast of having reformed many abandoned drunkards, yet we can with confidence assert, we have been instrumental in stopping many who were on the direct road to the vortex of dissipation; and it is with great pleasure that we state, that not only the fair sex have come forward in this noble work, but the youth of our neighbourhood have taken a particularly lively interest in its promotion, saying by their example we are determined to avoid that which had nearly proved the ruin of our fathers. With respect to the change that has taken place among us, we would state that of about 50 families, resident in the neighbourhood of our chapel, about fourteen now use ardent spirits; and of these we can safely say, that not more than one-twentieth the quantity of strong drink is used, that was used, when the temperance cause commenced here. For quarrels and fightings, we have peace and good nature; instead of profaning the name of the Most High, we find religion revered, and religious institutions supported and patronized; indeed, so great and salutary has been the moral change among us, that we have no hesitation in saying, that our present plan need only to be persevered in, and we shall shortly drive the monster Intemperance from our borders.

This society was formed in the year

1830; about fifteen persons then subscribed to the constitution; since that time (although there are three other societies in the township, numbering about 400 members,) our society has increased to 248.—Of this number three have died, nine have withdrawn, and eight have been expelled, leaving 228 members now in the society. Let us for a moment reflect upon what has been done for this invaluable cause. Are we conscious that we have individually done our duty to our families, our neighbourhood and our country? Have we not in time past been instrumental in helping forward the desolating cause of intemperance? Then let us be more active in this philanthropic, this almost best of all causes, let us redouble our exertions. Let us not conclude that our work is done, let us move forward, steady to our purpose, shewing by precept and example the excellence of the cause, until we more than realize our most sanguine expectations, and find the accursed sin of intemperance, not only banished from our neighbourhood, but from the province.

ELIJAH SWITZER, Secy.

Ernest Town, May 26, 1835.

STREETSVILLE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

A public meeting was held in Streetsville on the 3d July, to revive the temperance Society of that village and the vicinity, which had been long dormant, if not dead. The attendance on the occasion was respectable.

Addresses were delivered by the Rev. William Rintoul, Chairman; the Rev. Andrew Bell; Mr. Jacob Scott, yeoman, and Edward Thompson, Esq.: And as these went to show that the disuse of ardent spirits was a capital moral duty,—so all present appeared to be confirmed in their attachment to the principle of temperance societies, as they severally, with a few exceptions, renewed their pledge to abstain from ardent spirits, or, for the first time enrolled themselves members of the society.

Mr. Thompson, in the course of his address, showed, by a reference to facts which he had himself proved, that, even in those public works where labour has to be done in water, the men who abstain from ardent spirits are at once the most healthy and useful labourers.

The following individuals compose the Officers and Committee of the Society:—
The Rev. Wm. Rintoul, A. M., *President*.
Mr. Jacob Scott, *Vice-President*.
Mr. Erastus Street,
Mr. John M'Kechnie, } *Secretaries*.
Mr. John Street, *Treasurer*.

Committee.—Messrs. William Kent, Thomas Cartright, John Rutledge, Garry Camp, Ephraim Stein, Henry Sheldt, Samuel Switzer, senr., Isaac Scott.