

among temperance towns and villages, which her importance to the country parts of the Montreal District on this side of the river demands. Wishing you every success in the great work in which you are engaged, I remain, your's respectfully,

L. CAMPBELL.

RUSSELLTOWN, March 30, 1840.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

SIR,—The Russelltown Temperance Society meets regularly once a month, and now consists of about one hundred members; and I rejoice to say it has not failed to experience a gain at every meeting. At the last regular meeting a most thrilling address on temperance was delivered before the society, by the Rev. Barnabas Hitchcock, Wesleyan Minister, who with his son the Rev. Luke Hitchcock, are very zealous and active advocates, and by their unwearied exertions promise to do much good for the cause. May the God of temperance bless and prosper their labors. But to return to the address. A copy of it has been requested and promised for the press, but on account of the Reverend gentleman's assiduous attention to his clerical labors it has not yet been obtained, but it is still hoped to be and handed to the public, as it consists of a most vital and solemn appeal to the conscience on the pernicious tendency of manufacturing, vending or drinking any kind of alcoholic poisons, proving by various and striking illustrations that he or they who may be engaged in the abominable traffic in any way whatsoever, are as chargeable with murder as those who administer arsenic or any other deadly poisons for the immediate destruction of their fellow-creatures; for although more slow in its effects, it is, nevertheless, as destructive and fatal in its consequences.

It is the sincere wish of the writer, that whoever may get his or her eye on the above remarks, may not only view them with a mere passing glance, but reflect sincerely, ruminate thereon, and profit thereby.

JOHN MANNING, President.

CORNWALL, March 31, 1840.

SIR,—A meeting was held on Tuesday evening, 24th inst., when the following gentlemen were chosen, viz.: James Carnegie, President; Messrs. J. Gillie, and L. Prouty, Vice-Presidents; John Duncan, Treasurer; Wm. Glassford, Secretary; with a Committee of ten. The number of members belonging to the Total Abstinence Society, up to the 26th of March, is thirty-five. The Rev. George Ferguson, Methodist Minister, delivered a noble address here on temperance last Thursday evening, the 26th inst. There was a good number present. I hope the Lord will arouse our Ministers and principal men to take an active part in the cause.

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM GLASSFORD, Sec'y.

CLARENCE, April 7, 1840.

SIR,—It is with pleasure I am enabled to inform you that the friends of temperance here continue to maintain a firm and advancing position against the common enemy.

The present aspect of things with us is quite cheering, in reference to this important subject, not that our numbers are swelling by fresh accessions (although we fondly anticipate this result,) but a general disposition obtains among persons whose opinions and practice have hitherto been at variance with the principles of Temperance Societies, to examine the subject through the medium of the *Advocate*. This gratifying appearance enables us to double our order for papers this year; and we fondly trust the extended circulation of the *Advocate* on the Ottawa will prove a very great blessing. The zeal of our committee of late has been quite praiseworthy, the members have divided the settlements of both sides of the river into districts, and assigned to each his sphere. In fulfilling this mission, each house was visited without distinction—the subject of temperance recommended; and the utility of the *Temperance Advocate* pointed out. With few exceptions, success followed their efforts. Enclosed you will find £2 13 9 to pay for *Advocates*; the remainder, namely, nine shillings and a penny, you will please receive as a small donation from our funds to assist in your gratuitous distribution of the *Advocate*.

W. EDWARDS.

WHITBY, March 27, 1840.

SIR,—It is with much pleasure that I again, by request, inform you of the progress of temperance in this vicinity. The friends of the cause have at present here, and I apprehend throughout the province generally, brighter prospects than at any former period. There has been for a considerable time, a growing excitement upon this question, which is gradually leading to the formation of societies. In the Township of Pickering I was lately discharging official duties, when it was intimated to me that a few individuals wished to take into consideration the propriety of forming a Temperance Society, and that it would be agreeable if I would lend some aid, if they should resolve to try. At the close of my other duties I stated the proposal, and requested those concerned to wait and talk a little about it, and probably arrange for having a lecture on the subject. The whole meeting waited, and I was immediately informed that it was unnecessary to take any trouble about the affair, as nobody there wanted any thing of the kind, but *two men*; but a third soon spoke out, and a fourth, and a fifth, till I saw that at all events a lecture would be listened to, and accordingly a time was fixed upon. After its delivery the enrolment of names was much beyond expectation, and now, after but a very short time, the Society consists of 52 members and 43 upon the Total pledge. I have adverted to the circumstances at the formation of this Society, believing that it illustrates the propriety of the friends of the cause always trying. In the case referred to, I believe the numbers are already treble what the few known friends anticipated. I am requested to enclose for this Society *three dollars* for the *Advocate*, a few copies of which I have distributed among them at different times, which have attracted much consideration. Along with this you will also receive 10s. for the same purpose, from a Society lately organized in the Township of Darlington. It is just starting, consisting of 29, of whom I rejoice to say, 18 are upon the Total principle. You will please enclose their papers, with those coming here, to my direction.

A very general regret prevails in this vicinity, that Mr. Dougall did not give us a call, and help us a little forward. Although we are, upon the whole, doing well, there are many who cannot be attracted to the consideration of the question, but by *something new*.

The accompanying lines have been put into my hand to send to the *Advocate* to be inserted there, if you think them worthy of a place. It may be proper to observe that it is the production of a poor man, who cannot write a word of his own effusion. The lines were occasioned by a most barbarous murder, lately committed here at a tavern, and solely, I believe, owing to intemperance. There are several things in the life of the murderer which I understand are fitted to produce a strong testimony against intoxicating drinks; but I wait till the result of the trial is known, when they can be noticed with more propriety. If any thing in the above is of use, you are of course at liberty to use it.

I am, Sir, your's, &c.

R. H. THORNTON.

[We have to reserve the poetry for want of room.—Ed.]

LONDON, U. C., March 14, 1840.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge my obligations for your gratuitous number of the *Canada Temperance Advocate* with which you have favoured me. Its decided, yet temperate tone, has not only pleased but benefited me. As it periodically arrested my attention, my prejudices to your movements were overcome, and though, in the first instance, I subscribed your pledge by way of example, yet I can now do it from a conviction of the correctness of your principles and a choice of your course. We have been much gratified with the presence and advocacy of your President, John Dougall, Esq. I had the pleasure of meeting him at Amiens and London, when seventeen at the former and forty-eight at the latter enrolled themselves as members of the Society. Since then a temperance teetotal society has been organized at each place. At Amiens there are thirty-three members, and in London fifty-eight. I should have much pleasure, could I inform you that our respectable officials and leading merchants had lent us their countenance and influence in stemming the tide of intemperance in this increasingly intemperate town; but "*nil desperandum*" they may yet be won. Thanks be unto God, we have more than ten righteous men, and I record it as a cheering fact that one of the four police magistrates