

fectly extinguished piece of paper on lighting a candle, the dropping of live ashes from a tobacco pipe, &c. These contingencies we try to guard against as follows:—

1. No smoking is allowed in the premises. Any workman seen with a tobacco pipe in his possession would be instantly discharged.

2. No lamp or gas is allowed to be lighted with a piece of paper; and any person chargeable with this offence would also be discharged. The gas lights on each floor are under the exclusive management of one person appointed for the purpose. It is the duty of this individual to light the gases under his charge with a small oil lamp, and, having lighted them, to extinguish the lamp by drawing a moveable hood over it; it is then carefully set aside till it is again wanted.

3. After all the lights are put out, and one hour after the departure of the workmen, the superintendent goes over the whole premises to see that no fire is smouldering.

4. At several accessible places in the premises there are water pipes ready to be turned on in a moment, and, if need be, to deluge the floors. Leather buckets are also hung up ready for use.

5. The premises are heated by steam pipes. No stoves are employed.

6. The communications between the different buildings are cut off with iron doors, which are shut at night.

By these several means, unexpensive and costing little trouble, we may be said to do all that human foresight can suggest in order to avert the calamity of fire, or to mitigate its ravages should it unfortunately occur.

## Progress of the Cause.

### CANADA.

**MALAHIDE.**—At the sixth Anniversary of the Malahide and Silver Creek Society, the following Report was read:

*Report of the Malahide Silver-Creek Total Abstinence Society, for the year ending 10th Feb., 1848, being its sixth Anniversary.*

We are persuaded that under the blessing of Almighty God this Institution has done, and is still doing, much good, and has been the means of reclaiming many from the vortex of misery, to which the path of the drunkard ever tends; and we have no doubt that those principles implanted by its advocates will produce a lasting impression upon the rising generation, which they will have reason to bless with their latest memory.

The Committee on looking over the records of the Society find that there has been altogether persons who have enrolled their names, 340

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The Committee are gratified in saying that the greater number of those who have moved out of the limits of this Society still continue consistent members, and such of them as are situated in the vicinity of a Society have enrolled themselves in their respective neighbourhoods.

We have viewed with some regret, that the monthly meetings of the Society have not of late been quite so numerously attended as on former occasions, but when we take into consideration the amount of sickness that has existed this last summer and fall within the limits of this Society, we consider this to be the cause; and we look with gratitude to the Divine disposer of all good for that returning state of health, which will, no doubt, bring with it that renewed energy which has heretofore marked the progress of the cause in the vicinity of this Society.

We would also remark, that taking into consideration the state of society generally, in this place, there is great cause for encouragement to perseverance in the promotion of correct principles on this subject, as they affect the most vital interests of society in general, and more particularly the rising generation. So that under all considerations and circumstances your Committee would encourage all to renewed diligence and perseverance in a cause which has for its object the amelioration of the condition of man. On behalf of the Committee—W. E. MURRAY, Sec.

**Feb. 10, 1848.**—This evening, the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Malahide Silver-Creek Total Abstinence Society was held, at No. 5 School-house, when the above Report was read by the Secretary, and the following resolution unanimously adopted. Resolved,—That the Report now read be adopted and sent to the *Temperance Advocate*. The meeting was then addressed in a very lucid and interesting manner by Mr. Wheaton, who was present, and who was requested to speak on the occasion. The following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Joseph Harvey, President; John Walton and Israel Thayer, Vice Presidents; Walter E. Murray, Secretary; Elias Hill, Treasurer; with a Committee of six.

**WAINFLEET, Feb. 23.**—I beg leave to acquaint you that a temperance soiree was held at Stone Bridge, Humberston, on the 16th inst., which was numerously attended. The room was crowded to excess, as nearly two hundred persons were present, and a general satisfaction appeared to prevail. The meeting was held in a house lately occupied as an inn, and, much to the credit of the proprietor, was given free of charge. The innkeepers of the village, so far from opposing us, gave us their splendid glass lamps, which contributed much to the lighting of the house. The more respectable part of the community attended, and apparently were much gratified. The chair was taken by the President, John Graybut, Esq., who discharged his duties well. The meeting was then called to order, and opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hall; after which there was an appropriate song by the choir. Mr. Atkins was then called upon to give the opening address. After having spoken of the benefits of entire abstinence on himself and others, he was unfortunately interrupted by one who would be called a *doctor*, and who had sipped rather freely at the bottle before coming. The Rev. Mr. Hall was next called upon to address the meeting, who depicted the evils of intemperance by frequent appeals to examples, within the notice of all who are not determined to shut their eyes against light and knowledge. After which Mr. Dubois was called upon, and spoke at considerable length in a masterly and scientific manner, much to the gratification of the audience. Then another song by the choir. The collation was next served round, and after having partaken of the luxurious bounties of Providence, order was again restored, and the Hon. Mr. Parke was called upon, though unexpectedly to him, and he gave us a very interesting discourse. A variety of songs were afterwards sung, and the company broke up about 12 o'clock, highly gratified.—A. BOARDMAN, Sec.

**GREENBUSH, March 14, 1848.**—As accounts of the prosperity and success of our common cause in different localities is calculated to encourage the heart, strengthen the resolution, and increase the efforts of the true friends of Temperance, I take the liberty to send you for publication the present condition and prospects of our Society. This Society was formed on its present basis in February, 1840. The whole number of signatures obtained to the pledge since that time is 611, being just 100 more than was received to the old moderation pledge in precisely the same term of years. The Society has sustained a loss, during