

river, and in crossing over fell through the ice, and was drowned. He was steady, ingenuous, and well-behaved—not known to be addicted to drinking. But he is gone; and his relations painfully mourn their loss. And, indeed, what mind possessing any feeling but must weep over the thousands slain by alcohol? I would, however, observe that the Indians under my charge are very sober and consistent; and this is the only case of intoxication during the year, and the only case of death by drinking since I have been resident on the St. Clair Mission, for nearly three years.

Wishing you every success in the good cause, I remain, with sentiments of high regard, your's truly,

JOHN DOUSE, *Wesleyan Missionary.*

*FOURTH CONCESSION, LONDON, U.C., Jan. 18, 1841.*

SIR,—I am happy to inform you that a material change has taken place in the cause of Temperance in the Township of London. Where there was formerly a slothful indifference in the cause, there is now a manifest delight taken in the benevolent enterprise of Teetotalism. There was a meeting held at the school-house at the Fifth Concession of London, which was addressed by Rev. Mr. Colman. At the close of the meeting, thirty joined the Teetotal pledge, when it was proposed that the Total Abstinence Constitution should be adopted. This was carried by a large majority, and William Warner was elected President; C. W. Perkins, Secretary; Peter Gibson and Orange Clark, Vice-Presidents; with a Committee of six. We hold our meetings monthly; and our present number of members is sixty.

I remain, your's, &c.,

C. W. PERKINS, *Secretary*  
*London Township Total Abstinence Society.*

*PARSCOTT, February 15, 1841.*

DEAR SIR,—At the invitation of Mr. Nash, I attended a Temperance meeting on the 12th instant, in the Sixth Concession of Elizabethtown, and addressed the people on the subject of temperance. I was pleasingly disappointed in finding a Society there, only a few months old, yet numbering more than 100 abstinence members. The zealous President, Mr. Eyers, informed me that the cause has had its full share of opposition; but that opposition is now silenced, and better feeling is rapidly obtaining. Several persons united in my presence, some of whom have heretofore been quite opposed. In the course of the evening I ascertained that the Settlement was without a Temperance publication, and recommended the *Advocate*. Enclosed is the requisite amount for ten subscribers. Respectfully yours,

H. WILKINSON, *Wesleyan Minister.*

*ELIZABETHTOWN, February 12, 1841.*

DEAR SIR,—With much pleasure I write to inform you of what we are doing here in the cause of temperance. Previous to our annual meeting in February last, we had two Societies in operation; and while the old, or moderation Society was continually lessening in numbers, the Abstinence Society was gradually gaining ground, and its members generally maintained their pledge inviolate. It was therefore thought by some that the old Society had done all the good it was calculated to do, and the members of the two Societies concluded to drop them both, and form a new Abstinence Society. This was accordingly done, and the present Society commenced its operations with 118 members.

No meeting of this Society took place from the time referred to until the 4th instant, when we had a good meeting, which was ably and profitably addressed by the Rev. Mr. Jeffries, (Wesleyan.) At the close of his address, forty gave in their names as members of the Society; and at our annual meeting, which took place on the 9th, twenty-four names were obtained, which increased our number to 182. We expect, by the blessing of Him to whom we owe the success of our cause, to have a few more meetings while the sleighing lasts, and I am sanguine in the belief that we shall soon double our number. A few melancholy accidents which occurred near here last fall, appear to be the principal means of opening the eyes of the people to the danger of trifling with so deadly an enemy as Alcohol. I remain, your's most sincerely,

H. W. BLANCHARD.

A Soldier in the 34th Regiment stationed at Toronto, writes to a friend in town under date January 23, 1841:

“DEAR BROTHER,—Temperance is still esteemed by me, and considered as the beginning of my temporal prosperity. This good cause is prospering in our Regiment: our last few meetings have been crowded; the Quarter-Master Serjeant has joined our ranks. We have about 100 members. Serjeant Eagan is President.”

## LOWER CANADA.

*CLARENCEVILLE, January 21, 1841.*

SIR,—On Christmas day last, a meeting was held in the Wesleyan Chapel of this place, which was numerously attended. Two addresses were delivered, the substance of which was, the nature and benefits of Temperance Associations. Fifty-seven persons signed the pledge. The success which crowned this humble effort encouraged us to make another; therefore a meeting was appointed for the evening of the 31st December. The meeting was attended by a highly respectable audience, many of whom expressed their interest for the welfare of the cause by more than mere words, for sixty-two persons signed the pledge; thereby declaring to the world, that the year 1841 would be in reality a new epoch in their existence, or, in other words, that they had become total abstainers from all that intoxicates. We organized a Society, appointed a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Committee. Thus in less than one week a Society has been raised up consisting of 119 members, which had no previous existence.

On the evening of the 1st January, a meeting was held in the Wesleyan Chapel at Phillipsburg, and a lecture delivered on the origin, objects, and principles of Temperance Societies. Thirty-three persons signed the pledge, some of whom were soldiers of the First Provincial Regiment stationed in that place, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Dyer. The friends of the cause requested the appointment of a meeting at a subsequent period, for the purpose of organization. While these supporters of good order and domestic comfort returned to their happy homes, highly gratified with an evening spent at a temperance meeting, it was not so with the miserable victims of inebriation; for that very night, in the vicinity of the village, an unfortunate drunkard was frozen to death, and left a wife and three helpless children to mourn over his untimely end. The circumstances connected with this melancholy event, as far as I can learn, are as follows. I insert them, hoping that they may prove a warning to others. On New Year's day, the deceased, in company with his wife, went to a grocery and purchased a bottle of whiskey, of which they both drank freely. On their return home, which was at some distance, and the evening very stormy, they became exhausted. The woman advised her husband to enter a house nigh at hand, and remain all night. Thus they parted to meet no more in time. After leaving her husband, she struggled for some time against the wind and snow, until exhausted nature began to sink. Her hopes of life had almost expired, when she discovered a light, to which she hastened in time to save her life; for when she reached the house, her hands and feet were badly frozen. The unfortunate man wandered out of the highway into the fields; and was found next day, a ghastly corpse! Thus he died a victim of intemperance. But at whose hands will the Lord require his blood?

On the 13th January, at the request of a number of the inhabitants, a temperance meeting was held in the Township of Stanbridge, near the village of Bedford, which was well attended, and fraught with interest. Thirty-eight persons signed the total abstinence pledge, one of whom was a venerable man, upwards of eighty years of age, who claimed the privilege of having his name put down first on the list, which was readily granted.

I am, your's respectfully,

M. McDONALD.

*LAPRAIRIE BARRACKS, February 10, 1841.*

SIR,—A Temperance Meeting took place in the schoolroom of the 65th Regiment, at Laprairie, which was attended by a crowded military audience. The room was spacious and well lighted, and the good order and excellent arrangement of the placards, spoke highly for the good taste, of both President and Secretary, Messrs.