

that the principles of the total abstinence pledge were in accordance with those of the Catholic Religion. Another meeting will soon be held here, when probably a local society shall be formed; 15 gave in their names as a beginning.

25th, Saunder's School-House, 2d Concession, *Sophiasburgh*.—Unexpectedly found a small society already formed here. Had a very agreeable meeting, in sixty young people, obtained here, and at *Lightmyer's* in the same Concession, where we held an extra meeting last night, 14 new names to the association.

27th, Carson's, *Marysburgh*.—The meeting in the school-house was disturbed by a person in a state of intoxication. After adjourning to a private house to avoid the interruption, a short address was made to those who had come over, by the Rev. Mr. Jones, Methodist, a devoted friend to the cause, who had accompanied me. Our troubles appeared not yet ended: for the principles and propriety of the Temperance Society were vehemently opposed by a Universalist, and an Exhorter in the Canadian Wesleyan Connection, a conversational argument being kept up to a late hour. In the turmoil I obtained only 8 new subscribers to the pledge.

28th, Tubb's School House, *West Lake*.—Was assisted in addressing a few friends here, by Mr. Blake, teacher, and Mr. W. Hubbs. Obtained 13 names, among whom was one hard drinker, who, if he strictly adhere to total abstinence, will an hundred-fold repay all the labour the writer has bestowed on the cause.

I have now completed my tour through this District, during which I have held 24 meetings, seen 275 persons sign the pledge of total abstinence, and obtained 26 new subscribers to the *Advocate*, exclusive of some who sent through the Post Office, and others who will soon send.

It is now just two years since societies were first formed in this District on total abstinence principles. At present the old ground of abstinence from distilled spirits only, is almost totally abandoned; there is not, I believe, one organized society on this principle, and but about 150 scattered members. Nearly all the friends of our cause, although admitting that a great amount of good has resulted from the operation of the old system, feel convinced of the propriety of greater self-denial in order to reclaim the intemperate, and save the rising generation.

The reformation, I am convinced, is steadily gaining ground among all classes. All the ministers of the three branches of Methodists, eight in number, in the District, are the totallers; and are advocating the cause more or less. The same remarks will apply to the Presbyterians. The ministers of the Quakers, particularly the orthodox, are also friendly to the cause, but from their peculiar ecclesiastical polity, or perhaps other views, their members, generally, decline enrolling themselves. The same remarks will nearly apply to the Disciples, a kind of Baptists, a small but respectable society of which exists here. But above all, too much praise cannot be given to the Rev. Mr. Lalor, Roman Catholic Priest, for his exertions to promote temperance in the society with which he is connected. He has succeeded so far, in a remarkable degree, in renovating the habits of a class, who formerly were notably intemperate, but now are among the most orderly of the community.

Many members also of the Church of England are taking a deep interest in the cause; and we trust the time is at hand when the whole weight of their influence will be thrown into the scale. When such an event takes place, the reform will progress rapidly, as they embrace a great share of the official class; against whom loud complaints are sometimes made for their backwardness in the cause, but I am not sure that sufficient grounds exist for such complaints in Prince Edward. Eight Magistrates are now pledged members, as many more either adhere to the old system, or are acting on the principles; and are decidedly friendly to the cause, and I have no doubt will soon enrol themselves. And here I may remark, that one of them, who owns a share in a brewery, won't drink his own beer!

Every physician in the district appears to be convinced of the propriety of total abstinence, as the accompanying certificate, which I had the pleasure of seeing signed by all the physicians in the district will shew, and most of them are members of the society. Several retailers, within a short time, have ceased selling the destroying fluid! and as far as I could learn, there is not one of the public innkeepers, or distillers, a member of any

religious society, and but one or two of the shop retailers who are professors.

Upon the whole I may say, there is more enlightened, zealous action on the subject, than at any former period; and that the small District of Prince Edward, containing only a population of 14,000 souls, but having in its borders 1800 pledged total abstinence members, exclusive of those on the old pledge, is among the foremost in the cause of Temperance.

I have the honor to be, &c.

J. McDONALD, Agent.

Pictou, Nov. 1, 1841.

CERTIFICATE.

"An opinion, handed down from ignorant times, has become very general, that the use of some portion of alcoholic drink—as of wine, beer, or spirits—is beneficial to health, and even necessary for those subjected to hard labour.

Anatomy, Physiology, and the experience of all ages, when properly examined, must satisfy every mind; that the above opinion is altogether erroneous.

Man, in ordinary health, like other animals, requires no such stimulants, and cannot be benefited by the habitual employment of any quantity of them, large or small; nor will their use during his life-time increase the aggregate amount of his labour; in whatever quantity they are employed, they will rather tend to diminish it. When he is in a state of temporary debility, from illness or other causes, a temporary use of them, as of other tonic medicines, may be desirable; but as soon as he is raised to his natural standard of health, a continuance of their use can do no good to him, even in the most moderate quantities; while larger quantities (yet such as by many persons are thought moderate) do sooner or later prove injurious to the human constitution, without any exception.

(Signed by all the physicians in the District of Prince Edward viz.) Thos. Moore, A. Austin, A. V. V. Pruyn, Ben. Cory, John Keogh, J. P. Powers, H. Weeks, R. J. Chapman, W. C. Dorland.

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DEAR SIR,—I have this day completed my third temperance tour, which, notwithstanding the general unfavourable state of the weather, has been attended with some good results.

Monday 8th.—This morning I left Montreal and arrived in *Bytown*, *Wednesday 10th*.—I met with some of the Committee, and made the necessary arrangements for a series of meetings. The meeting this evening in the Wesleyan chapel, though not numerously attended (about 80 being present), was not without interest: Mr. D. Kennedy, President, in the chair; the address occupied an hour and a half; at its close 26 joined. I distributed 100 tracts, and shewed my Communion wine, this had a good effect. Visited the doctors here, and procured their names to the same testimony given by those at Quebec. In this town are 79 places for the sale of intoxicating drinks, only forty of which are licensed. Messrs. C. B. App and Bishoprick are truly devoted to the cause.

New Edinburgh, Thursday 11th.—There is a distillery here in full operation. Held the meeting in the school-house, 50 present, 9 of whom signed the pledge. I recommended the *Advocate*, circulated a few copies, and about 60 tracts.

Chelsea, Friday 12th.—On account of the very short notice, only 15 persons assembled in the school-house, one half were members, none of the rest would join; distributed 30 tracts and *Advocates*. An unhappy feeling exists here, arising out of the alleged inconsistency of some members who support men in the traffic in preference to others whose stores are conducted on total principles.

Aylmer, Saturday 13th.—Rev. Mr. Jamieson was very active in preparing for the meeting held in the school-house, at which 30 individuals were present, to whom I spoke upwards of an hour; at the close 17 joined, amongst whom were two physicians; produced my wine, circulated 40 tracts, and obtained 5 subscribers to the *Advocate*.

Bel's School-House, Sunday 14th.—The lecture in the forenoon was attended by 50 persons, and while I endeavoured to improve an hour from Jer. xlii. 23, the possibility of saving drunkards was not only believed, but its probability excited earnest prayer for the certainty.

Scott's School-House, Sunday 14th.—To this place, through bad roads, 35 persons found their way to hear the lecture in the afternoon, from Prov. xx. 1. The remarks and illustrations were well received, and I think a general feeling prevailed in favor of total abstinence from drinks so pernicious in their effects.

Bytown, Sunday 14th.—The Wesleyan chapel in the evening accommodated a very respectable congregation of about 250 persons, who had assembled for the lecture; the passage of scripture