

To the Editor of the Canada Temperance Advocate.

INVERNESS, March 22, 1836.

SIR,—By inserting the following proceedings of a Temperance meeting in this place, in your useful *Advocate*, you will oblige the friends of Temperance.

Five years ago a Temperance Society was formed in this Township, but not meeting with much encouragement at that time, it lay dormant till the 8th instant, when a meeting was again called, and the Society re-organized.

Z. Goff, Esq., being called to the chair, the following Resolutions were passed unanimously:—

Moved by Mr. Walter Hargrave, seconded by Mr. J. Greenly,

That the constitution now read be received and adopted.

Moved by the Rev. E. S. Ingalls, seconded by Mr. L. Campbell,

That the members of this Society, considering the evils arising from the use of ardent spirits, resolve to discountenance the same, as far as practicable, by precept and example.

Moved by Mr. E. Loet, seconded by Mr. J. Stovan,

That ardent spirits, except as a medicine, are not only useless, but highly pernicious in their effects.

Moved by Mr. William Hargrave, seconded by Mr. J. Greenly,

That the duty of Temperance is strongly enjoined upon us in the Word of God.

Moved and seconded, That the following gentlemen be solicited to act as officers of this Society, for the following year:—

Z. Goff, Esq., *President*.

Mr. Walter Hargrave, *V. President*.

L. Campbell, *Secretary*.

J. Stovan,

J. Greenly,

E. Loet,

J. Cochran,

William Hargrave, } *Committee*.

The meeting was addressed by the Rev. E. S. Ingalls, and several others, and was kept up with great interest to a late hour. The encouragement exceeded the Committee's most sanguine expectations. At the close of the meeting, twenty-eight came forward and put down their names in favor of the Temperance cause; the following day twenty gave their names, together with twelve who had joined at the formation of the Society, amounts to fifty-seven. Of the above number twenty-six are females.

L. CAMPBELL.

LACOLLE.—Our friends in this Seigniorie are no *half-measure men*, as will be seen by the following letter from the Secretary. We direct the attention of our readers to their first Resolution.

LACOLLE, April 12, 1836.

SIR,—I send you a brief statement, for insertion in the *Advocate*, if you think proper, of a public meeting of the Seigniorie Lacolle Temperance Society, which was held on Tuesday, the 15th March last. It was a very interesting meeting, and the result is a satisfactory evidence that a portion of the community in this section of the country have not become *weary in well doing*, but, to the utmost of their feeble abilities, are determined to uphold the philanthropic cause of Temperance, and to extend its influence.

The President of the Society having taken the Chair, and prayer being offered at the Throne of Divine Grace, the meeting listened to an excellent and feeling address, delivered by

the Rev. Mr. Scott, a clergyman from the United States. After the address, the following Resolutions were moved and passed; they were ably supported by Mr. Hubble, of Champlain.

1. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Society the individuals selling intoxicating drinks in this Seigniorie are the direct promoters of immorality.

2. *Resolved*, That this Society considers total abstinence as indispensably necessary to ensure the ultimate success of the Temperance cause.

3. *Resolved*, That Branch Societies be formed throughout the Seigniorie.

A pledge of total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors was then submitted to the meeting for signature, (in addition to the pledge of abstinence from spirituous liquors, adopted at the formation of the Society,) when forty-six persons immediately attached themselves to it; two individuals also subscribed to the limited pledge. It is unnecessary for me to mention the number of members in the Society, as you but recently received a statement, from the delegate of this Society, of this and other particulars. I remain, Sir, your obedient humble servant,

J. McCALLUM, *Sec.*

Varieties.

The late Rev. Mr. Vicar, one of the Ministers of the West Church, discovered a woman, one of his parishioners, sitting by the road-side, with her bundle lying in the mud before her. "O will ye help me up wi' my bundle, Sir?" says she. "Fye, fye, Janet, to see the like o' you in such a plight! do you know where all drunkards go to?" "Help me up wi' my bundle, Sir, and I will tell you." "Well, well," says the Parson, "I shall; now answer my question." "Well, to tell you the truth, Sir, just whar the drap o' guid drink is to be got."

TEMPERANCE AMONG THE WEAS.—A writer in the *Christian Mirror* says:—"An anecdote was related to me, which shows fully the stand beginning to be taken on the subject of temperance. An Indian of another tribe some time ago, brought a keg of whiskey to distribute amongst the Weas. A Wea chief named Charley, seized the keg, and with his tomahawk broke the head and poured the contents upon the ground.—He observed afterwards that the grass was killed where the whiskey was spilt, and seemed to conclude that if it was so prejudicial to vegetable life it might also be to animal life—a rational conclusion truly, which may afford a lesson to some who value themselves on a whiter skin than Charley's. He declared he *smelt the devil three days*, where the keg was broken. A temperance society has been formed with a considerable number of members.

Temperance is the best preventive of Cholera. It is stated that not one of the members of the Temperance Societies in England, Scotland or Ireland, has died of the cholera!—*Macclesfield Courier*.

DRUNKENNESS.—An officer of high rank states, that in the West Indies, almost entirely from rum, 450 men out of 1000 of his regiment were buried in four months, in 1801. Captain Hart Davies, in twenty years' service, does not recollect three cases of crime in the army not originating in drunkenness, which certainly gives rise to ninety-nine out of every hundred punishments. Nine out of ten of the American vessels frequenting the port of Liverpool, sail without ardent spirits on board, and the crews are perfectly satisfied with the change.

THE OPINION OF A TAVERN KEEPER.—A tavern keeper in Putnam County in this state, was recently heard to make the following remark:—"None of my *decent* customers ever call for liquor, or drink any, when offered to them. I have some ardent spirits on hand at present, and when that is used, I am done with the *vile thing*."

We appeal to all inn-keepers throughout the country to say if they cannot subscribe to the above declaration that "no decent customers ever call for liquor"—and if such be the fact, we would ask why it is that they continue to accommodate with liquor their *indecent* customers, to the sad annoyance of all sober travellers.—*American Temperance Advocate*.

TEE-TOTAL SIGN.—A brewer met a teetotalter, an old customer of his, well dressed one Sunday, and intending to *trout* him, said "Come, John, shew us the tee-total sign" (alluding to the pass signs of secret societies.) "Very well, I will," and pulling his hand out of his pocket, full of silver, said, *This is the tee-total sign!*"

CHAMPAIGN.—No, no; said an old fuddler, there is no *sham* about it; it is *real* pain, I assure you.

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