

ing so well, that it is expected they will shortly become independent Societies. This triumph of truth over error—of intelligence over vitiated appetite, and confirmed prejudice—is very signal, and is a cause of gratitude and encouragement. But with such a host of “moderate drinkers,” marshalled (I may say) by a Minister of the Gospel, opposing this self-denying, this benevolent and every-way Christian movement, complete victory in this locality may yet be far distant. Still, if looking back to what has been already accomplished, and forward to what is yet to be achieved, will have its proper effect, our sluggish powers will be roused into more vigorous action; and humbly relying on Divine aid, we will affectionately exercise all the “means consistent with our plan of moral suasion,” till every drunkard is reclaimed, every moderate drinker is induced to forsake his fascinating but awfully ruinous practice, and King Alcohol dethroned and closeted in the Medical Hall. Our meetings are held once every four weeks, and this I am fully convinced is not too often for any Society, during the first year at least. At our annual meeting it was “Resolved that each male member above the age of 16 shall contribute a sum not less than 1s 3d in aid of the funds of the Society;” and the most sanguine expectations of our office bearers have been more than realized in the increase and stability of our members, and that such may be the case hereafter, is the earnest desire of—ALEX. McLAREN, Sec.

ELM GROVE, April 3.—At our annual meeting the following officers were elected, viz.:—Dr. A. O. Kellogg, President; John Haight, Vice-President; James Hilborn, Treasurer; and the Writer, Secretary; with a Committee of nine. There have been added the past year about 30 members; whole number, 160. Some of those that have united in our last efforts have been much given to the use of strong drink, but are now happily delivered from its bondage. We have had several lectures from Dr. Kellogg, Provost, and several ministers, which have had a good effect in keeping the subject before the public. We united with the adjacent Township of Ops last spring in sending a petition to Parliament on the license system, though it was unsuccessful. We are still of opinion that it is the duty of Temperance men, and all well-wishers to their country, to speak out on this subject, that the abuses in the system may be reformed. The people of this Township have been noted from its first settlement for their good order and sobriety; but we are well aware, if the dealers in intoxicating drinks are encouraged to take out license, they will soon corrupt the morals of the people, and change our society for the worse.—JOHN DIX, Sec.

CHARLESVILLE, OSNABRUCK, 6th April, 1848.—I transmit you a brief sketch of the success attending the labours of Mr. Wadsworth in this vicinity, when on his tour last winter. A few years ago, a Temperance Society was formed in this village, but their labours, though crowned with success at first, did not effect any permanent good, in consequence of the introducing of two pledges into the Society. That the Society did not prosper, and finally became extinct, was just what might naturally have been expected, as past experience has shown too plainly, that moderation in the drinking usages is not calculated to lessen materially the number of drunkards, and to dry up the source from whence the evil comes. No happy results have ever been realized from the moderate, or, if you please, half-way pledge; and any Society entertaining both cannot prosper, from the fact, that the one principle conflicts with the other. While the grand object of teetotallers is to reform the drunkard, they are quite as active in endeavouring to thin the ranks of the moderate drinkers, as it is evident from the latter class come all the inebriates. As the introduction of two pledges into the former Society marred its usefulness, the present one, formed by Mr. Wadsworth, has adopted but one, and the members, one and all, have waged a war of extermination to mode-

rate as well as excessive drinking. But our weapons are Christian; by kind and persuasive arguments we hope to eradicate the seeds of intemperance from this otherwise happy community. At the conclusion of Mr. Wadsworth's address, the pledge was circulated, and forty signatures obtained, from which number the following officers were unanimously elected:—Rev. John Hill, President; Mr. Simon, J. Bush, and the Writer, Vice-Presidents; Mr. E. Barnhart, Treasurer; and H. L. Cook, Secretary; with a Working Committee. We have had three meetings since the Society was instituted, which were addressed by the officers. We were so far successful, that 68 new names have been received, making, in the aggregate, 108. At our last meeting an incident occurred which is encouraging, and will stimulate us to persevere. A confirmed drunkard came forward and subscribed his name to the pledge. This augurs well; and as there are a few more similar cases in this neighbourhood, we trust we shall be able to induce them to throw off the galling fetters of intemperance, and reinstate reason's prerogative.—J. R. AULD.

CORNWALL, April 10.—Having a moment to spare, I hasten to perform a duty, too long neglected, viz., to report the proceedings of the “Eastern District of the Total Abstinence Union,” at its first annual meeting, convened at Mrs. Chesley's Temperance Inn, in this town, on the 24th ult. The meeting was opened by prayer by the Rev. J. Loverin, of Monlinette; after which delegates from several societies took their seats in the convention. The following gentlemen were then unanimously elected as office-bearers for the ensuing year:—Peter Christie, Esq., of Martintown, was re-elected President; Mr. G. Purkis, of Dickinson's Landing, and Mr. Isaiah Ault, of Charlesville, were elected Vice-Presidents; N. A. Murch, of Cornwall, was elected Secretary; and Mr. Joseph Borkus, of Osnabruck, was re-elected Treasurer. Several resolutions were passed, two of which are deserving of notice. The first referred to more systematic effort in the circulation of a petition to Parliament, praying for a repeal of the existing license laws; and the second to the employment of a popular lecturer to pass through the District. The meeting was then adjourned. In the evening a meeting was held in Mrs. Chesley's Hall, which was addressed by Mr. G. Purkis, G. Macdonald, Esq., the Rev. Mr. Fraser, of Cornwall, and by your humble servant. After the exercises of the evening closed, tea was provided, to which about 20 ladies and gentlemen sat down. The proceedings throughout were harmonious and delightful, and the joyful hope was inspired in many hearts, that a more auspicious day was about to dawn.—N. A. Murch, Sec.

The Temperance Meeting at Bedford on the evening of the 22d inst., was one of peculiar interest. Mr. Briggs, the President of the County Society, was invited to the Chair, and the meeting was opened by singing and prayer. The large brick school-house, was crowded to overflowing by the inhabitants of Bedford and the region round about. The meeting was addressed by several gentlemen present, among whom was Mr. Crippen who spoke one hour, to the high satisfaction of the audience. He stated that just one year ago that evening, he first spoke on the subject of temperance in that same house, and that since that time he had delivered over two hundred temperance lectures, and had obtained many hundred names to the teetotal pledge. Surely great things have been accomplished in the eastern part of this county; concerning which I hope ere long to be able to lay before your readers some definite and thrilling facts.—Gleaner.