

two pounds at the anatomist's. What is it that has brought him to this state? Look in his face—see the dull, meaningless eye, the nose and lips bloated with habitual, sottish tipsing. That man can boast that he never was drunk in his life—but for more than forty years he has never been quite sober. Hark to the screams coming forth from that house where one half of the window-panes, at least, are covered up with paper! They are produced by a drunken scoundrel beating his unhappy wife. She was once an honest cheerful, happy country girl, and now I must not stray to tell the various stages of degradation she has gone through, till she is here, the wife of a drunken savage, in one of the lowest and vilest dens of London. Hark how the poor thing screams under the ruffian's blow, while one of his brutal companions sits hard by and witnesses it, laughing! Three days hence, by one too-fatally-directed blow, that man shall murder the wretched woman in the presence of her two children, and then shall go to end his own days on a scaffold, leaving those wretched infants to follow the same course in after years.—*G. P. R. James.*

Progress of the Cause.

CANADA.

HAMILTON.—A very interesting Temperance meeting, addressed by Mr. R. D. Wadsworth, was held in Wesley Chapel, John-Street, on Monday evening last. The attendance was unusually large; and perhaps not the least interesting feature of the meeting was to observe on the platform, in connexion with ministers of three different religious bodies, a highly respectable member of the medical profession, who, we understand, has lately given his name and influence in favor of this important enterprise. Here, indeed, is a platform on which, emphatically, all who desire the good of the community may unite; and it is peculiarly pleasing to see men of character and influence here join in throwing weight in the right scale of the balance. Mr. Wadsworth's address turned mostly on the manufacture, and particularly the adulteration of intoxicating drinks, illustrated by facts, and was attentively listened to; and we may judge of its influence from the circumstance that at its close 51 additional signatures were added to the pledge.

On the afternoon of the same day, Mr. W. addressed a large number of children of the several Sabbath Schools, in the Lecture Room, in rear of Wesley Chapel. The room was crowded with attentive and apparently deeply interested listeners; at the close of the address, 151 signed the pledge, and a juvenile Society was formed, which, it is thought, will in two weeks, number 500. May the cause of Temperance prosper; and especially may the rising generation be thereby saved from the vortex into which too many adults of our city have fallen and are falling.—*Provincialist, 12th April.*

WATERLOO, 11th May, 1849.—According to instructions received, I herewith send you a report of the state of Temperance in this vicinity. A society was organized in this place in the month of April, 1847, when 102 persons signed the pledge, and meetings, which were well attended, have been held monthly since that time. The first annual report which was submitted to the Society in May, 1848, showed the number of signatures to the pledge to be 282, exclusive of two withdrawn, and one expelled for violating the pledge. The annual report for this year shows an increase of 94, exclusive of 7 removed to a distance, 2 removed by death, 1 withdrawn, and 6 expelled, leaving 376 members in good standing. The Temperance cause has received a fresh impulse by a Reclaiming Tent, which was recently established here.—Although but a short time has elapsed, there are 31 members, with every prospect of a speedy increase. Reclaimism bids fair to be the means of accomplishing much good; it has already excited in the minds of many an interest in the Temperance cause which they never before felt. The Tent has received the approbation of

the ladies, who kindly assisted in making the Rogalia, and it is to be hoped that their example will be followed elsewhere.—*G. C. ROBINSON, Secy., W. T. S.*

PRECIOUS CORNER, HAMILTON, MAY 15.—The Anniversary of the Precious Corner Temperance Society, was held in the Bible Christian Chapel at this place, on the 3rd ult., the Vice-President in the Chair, when the Report of the past year was read, and the following officers elected for the current year:—James Leont, President; George Jennings, Vice-President; Charles Wilson, Treasurer; William Peters, Secretary, with a committee of seven.—The meeting was addressed very ably by the Rev. S. Tapscott, Baptist Minister, and the Rev. R. L. Tucker, B. C. Minister. A few signatures were obtained to the pledge, making the congregation, with very few exceptions, all members of the Society. The society numbers 110 members, residing within six miles of the town of Cobourg. The meetings of the society are held alternately at three meeting houses, from half a mile to two miles apart, in order to accommodate, as far as possible, the distant parts of the neighborhood. The society was once visited by Mr. MacDonald, who gave a very interesting address, and exhibited plates of the human stomach to a large and attentive congregation; and the committee solicit another visit from this Agent on his next tour through Canada West. We regret to say there has been very little interest felt in the cause for the past year, but we have a prospect of doing better for the future.—*W. PETERS.*

ENGLAND.

LONDON.—Let us pause to indicate the movement of temperance by comparing the proportion of publicans to sinners against sobriety in former days and now. 'About a century ago,' said Dr Colquhoun before the police committee of 1816, 'multitudes of men and women were constantly seen rolling about the streets drunk;' and it was not uncommon to behold such an enticement painted under a public-house sign as this: 'You may here get drunk for a penny, dead drunk for twopenny, and have clean straw for nothing!' The crime became so general, that the legislature determined to lessen it by making its commission more costly and difficult, and levied a duty of 20s per gallon on spirit and prohibited their sale by retail. The result was, that quite as much was drunk as before; for within two years, 12,000 persons were convicted under the act within the bills of mortality of selling gin clandestinely. At that time the population of London may have been about 650,000; so that the generality of drunkenness in London at that time may be estimated by the fact, that during two years, the proportion of convictions for merely selling gin illegally to the amount of the population was nearly 1 in 60; but of course many persons were each convicted many times. The decrease of the vice was not rapid, for we find that in 1785, with a population of about 800,000, there were in London 7780 houses at which beer and spirits were sold—namely, 5,979 ale-houses, 207 inns, 417 taverns, and 551 coffee houses—or a proportion of 1 public-house to nearly 112 individuals. The comparison becomes more gratifying as we approach the present year. In 1840 there were about 1,873,000 individuals; and according to Piggott's Directory for that year, 5,810 persons, exclusive of wine-merchants, dealt in strong drinks, of whom there was therefore 1 to nearly every 321 Londoners. The present year shines more brightly in this respect than any of its predecessors. In 1849 a London population of perhaps 2,250,000 gives encouragement to no more than 5,017 purveyors of beer and spirituous liquors, exclusive of bottled ale and wine merchants, or a proportion of 1 publican to about every 450 individuals. We recommend these facts to the especial attention of temperance societies, and trust they will afford encouragement for renewed exertion in the excellent cause.—*Daily News.*

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Thursday, the 8th March, the teetotalers of North Shields held a grand demonstration in the Assembly Rooms, when about 600 partook of tea.—Mr. Pyle, surgeon, in the chair. The following were amongst the speakers:—Messrs Buchanan, Charlton, Clasper, Elliott, Guthrie, Haggie, Johnson, Lillic, Middlemas, Strachan, Wileke, and White. Mr. Lillic, on behalf of the society, preacted Mr Johnson with a watch and appendages, bearing the following inscription:—'Presented by the Tyne-mouth Total Abstinence Society, as a token of respect and esteem, to W. E. Johnson, for his able and unceasing exertions as honorary secretary to the above society.' The proceedings were enlivened by the harmony of Messrs Cook, Graham, Little,