

ladies. Several rev. gentlemen addressed the meeting. The remark of one of them particularly impressed me. I am desirous that the wish he expressed should become the wish of every person in Canada—in the world. Addressing the president, he said:—"Sir, we wish to hem King Alcohol up in a corner and at once despatch him—exterminate him altogether." The Temperance choir added greatly to the interest and pleasure of the evening, by singing, at short intervals, a variety of appropriate Temperance hymns. At the close, the petition of the Home District Magistracy was read, and a resolution concurring therewith unanimously adopted. Inclosed are \$10, the surplus of the proceeds of the Meeting. You may depend upon our doing all we can to extend the sale of the *Advocate*, wishing that all who have the temperance cause at heart, would "go and do likewise."—P. W. DAYFOOT, Secretary.

PHILIPSBURG, March 12th, 1849.

DEAR SIR,—Permit me to say that the cause of *Rehabism* is evidently on the advance in this section of the country. The *Independent Order of Rechabites* have held simultaneous weekly meetings during the past winter, and, no doubt, their labours have been successful, not so much in augmenting their numbers as in removing certain prejudices from the minds of many, particularly from the (what is styled) higher classes of society, and in vain would it be for me to express to you the happiness we enjoyed, while listening to the spirit-stirring eloquence of our much-esteemed friend and brother, W. G. Mack, Esq., from the metropolis, at Philipsburg, and also at Stanstead East. Indeed, Sir, I think, we can truly say, an equal lecture has not been given, or listened to with greater intensity of feeling, than the one referred to on this occasion. I tell you, Sir, there is nothing like having men of the right stamp and the proper requisites, to talk up and exhibit the true principles of our much loved Order, in their truly moral and benevolent characteristics; and more particularly to those who are the least sceptical in regard to it. There is not the least doubt in my own mind, that the cause of *Rehabism*, if carried out fully by the Order, as laid down in their general laws, will, ere long, and I think, soon, embrace the most, if not all the young men in our community. Glorious, indeed, is the thought, that soon drunkenness, with all its train of evils, will cease. It has already lost its charms, its strongholds are loosened, its once mighty weapons have fallen into our hands, and it becomes the duty of the sons of *Rechab* to wield them manfully. Let a cry of woe be heard! March on to battle and victory. Victory is ours. We congratulate you on the wonderful success that has attended your mighty efforts, this winter, in the city of Montreal; by them hundreds have been redeemed, and thus relieved from vice and infamy. Go on, then, brethren, conquering and to conquer! The Lord is at the helm, and will advance his own cause; for he has said, that "Jonadab, the son of *Rechab*, shall not want a man to stand before me for ever." Money, probably, could not be laid out to better advantage by the Order, than to send into the country efficient Lecturers, those who are competent to bring out the principles of the "Independent

Order of Rechabites of British North America," and advance the cause of Temperance generally. May the Lord send labourers into this part of his vineyard.

I am, Yours, &c.,

A MEMBER OF PHILIPSBURG TENT.

St. Armand, Pigeon Hill, March 15, 1849.

SIR,—I beg leave to send, for insertion at your earliest convenience, the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Sagersfield, St. Armand Total Abstinence Association, held in the Wesleyan Chapel in this place, on the 15th inst., at 2 o'clock, p.m., together with the second report, which was read by the Secretary and unanimously adopted. The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year, viz.,—Joseph Rhicard, President; John M. Sager, H. N. Reynolds, David Brimmer, Vice-Presidents; John Holsapple, jr., Rec. Secretary; W. S. Holsapple, Cor. Secretary; David Beimer, Treasurer, and a committee of ten, after which the Rev. Wm. Scott addressed the meeting, ably advocating the total abstinence cause to the gratification of his hearers, and kindly urging the Society to renewed exertions in this great and glorious work.

I cannot close this communication without expressing my gratitude to the Female Committee for their vigilance in procuring so many names to the Total Abstinence Pledge. During the past year, one hundred and thirty names have been added to our pledge through their untiring exertions.

SECOND REPORT.

The Committee of the Sagersfield, St. Armand Total Abstinence Association, in presenting their second annual report, would most humbly thank the Giver of all Good, for that measure of success with which their feeble efforts have been crowned during the past year. And whilst they congratulate the Society that some good has been done, they cannot for a moment forget that there is much necessity for renewed exertions in this good cause. Aware as your Committee are, that no mere natural morality can save the soul without faith in Christ, and repudiating the calumnious accusation that has often been made against the Temperance Reformation, that it is putting morality in the place of religion, yet they cannot but feel alive to a fact so clearly evident, that nothing tends more to induce insensibility to Christian truths, to abate devotional feeling, and to cause immorality, irreligion, and crime, than the use of those drinks, against which this Society holds out its warning and deprecating voice. At the commencement of the past year, the Society numbered 158 members; 130 have since been added, 3 have died, 2 have been expelled, leaving the present number of 263, which is cause for acknowledgment, inasmuch as so small a number has been taken from our list of names.

Your Committee cannot help, however, regretting, that in this place, as in many others, persons of influence still refuse to be coadjutors with them in the philanthropic movement. Let us humbly hope, that the period is rapidly approaching, when we shall no longer have occasion to intermix with the more pleasing intelligence in our Reports, expressions of regret on account of the opposition direct or indirect of any