



growing, and are filled with some of the best men in Oxford. We wish them all success in the good work. The ladies of the brethren of these divisions should all go into *Unions*; we mean of Daughters of Temperance. 



BURFORD SOIRÉE—CLAREMONT DIVISION.

As we passed through Burford late on the 4th of September, we understood that the Sons had had a fine Soirée, at which 500 persons attended. It was held to raise means to pay for a banner. The division here contains 80 members, and has a Section of Cadets with 23 members.

Wentworth Division in this neighborhood contains 50 members and meets on Tuesday.

 Norfolk now contains we are told 13 divisions. A year ago there were but two in it. These divisions contain about 1000 members out of a population of 18,000. Great credit is due to Brother Foley for his exertions in this county in behalf of our cause; all of which we trust the brethren will remember.

TOWN OF PARIS—GRAND RIVER DISTON NO. 184.

organized January 22 1851, contains 100 members, meets on Tuesday: has a Section of Cadets with 48 members attached to it, and it is intended to open a Union of Daughters here. Charles Whitlaw, W. P., Henry Taylor, R. S. We were agreeably surprised to find so large a division here. Temperance is on the increase in Paris. This town has grown surprisingly within a few years past. We were in it in 845, and find it very much improved. The sounds of industry and progress, of the mill, the forge and machinery, everywhere meet your ears. The population has increased to 2,000, and evident prosperity is seen on all sides. We are informed that its general statistics are as follows—seven churches—two common and one private schools; two flouring mills, two plaster mills, two saw mills; one large cloth factory, two foundries—several machine factories—nine taverns a bad feature  No temperance house,  ten merchants' shops and a great quantity of mechanics' shops &c. The Grand River rolls by it, and affords it good water, stone and water power. The old Governor's road from Dundas, is now being levelled down and planked from Dundas; making the road this way very pleasant to London.

This is a short sketch of our journey, and it is gratifying to see that the cause of temperance is rapidly progressing.

RISING STAR DIVISION.

To the Editor of the Canadian Son of Temperance.

DEAR SIR,—

This Division is situate near Richmond Hill, numbers 32 members, chiefly farmers, and is increasing. This should have appeared before.

Having been requested to furnish for publication in your Magazine a short account of our Division of the Sons of Temperance, we are happy to say with the rest of our brethren, that we live, move, and have a being. Our Division was organized Oct. 10, 1850, with only nine members; when in the midst of great opposition we commenced our work. Since that time we have been increasing, although our number is but small (32) yet we have reason to be thankful that we have reached so high, when we consider that so many divisions are formed so near us.—We now perceive the dark cloud of intemperance that has hung so long over our little village is beginning to disperse and that the Banner of the Sons is taking its place; and we trust the day is not far distant when Love, Purity and Fidelity, will rest within the walls of every habitation in our land, and that the inmates thereof may feel the pleasure and good results which arise from

the Order of the Sons; and that they may feel that contentment arising within their breasts will afford them more pleasure than the spicy breezes wafted by the western gales of Ceylon. We then shall be able to say,

"That, more and more from shore to shore,
Its influence shall extend,
Our flag unturled, around the world,
Triumphant to the end."

The ladies in our locality have taken a great interest in the cause by presenting us with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, together with a very handsome book mark upon which was elegantly worked, "Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup, for at last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Our Soirée that came off on the 5th of June, had a very good effect. A procession was formed at the division room at 11 o'clock, and we gave great credit to the Cumberland Division, Richmond Hill, and Unionville Divisions for the manner they attended on the occasion. After a march of about half a mile upon the plank road headed by the splendid band from Unionville we returned to the place of entertainment, where tea was served at one o'clock. After the cloth was removed the chair was taken by Br. Wm. Aiken, then W. P. of the Division. The meeting was first addressed by brother Dyer from Richmond Hill, next by the Rev. L. Krebs, from Stouffville, and several other gentlemen competent to do justice to the same.

The party then separated highly delighted with the pleasures of the day.

WM. TRUDGEN, R. S.

POPULATION OF THE GRAVE.

From extensive calculation, it seems the average of human births per second since the Birth of Christ to this time is 815; which gives about thirty-two thousand Millions; and after deducting the present supposed population of the world (960,000,000) leaves the number of Thirty-one thousand and Forty Millions that have gone down to the grave; giving death and the grave the Victory over the living, to the number of thirty-thousand and eight millions,—of this number in the grave, about

9,000,000,000 have died by war.
7,920,000,000 by famine and pestilence.
501,000,000 by Martyrdom.
580,000,000 by Intoxicating Drink.
13,000,000,000 Natural or otherwise.

Thus it will be seen that war and strong drink have sent nearly one-third of the human race to a premature grave. The calculations upon this subject might be extended to an almost indefinite length, and perhaps, too, with propriety, if thought and meditation would dwell upon them and deduct the morals from each and every avenue.—For instance, if strong drink has had its 580,000,000 of victims, how many more must it have before the moderate drinker will lay his shoulder to the pledge of reform; suppose but thirty days of intense agony and misery to be the lot of each drunkard's family of five each, what is the amount in the aggregate? Suppose it required even no more than fifty bushels of grain distilled to make a man a drunkard, how long would it last famishing Europe, nay, even the whole Universal world? It would amount to fifty millions of barrels of flour.

Suppose again that each drunkard loses or wastes only ten years of his life, at three shillings per day, how many solid globes of gold of the size of our earth would it (\$653,080,000,000) purchase? Make your own calculations, not only upon the supposed cases, but any others of which the subject is susceptible, and the results will astonish you, and perhaps lead to a some-

what different life. These estimates are many of them below the reality.—*Merchant's Ledger.*

To the Editor of the *Son of Temperance*:

SIR—Will you be kind enough to give this a place in your valuable magazine, and oblige

Yours, &c.,

A SUBSCRIBER.

Toronto, August 29, 1851.

THE FAR WEST DIVISIONS.

For the *Son of Temperance*.

MOORE, (near Samia,) July 19, 1851.

In the month of December, 1850, the Hon. M. Cameron and a few gentlemen from Port Samia and neighbourhood held a meeting in the School-house, Section No. 3, township of Moore, for the purpose of organizing a Temperance Society in that Township. For a short time, their efforts seemed to meet with success, but the spirit of novelty having subsided, and there being an apparent indifference, if not concealed hostility displayed by some of the more influential settlers combined with that most formidable and almost universal and deeply-rooted obstacle,—a self-acquired, vitiated appetite,—a re-action was, alas! soon but too evident to the few really true Temperance Reformers. Four or five of these, however, members of the Royal Division Sons of Temperance, residing in that locality, having the promise of co-operation from a few teetotallers, and the kind and generous fostering care of the maternal division, finally resolved to organize a division in that Township—firmly convinced that no institution yet formed for the disenthralment of man from his greatest curse, black intemperance, combines such really practical instruments, and has in so short a period experienced such plain and evident demonstrations of the smile and countenance of the great "I AM," who "heareth in secret, but rewardeth openly," as the order of the Sons of Temperance.

On the 13th March last, the anniversary of Royal Division, there being just eleven of these temperance pioneers, they were organized as a Division by D.G.W.P. J. Smith, and a deputation from Royal Division, under the designation of Maple Leaf Division Sons of Temperance No. 223, and, though such a proceeding would a year ago have been considered as the mad hallucination of some frenzied imagination and did actually meet with the most combined hostility, yet the Maple-Division now numbers 24 members, and this in a very partially-cleared settlement.

Your sincere Brother,

ADAM S. STEPHENS,
P. W. P.

The above is only a part of the brother's letter;—our room does not admit of more now, but we are happy to hear from him.—Ed.

BOWMANVILLE DIVISION, No. 39.

To the Editor of the Canadian Son of Temperance.

SIR,—

As nothing has yet appeared in your highly valuable journal respecting this Division, for the present quarter, you will confer a favour by inserting the following:—

The Bowmanville Division No. 39, was organized the 14th of November, 1849, now numbers upwards of 135 contributing members. The officers for the present quarter are Brs. R. Windatt, W. P., R. Henderson, W. A., S. B. Drewry, R. S., Night of meeting Monday.

We have co-operating with us a flourishing Section of Cadets numbering about 50; also a Union of Daughters numbering about 45.