

ediment, the company, consisting of about 150 persons, sat down to a good substantial dinner, in bowers prepared for the occasion. Addresses were then delivered by the Rev. A. Lowdon and others on the subject of temperance; pointing out in a clear and lucid manner, the evils of intemperance, the necessity of steadfastness and perseverance in the cause we had adopted, in order to drive the Hydra monster from our neighbourhood. Various amusements were engaged in throughout the day, which added to the hilarity of the scene. In the evening the company were refreshed with tea and coffee. A vote, conveying to Mr. and Mrs. John Iloyd the warm thanks of the meeting was then passed by acclamation for the kind assistance they rendered on the occasion.

**ERNEST TOWN, June 4.**—At a meeting called in the First Con. of the Township of Ernest Town, 3d June, the following resolutions were passed unanimously:—

1. *Resolved*,—That the conduct of the temperance Magistrates of the Midland District is worthy of great praise, for their successful efforts to diminish the number of licenses to sell intoxicating drinks in 1843.

2. *Resolved*,—That in consequence of censure cast upon said Magistrates at several public meetings, they neglected to attend the sessions for the granting of licenses for 1844, and thereby permitted a greater number than ever to be obtained, to the great injury of the District.

3. *Resolved*,—That no temperance Magistrate can consistently recommend any man to obtain a license and sell intoxicating drinks.

4. *Resolved*,—That no temperance Magistrate can, consistently with the interests of temperance, neglect attending the Sessions when licenses are granted for the purpose of gradually diminishing, and finally exterminating the sale of intoxicating drinks.

5. *Resolved*,—That the extreme measures advocated at several public meetings in this District are calculated to drive temperance Magistrates from the Bench, and throw the licensing of taverns into the hands of those who are hostile to the interests of temperance.—**WILLIAM GARBUTT, Sec.**

**PERCY, Aug. 13.**—The members of the Percy Temperance Society thought it advisable to have a Soiree upon the 26th of June last, to which all friendly to the cause were invited to attend; and in due time the little grove, the property of the President of the society was neatly fitted up for the occasion. The appearance of the morning was rather unfavorable, however, about 11 o'clock, A. M., a large number had assembled in the grove; the gentlemen who were expected to address the meeting did not attend; however, providence seemed to bless our efforts, by the appearing of three gentlemen, able advocates of total abstinence, the Rev. Mr. Day, Mr. Soales from Belleville, and Mr. Wilson from Holdimand. The Rev. Mr. Day first ably addressed the meeting, followed by Mr. Soales, whose soul-stirring anecdotes did not fail to interest the whole meeting. But this gentleman had not proceeded far in his discourse before he was interrupted by an opposition party, accompanied by drums and files, and headed by two captains, one of whom offered his services as a Member of Parliament to represent the county, and our Township Superintendent of Common Schools, both of whom are also Captains of Militia, the latter entered the grove with his sword drawn. The noise of the drums for a while drowned the speaker's voice, who was obliged to stop speaking. They were invited in a friendly manner to take seats and hear the address, which they did, and the speaker proceeded with his address. The opposition party immediately sent one of their number for a decanter of ardent spirits, of which they all partook. The Superintendent above alluded to, got up to the speaker's platform, and having obtained leave to address the audience, proceeded to vindicate the propriety of an occasional glass; but either through incapability, or being ashamed of the subject he was advocating, his lecture was very short and irregular; which was replied to by Mr. Wilson, in a praiseworthy manner. The friends of temperance persevered in keeping good order, and the would-be Member of Parliament—Captain and his associates, after their fruitless attempts to annoy and break up the meeting, left the grove in true bacchanal style, to their own everlasting shame. At about three o'clock in the afternoon, about 200 persons sat down to partake of the good things of the table, which were prepared in good style; after which the pledge was circulated, and twenty names added, making in all 270 members in good standing. Our meeting went off well, and we trust and believe, if we stand to our posts, like good soldiers, and are zealous of the cause, and join heart and hand, faithful in discharging our duty, the God of heaven will bless and sustain us in our endeavours, and will bless the cause of temperance, and fight our

battles, and defend us from our enemies, and we shall be enabled to come off more than conquerors, and see the cause go forward and increase. (By order of the President and Committee.)—**BENJ. DE FORTLONG, Sec.**

#### DUMFRIES TEMPERANCE CELEBRATION.

**SIR**,—You will recollect that in a former communication I stated that we had succeeded in forming a Union among the different societies in this Township, and that our association, anxious to exhibit their strength, the purity of their principles, and the respectability and importance of the great army now ranged under the bloodless banner of temperance, in this vicinity, were going to celebrate the triumphs of temperance at the village of Galt on Friday, the 7th of June. I have now to inform you that the celebration has come off, and their most sanguine expectations were more than realized on the occasion, and the day will live in the memory of hundreds, when opposition to the cause will be "a thing that was"—a mere matter of history. The morning was dull and lowering, and about six o'clock the rain began to descend, and threatened to disconcert all our arrangements, which drew a shade of gloom over the face of friends, and lighted up the countenance of enemies with a glow of delight at the prospect of our celebration proving a perfect failure, but after a short time the clouds dispersed, and the sun made its appearance, which caused a change in the appearance of both friend and foe, as we then had the prospect before us of a high day for tee-totalism in Galt. In a few hours our village was literally alive by the arrival of carriages and horsemen from St. George, Paris, Berlin, Preston, and other places, and, as if by preconcerted arrangement, the head of all the principal trains met in the centre of the town, and moved on from thence through the principal streets to the mammoth booth erected for the occasion, the Paris band taking the lead, and enlivening the scene by their spirit-stirring music. At the sight of this great procession (there being upwards of eighty waggons) the village appeared to be spell-bound, and almost all laid aside their work for the day; the procession halted in front of the booth, which was handsomely fitted up and tastefully decorated. The President being unavoidably absent on professional business, the proceedings were introduced by Mr. John Smith, Vice-president, in a short but appropriate speech, and he called on the Rev. Wm. Smith, of St. George, who delivered a most excellent address. He was followed by a few remarks from Mr. M'Ilroy, referring to the opposition the temperance cause had met with in this place. We then moved off in procession, preceded by the band, displaying medals, badges, and banners, embellished with significant and appropriate mottoes and devices. In about half an hour we returned and partook of the repast, after which Elam Stimson, M. D., (President of the Association) took the chair, and introduced the Rev. Mr. M'Glashan of Warwick, who delivered a very appropriate address. He was followed by Mr. G. W. Bungay in his peculiar happy and interesting style, eliciting almost universal applause during the whole of his lengthy address. He was followed by Mr. Wm. Bork, and the Vice-President, after which several resolutions were adopted, in one of which the meeting expressed their thanks to the committee of the Galt Society for their exertions in the cause, and the tasteful manner in which they had fitted up the place, and provided the entertainment. After an elegant temperance ode by Master James Stimson, and a few pieces by the Galt Choir, the meeting quietly dispersed, without anything occurring by which the ear of modesty could be pained. At intervals during the whole of the proceedings the scene was enlivened by an occasional piece of music from the band. In conclusion, I would say, that we fondly anticipate the day when ignorance, prejudice, and interest, will fall before the light of truth, and temperance, with its benign influence, shall wave its banner unopposed over this our beloved country. I will only say the tee-totalers about this part of the country appear to have nailed their standard to the mast, and are determined to stand by it whatever may oppose. Our Township Union has already been attended with the best results, and we most heartily recommend the subject of Unions to every Township in the Province.—**PAUL G. HUFFMAN, Cor. Sec.**  
Galt, June 18, 1844.

The number of ships sailed upon Temperance principles or at least in which the allowance of grog is changed into small stores, such as tea, coffee, butter and sugar, is continually and rapidly increasing. Indeed sea faring men think that the old custom is likely soon to disappear entirely amongst British ships as it has already done in America.