

PROGRESS OF THE CAUSE.

MALABU, Feb. 19.—The Committee of the Malahide Silver Creek total abstinence Society, report,—That this is the third anniversary of the society, during the first year of which, the number of persons who joined was 144, the second and third years gave an increase of 123, making an aggregate of 272. That during the above period there have been two members dropt for violation of the pledge; one expelled, and one withdrawn. That this Committee are sensible that much good has been effected through the instrumentality of the society's operations. This Committee are convinced that the total abstinence plan is the only method of reclaiming the unfortunate drunkard, and shielding from intemperance the rising generation; and would therefore urge the active members of this society to renewed diligence in the grand moral reformation in which they have already acted a conspicuous part. That this Committee are much gratified in viewing the flourishing state of this society, considering that the only exertions made among them, have been among themselves, having had only two visits from the travelling agents of other societies. That this Committee would recommend to the favourable notice of the members of the society, the *Temperance Advocate* published in Montreal, when we consider the moderate price at which it is published, and the information it contains, we consider it a valuable auxiliary, and well worthy the support of the friends of temperance. That this Committee highly approve of the manner in which the meetings of this society have been conducted, in selecting two or three of its own members to address the succeeding meeting, and think that the result has verified the adage, that

"He that by the plough would thrive,
Himself must either hold or drive."

The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Mr. William Harvey, Pres.; Joseph Harvey & Jarrett Clendenning, Vice-Pres.; Walter E. Murray, Secretary; Ebas Hill, Treasurer, with a Committee of four persons.—**PHILIP HODGKINSON.**

Bytown, March 12.—The seventh annual meeting of the Bytown total abstinence association, was held yesterday evening, in M. E. chapel, in this town, several very able addresses were delivered by the Rev. J. Gardner, of M. E. church, Rev. Mr. Dick, of the Baptist church, and Rev. Mr. Hamilton, Missionary of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and others. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mr. C. Goodwin, Pres.; John Cochrane & C. T. Bowie, Esq. Vice-Pres.; E. Wood, Treasurer; P. B. Wood, Secretary, with a Committee of seven persons. The report showed an increase of one hundred and thirty-seven members during the past year, which makes the number on the societies books up to 608 members, a considerable reduction, should be made however, for delinquents and absentees. We have now licensed to sell spirituous liquors in Bytown, fifty shops and taverns, which with stills and beer-shops, yield over £100 per annum to the Receiver General's office. Our town taxes average about £300 per annum, £100 less than is paid for keeping pauper manufacturing establishments for the public good. Meetings have been held by permission of the officer commanding the detachment of the 82nd, in the barrack weekly, during the past winter, which resulted in the formation of a total abstinence society of 30 members out of a company of 50. Much credit is due Ensign Lloyd, for his liberality in fitting up a room, and furnishing it with his own library, for the improvement of the men under his command. Several spirited resolutions were passed, and strong hope encouraged of more activity in the cause in this vicinity.—**C. B. R.**

GANANOQU, March 31.—The cause of temperance is still gaining ground, the people here are alive to the subject. I am still trying to advocate total abstinence principles. A mistake occurred in my last communication to you, of which our enemies would like to take some advantage, it is this, "temperance Mills 26 joined our pledge." It should have been "55 joined our pledge, 3 of whom joined this evening." I have held several meetings since that time, some took umbrage at the idea of tavern-keeping being a dishonest business, I now wish to say to those that were so grieved at my remarks concerning Portland, I do not think that the traffic in ardent spirits is honest, that is as to the business itself. Since the last report I made to you, I have held a meeting in Palmer Ice school-house, 17 joined; at Clear Lake, formed a society of 28 members; also at Phillipsville, 26 joined, with us, Beate's Bridge, where a new distillery has commenced operations, held a meeting where we were opposed by a distiller; some whisky had been spilled on the floor which prevented us from smelling the nasty breath of distillers and drunkards; 20 were added to our pledge, 8 of whom were obtained by Mr. Beates, school-teacher. Next evening at Lewis corners, where Mr. Lewis keeps a large temperance house, to which we would invite public attention, 8 joined. March 26, Duley Main, Lansdown, addressed an attentive congregation, and obtained 22 names to our pledge. Thus in my feeble way I have endeavoured to talk temperance this winter, and have obtained 297 members, 26 subscribers to the *Advocate*, and delivered 14 addresses, and have obtained a number of names by private visitation. I pray God to bless the temperance cause, I have some appointments out yet, and shall continue to interest myself in the cause, and in obtaining subscriptions to the *Advocate*.—**J. F. WILSON.**

LONDON, March 31.—The temperance reform is doing wonders in the metropolis of the West. A tavern formerly thronged from early in the morning until late at night, with the slaves of appetite—is now the resort of sober men—the rooms that echoed the vulgar joke and the voluptuous song of the drunkard, are occupied by the patrons and promoters of the temperance cause—the hands that administered *aqua mortis* to the fashionable tippler, and the drivelling drunkard, now deal out wholesome provisions to those who patronize that well managed establishment. I was delighted the other day, when I saw "temperance" in letters large as a flock of wild geese, upon a respectable looking building opposite the old market stand, Mr. Probert the proprietor of the house, voluntarily laid a magnanimous sacrifice on the altar of correct principle, when he relinquished a money making occupation, because although a pecuniary advantage to him, it injured the nearest, dearest, and best interests of society. He saw that intemperance was a festering sore and he resolved to probe it. He had renewed his license, and he had a large quantity of liquor on hand when he determined to discontinue the abominable traffic in liquors, and do with them what the Ephesian converts did with their books of magic. Of course true temperance men will not fail to patronize this temperance hotel, the accommodations are good—the house is neatly furnished—the table well spread—the beds well aired—the stand central, and the charges moderate. I had the pleasure of meeting with my friend and your friend, and the friend of humanity, and the favourite of the temperance cause Mr. Wadsworth here. He delivered an excellent address to an attentive assembly in the Mechanic Institute. Temperance is getting better here, it holds up its head and looks abroad, and is beginning to go about doing good. A physician who has felt its pulse, examined its tongue, and ascertained its temperature, pronounces it out of danger if due attention be paid to diet and exercise.