

strangers. Mr. Hussiman—a lecturer engaged by the “Eastern District Temperance Union” for a limited period—addressed a meeting; and subsequently the Rev. Mr. Boyd, Brockville, and a Mr. Church, from Troy, addressed different meetings; and this evening a Mr. Summers, from Dickinson’s Landing, delivered a Lecture; but notwithstanding the eloquent appeals which were made on those different occasions, faithfulness compels me to state, that I do not consider the Total Abstinence cause in a healthy condition in this place, when the cases of defection which have taken place, and the apathy which seems to pervade our society, both as regards members and office-bearers, are taken into the account. I am forced to the conclusion, that our movements are of a retrograde, rather than of a progressive character; but I am of opinion, that the principal cause of our want of success is to be attributed to the opposition of the Clergy—for out of the five residing here, there is but one favorable to us. True it is, that the others do not come out openly and oppose us, but their influence and example are exercised against us. With one exception, I believe, they all admit that Temperance Societies are, and have been, beneficial, but that they do not see why they should join us, but that they wish us every success. As well might such professed friends, however, endeavour to make the world believe their sincerity in advocating the doctrines of Christianity, if their practice went to prove them infidels. But I am afraid our society is not singular in its position; there appears to be a want of faithfulness in professed Total Abstiners throughout the Province in general. If such is not the case, how does it happen that there are so few Temperance Houses throughout the Province? and where they are established, that they are so miserably sustained? We have had two in this place, and upon enquiry, I find, that if their existence depended upon “Teetotalers,” they could not keep them open one week.

Of Mrs. Chesley’s I can speak from personal knowledge—than which, a better kept house does not exist in the Eastern District; but although it has now been opened as a Temperance House for about a year, she has not received the patronage of a dozen Teetotalers. Indeed, professors—for they are nothing more—from different societies of the Province, seem to give Taverns a preference. I have seen persons from Montreal, who profess to be pillars in the Montreal Society, patronising Taverns; and others from different parts of the Province, do the same; when there were two Temperance Houses here, and if they had not known of the existence of Mrs. Chesley’s, at least this circumstance only goes further to prove them mere professors of Total Abstinence, because if they had read the *Temperance Advocate*—and what consistent Teetotaler does not?—they would there have seen a notice of her house. I trust that Temperance men will arouse themselves, and act a consistent part, by proving the sincerity of their professions by acts; and that they will not only encourage the houses which are already established upon the principles which they profess, but that they will induce others to open houses of a similar character, throughout the Province.—

A. M. MacKENZIE, Cor. Secretary.

To the Editor of the *Canada Temperance Advocate*.

MR. EDITOR,—On my late journey to the west I was gratified to find, in some places, efforts were being made to free this Temperance Society from debt, and increase the circulation of the *Advocate*. If every minister in Canada would imitate the Rev. Mr. Chiniquy, the society would soon be free from debt, and the circulation of the *Advocate* greatly increased. The recommendation of that worthy man, and the donation which he has given to promote its circulation, it is hoped, will induce many to imitate. The Editor of the *Temperance Advocate*, I trust, will be careful to introduce no peculiarity in religion, or in politics, then all our Catholic brethren may join in promoting the circulation of the *Advocate*, especially if a page or two be devoted to children in each number.

I will suggest a plan which will increase the circulation of the *Advocate*, and assist in paying the debt under which the society is burdened. The plan is this, for each minister of the Gospel, and each schoolmaster, to send a dollar a year to the treasurer of the Society, requesting one paper for each fortnight to be sent to him, and the other, for which he has paid, to be sent to some magistrate to convince him of the impropriety of granting licenses to sell strong drink. And it is very important that every schoolmaster and parent should recommend to the children under their care, to subscribe a half-penny weekly towards the temperance cause. This would enable every two children to take a *Temperance Advocate*, and when it was read by the subscribers, they might leave it on board of some vessel, or leave it at some tavern; and, it is hoped, in this enterprise, that many may be enlisted. Each teacher of a school should keep a pledge-book, to record the names of all disposed to enlist in the cold water army.

Lord Nelson once said, “It is expected that every man will do his duty.” Should every man, woman, and child do all in their power in this cause, the enemy, even king alcohol, will be destroyed.

THADDEUS OSGOOD.

[In almost all enterprises, it is evident that it is not so much new plans that are wanted, as the will to work the plans we have.—Ed.]

STONE CREEK, 14th August.—On Saturday, the 13th of Aug., we had a most interesting pic-nic party, on the Burlington Beach, chiefly members of the Stoney Creek and Bartonville Total Abstinence Societies, and well-wishers to the cause. Numbers present, about one hundred; we would have had many more, only there is much sickness in this neighbourhood. John Williamson, Esq., took the chair, at two o’clock, p.m. The company were addressed by the Revd. Messrs. Wilkinson, Young, Cheyne and Jacobs. There were many circumstances of a pleasing character connected with this meeting; it was pleasing to see the old and the young, the rich and the poor, meeting together to enjoy a few hours of social happiness. It was most pleasing of all to see ministers of different churches on the same platform, for the purpose of denouncing the enemy of all religion and morality.—P. C.