

the attendance was fairly good and the evening was an interesting and profitable one. The affable manner of the speaker, and his willingness to answer questions about Swarthmore, made us feel quite at home, while, at the same time, it gave us a good opportunity to have unfolded to us what the college was endeavoring to do for the young people of our Society (hence for the Society itself) and for others—bringing out its endeavor to exert an advanced moral influence, the benefits of co-education, in addition to a thorough classical, literary and scientific training.

In writing to the "Intelligencer and Journal," President Magill says: "I reached my journey's end at Coldstream about six o'clock in the evening. Here in Canada I find the wheat harvest, which I seem to have followed closely all my journey, in active operation, and a better wheat growing region I have not visited. The average crop will yield 25 bushels to the acre, and there are fields that will reach 50. Arriving 24 hours before my meeting, I had a good opportunity to rest and visit several of the Friends in this neighborhood.

"My meeting was held in the meeting house here last evening. An unusual interest was excited here by the questions asked with reference to the management of our College. At the close of my address I invited these, and as a result many added points of interest were brought out, and the conference, for so I may well name it, was exceedingly pleasant and satisfactory."

I understand our Friends' meetings in St. Thomas and in Yarmouth were satisfactory. The one in St. Thomas was attended by Principal Austin, of Alma College (Methodist), the head master of the Collegiate Institute, and other well-known residents of the city, besides members of our Society.

We have no doubt that President Magill's extended tour in the interests of an advanced education will create an interest throughout our Society or promote the interest already created to obtain for our young people such a course of study, and in such a manner as Swarthmore College is prepared to give. Success to both Swarthmore and its president. S.P.Z.

Coldstream, 8th-month 3, 1886.

THE TEMPERANCE ACT.

St. Thomas had three month's trial of the Canada Temperance Act. It is yet too early to decide as to its merits. Then, too, in a city where the vote was so very close, public sentiment is not such as to gain for it popularity, and there are always those who would rather go with the current than display any mind of their own. But the weakest feature we have noticed is the licensing of several places within our limits for the outside sale of liquor. This makes an open gate for placing it inside our limits, when to work it off is not such a difficult work. So that we still have drinking, and will have some drunkenness.

There has been already one good accomplished, for the dangerous system of *treating* has been about broken up; so that those who have not already acquired an appetite are not now lead into its use. As it must now be taken in secret, it soon becomes to the general public disreputable, because unlawful. H. H. W.

SIMPLICITY AND CO-OPERATION IN THE HOUSEHOLD.

Never did housekeeping involve such a diversity of natural aptitude on the part of the housekeeper as now, and this notwithstanding the fact that so many kinds of domestic labor have passed out of her hands. From the old-time spinning, weaving, candle-making, etc., she is now exempt, but the standard of home life has become so elevated, and the details of household management so complicated, that one woman competent to meet all the requirements of good housekeeping, must be a most accomplished and executive person. Housekeeping now means not only scrupulous cleanliness, but requires practical knowledge of hygiene, due regards to sanitary regulations in all things, intelligent comprehension of the laws of drainage, sewerage and ventilation, practical understanding of the nutritive values of the different kinds of food, and so on through an almost interminable list.

In the multiplicity of housekeeping duties, is it not to be feared that woman's infinitely higher calling—home-making—is being driven to the back ground? In too many homes a continual round of housework is narrowing