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"IT IS GOOD TO BE ZEALOUSLY AFFECTED ALWAYS IN A GOOD THING."—Gal. 4, 18.

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MIRAMICHI:

ALL the intelligence we have received within the last month, from our respective Correspondents, is quite pleasing. The Temperance reform is evidently progressing, and we sincerely hope that members of Temperance Societies will prove true to their pledge, persevering in their efforts, and like the Spartans, never turn their back upon "the enemy." Victory over Alcohol, will certainly crown their benevolent and bloodless contest.

Orders for the Temperance Friend are pouring in from various quarters. We are sorry in not being able to supply our friends with the first and second numbers.

DONATIONS—At the last Temperance Meeting, Chatham, we were put in possession of five pounds, raised by voluntary subscription, to assist in the gratuitous distribution of the Temperance Friend. Also within the last month, we have received the same amount from a generous friend. We return our warmest thanks for the above liberal donations, which will prove serviceable to the cause, and gratifying to our readers. We should rejoice to be enabled to present every family in the Province with a copy of this paper.

NORTHUMBERLAND SESSIONS.—The last Sessions for this County, which commenced on the 20th ult., have just closed. A Petition was presented to the Magistrates to curtail the number of Licenses annually granted for the retailing of Spirituous Liquors. The Petition was signed by the principal part of the Clergymen, Physicians, Lawyers, Merchants, and others of the place, and we are happy to say has had a gracious effect. Applicants for Licenses underwent a more strict examination than formerly; others were deterred from applying, and a Committee has been appointed to make a particular enquiry as to what number of Licenses may be deemed absolutely necessary in the County, for the comfortable accommodation of travellers.

The Report of the Committee is to be presented next Sessions, which will be in August next, at which period all the present Licenses amounting to about 50 will terminate.

ANOTHER PROVINCIAL TEMPERANCE PAPER!—We have received the first number of this new periodical, entitled the "*Temperance Monitor*," which is to be published monthly in St. Andrews. It is about the same size of the "*Temperance Friend*." Terms—20 copies, 40s., for all under that number 2s. 6d. each. We heartily congratulate the Editor and Proprietor, and trust he will prove an able and efficient advocate of this good cause.

SAINT ANDREWS.—It appears from the Temperance Monitor, that the St. Andrews Temperance Society was formed April 22, 1834, since that period the rules have undergone repeated alterations and improvements. At present, the Society is based on the principles of Total Abstinence from all intoxicating liquors. Much praise is due the official characters of that Society for the laudable and persevering zeal manifested by those gentlemen in the prosecution of their noble object, and we trust their

efforts will never be relaxed until the end of their endeavours be finally secured.

ST. JOHN.—On the 12th ult., a Public Meeting of the Temperance Society was held in the Wesleyan School Room. Mr. Justice Parker in the Chair. The Resolutions were moved and seconded by the following Gentlemen—Rev. J. W. Gray, W. B. Kinnear, Esq., W. B. Kerr, Esq., Mr. Wm. Ewing, John Kinnear, Esq., L. Donaldson, Esq., G. H. Smith, Esq., and Mr. George Matthew. The last named gentleman is Overseer of the Poor, and has charge of the Lunatic Asylum. He remarked:—

"Since the commencement of the Small Pox, 20 persons who were admitted into the hospital with that disease—12 of these he had ascertained to be of temperate habits, the remaining 8 of intemperate; the former had only the mitigated kind, and all recovered—the 8 had the confluent or worst kind, and only one of them recovered. 54 Lunatics admitted into the Hospital during his charge, 24 had been reduced to that state by intoxication."

Thirty-seven added their names to the list of the Society.

THE WESLEYAN.—Published every other Wednesday, at Mr. Cunnable's Office, Halifax, N. S. at 7s. 6d. per annum, one half in advance. We present our grateful acknowledgments to the Editor of the above most valuable paper, for the subjoined remarks, relative to the Temperance Friend:—"This interesting periodical promises to be a valuable aid in furtherance of the Temperance reform, and from its exceedingly low price will obtain, we have no doubt, a wide circulation."

A NOBLE EXAMPLE!!!—The Queen of England has become the Patroness of the "British and Foreign Temperance Society." Where is the Lady who has now the courage to refuse her name and influence to these admirable Institutions? If the Ladies generally will take up this interesting subject, and with their wonted zeal, advocate Temperance principles, the day will soon arrive when victory over Alcohol will be universally proclaimed.

UNITED STATES.—In a Circular, published by the American Temperance Society, it is stated, that the import of Ardent Spirits, has, within the last seven years, diminished *two thirds*; and the decrease in the manufacture and consumption of domestic Spirit, is even greater. In the State of New York alone, the number of distilleries, within a few years, have been reduced from 1,129, to 200. What beneficial results must necessarily have followed.

NORTH ESK, MIRAMICHI.—The Annual meeting of this Society was held in the Baptist Chapel, on the 28th ult. The following is an extract from the Report, received from the Secretary, the Rev. James Tozer.

"This Society was formed on the 7th October, 1831, and has numbered since its commencement 200 members. There have removed 46, withdrawn 2; excluded, 8; died, 8; and our present number is 136, 21 of whom are subscribers to the total abstinence pledge. Although our number is comparatively small, considering the population of the Parish, we are authorised in justice to remark, that the influence of the Society is

extended much beyond its own immediate circle. One member, who owns two saw mills, and has annually in his employ 50 men, conducts the affairs of the whole without the use of ardent spirits. Five Funerals, which have lately come under our notice, have been conducted without the use of wine, or any other kind of liquor. Weddings, also, have been celebrated without the aid of the inebriating cup. These circumstances evince the great good the Temperance Reform is achieving. Your Committee highly approve of the publication of the Temperance Friend, and would not only recommend it to each member of the society, but earnestly desire that the head of every family in the parish would become a subscriber.

An extract from the speech delivered by Mr Giddes at the above meeting, will appear in the May number.

FREDERICTON.—From a Correspondent.—"Since the Abstinence Society was formed, the Temperance Society has almost merged into the former, and we now number over 400 members. I am happy to say, we are gradually advancing. Notwithstanding the enemy keeps up a strong fire, and has cut down a few of our men since we were first embodied; but still there are desertions from the enemy's camp, who join our army."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—We have received a letter from the Rev. James Waddell, who after ordering a number of copies of this paper, states.—"At the Annual meeting of the Charlotte Town Temperance Society, held in January last, a Resolution was passed, expressive of regret at the discontinuance of the Temperance Recorder, and designed to stimulate to exertions to obtain a substitute. That substitute, your paper I hope will afford, and so far as I am able, I shall endeavour to secure for it here an extensive circulation."

NOVA SCOTIA.—WALLACE.—Our Agent and Correspondent, who is a zealous advocate for the Temperance Reform, in a Letter transmitting us the amount due for former Nos. which also contains an additional order, remarks:—"The Temperance Friend takes well, and I think is calculated to diffuse Temperance principles far and wide. It is certainly worthy of very extensive support. May He, who has the hearts of all men under his control, so dispose them to attend to the truths therein inculcated (truths next in importance to the great truths of the Gospel) that it may accomplish the end for which it is designed. Temperance will not make men Christians, but it is evident that intemperate persons cannot be Christians. I wish you every success in your very praiseworthy undertaking."

Extracts from the Speeches delivered at the last Anniversary Meeting of the Temperance Society, Chatham.

Mr VENNING observed—Mr Chairman—When I look around, and see such a number of respectable person convened, I have much pleasure in believing that your society is in a prosperous state; and I may be allowed to express a hope, that ere long, the names of all the sober, intelligent men, who reside in this community will be seen on your books. Temperance Societies have noble objects in view—namely, the

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