RECORDS OF THE FIRST TEMPERANCE SOCIETY ORGANIZED IN THE VILLAGE OF SAG HARBOR, LONG ISLAND, N. Y. ON THE EVENING OF THE 18TH AUGUST A.D. 1829



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1829

The first Temperance Society formed and organized in Sag Harbor at the first meeting held in the U.S. Arsenal the evening of 18th Aug. 1829.

Society formed August 18th, 1829

348 members on 20 March 1824 89 members to be added to 1. May

437 members on 1. May 1834

Sag Harbor 16 Dec. 1836

Whole number of Males who have given their pledges Deduct for death, removals and forfeiture	295 40		
		255	
Whole number of Females who have given their pledges Deduct for death, removals from this village	259 10		
		249	
		504	

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At a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Temperance Society of this port met at the house of Samuel L'Hommedieu, Jr. Thursday Evening, 1 Sept 1829.

The committee having understood that a number of the Merchants in this place have confessed willingness to discontinue the sale of ardent Spirits in their stores on condition that others would adopt the same course and the merchants have generally come into a measure so conducive to the public good.

Resolved that it be advisable for them to call on all the retailers of spirituous liquor in this port and inquire of each of them whether they will vote on the above conditions agreed, to discontinue the sale of Spirituous liquors in their Stores after the first day of August.

Resolved that the Committee wait on all the Tavern keepers within this place and request them not to sell liquor to the inhabitants on the Sabbath.

Resolved that the Secretary request of the editors of the newspapers in this place to publish the 3 sections of the law of this state for suppressing immorality and also the section of the Act laying a duty on strong liquors and for regulating Inns and Taverns.

Resolved that the doings of the committee in relation to the object of this society and the success of their efforts to suppress intemperance be from time to time laid before the public in the papers of this place.

Resolved that the following agreements by submitted to the consideration of the churches in this place by the Committee.

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Fully believing that Intemperance is one of the greatest evils of our land and wishing to use our influence to arrest the evil among the inhabitants of this place, We the undersigned do therefore agree to discontinue the sale of spirituous liquors in our stores after the 1st day of January next ,on condition that all the other merchants in the place adopt the measure and signify their

willingness to do it by putting their names to this paper. Sag Harbor, Sept.1829

The committee agreeable to the resolution passed at their last meeting called on the retailers of spirituous Liquors viz Mr. Thomas Brown, A.H.Gardiner, Chas. Y. Gardiner, Arnold Van Scoy, S and A? Howell, Josiah Douglas, Gilbert and Henry Huntting, Chas. Fowler, and Peleg Rogers and out of the whole number the following Gentlemen consented to subscribe their names viz Chas. Y. Gardiner, Arnold Van Scoy, A. H. Gardiner.

The Committee also called on all the tavern keepers and requested them not to sell liquor to the inhabitants on the Sabbath

Sag Harbor 4 Sept 1829 – attested S. L'Hommedieu, Secy.

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The Annual meeting of the Sag Harbor Temperance Society was held agreeably to public notice at the U.S. Arsenal on Tuesday Evening 12 Jan. 1830. The Constitution of the society having been read, a number of persons came forward and signed the same and became members of the society.

On Motion:

Resolved that the constitution of this society be amended so as to read auxiliary to the New York State Temperance Society, instead of the American Temperance Society. The meeting then proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing and the following persons were chosen: Luther D. Cook, President; August Sleight, Vice President; Sam'l L'Hommedieu, Jr. Secy and Treasurer.

William Cooper, Rob. Hedges, Edward C. Rogers, Members of the Executive Committee

The following resolution was passed unanimously.

Resolved that this society view with unfeigned pleasure the rapid increase of the temperance societies in our country during the past year and believe them not only among the most benevolent institutions of the day, but as the most efficient means of arresting the progress of intemperance.

Resolved that this society do take a lively interest in all the efforts that are made by the friends of humanity, immorality and religion throughout our land to promote the case of temperance.

Resolved that this society can see no good reason why any of the friends of order, liberty or social happiness should refuse to unite themselves with those of their fellow citizens associated for the humane purpose of arresting the progress of intemperance.

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Resolved that the society consider the retailing of ardent spirits and the furnishing of spirituous liquors to those in our employ among the chief causes of intemperance and so long as this practice continues among our citizens the benevolent object of this society will be greatly hindered.

Resolved that in the opinion of this society it would tend greatly to promote the cause of temperance to have the females of this place associated with us, in our undertaking and that the executive committee give the ladies of this place a cordial invitation to unite themselves with this society.

Resolved that this Society adopt some measures to furnish the people of this place with the means of information on the subject of intemperance.

Resolved that it be the considered duty of the members of this society to introduce the subject of intemperance as a topic of conversation on all proper and suitable occasions.

Resolved that this Society is recommended to the consideration of parents and guardians of youth, the propriety of those under their care uniting themselves to this Society.

Resolved that the feelings which have already been awakened among the people of this place since the establishment of this Society are such as to encourage its numbers to prosecute their benevolent object with greater zeal and more vigorous efforts.

Resolved that the Executive Committee of this society be instructed to confer with the Commissioners of Excise for this town and to request them to inquire particularly into the moral character of all applicants and in the

future not to grant licenses to such tavern keepers and retailers of spirituous liquors as shall appear to them to have been heretofore in the habit of selling ardent spirits contrary to law.

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Resolved that the Executive Committee of this society be requested to call on all the owners and agents of ships belonging to this port and to confer with them as to the expediency and propriety of discontinuing the practice of furnishing ardent spirits to persons in their employment. Voted that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the papers of this place. The President adjourned the Society to Tuesday eve. the 2. July 1830.

Saml L'Hommedieu, Jr. Secy

The public notice has been given that the adjourned meeting of the Temperance Society would be held at the Presbyterian meeting house on Tuesday evening the 2nd of February 1830 and that a number of addresses adapted to the occasion would be delivered and the people in this and the neighboring parishes respectively invited to attend.

The Meeting was opened by singing Introductory Prayer by Rev. Mr. Beers and appropriate address by Mr. Henry Gleason, Mr. Marius Osborne offered the following resolution:

Resolved that we heartily approve of the efforts which are made at the present day by the friends of humanity to promote the cause of Temperance in our beloved country, the Resolution seconded by the Rev. Ebanazah Frances. The following Gentlemen severally addressed the meeting; Mr Marius B. Osborn, the Revs. Mr. Frances, Conduct, Carpenter, and Beers.

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This meeting was attended by a large concourse of people. The president adjourned the Society to Thursday Evening the 4th inst.at the house of S. L'Hommedieu, jr. S.L.Hommedieu, Jr. Sec'y

The Executive Committee met agreeable to adjournment and directed the proceedings of the last meeting to be published in <u>The Watchman</u>. The Committee agreed to call on the Agents and Owners of the ships on Saturday

next to consult with them on the expediency of not furnishing ardent spirits to persons in their employ while fitting their ships for sea and discharging the same. The President adjourned the Society to meet at the house of Mr. L.D. Cook, Tuesday evening the 9th inst.

Sag Harbor 6 Feb. 1830

The Committee agreeable to the arrangements of the last meeting waited on the Owners and Agents of Ships in this port and requested their attendance at the rooms of Messrs. Sleight and Mulford. The Gentlemen ship owners and agents accordingly met with the Exec. Committee and their deliberations were, unanimously, that they would not furnish ardent spirits to persons in their employ.

Attest: Samuel L'Hommedieu Jr.

PAGE 7- The Committee met agreeable to adjournment at the house of Mr. L. D. Cook Tuesday evening. After examining the Laws of the State as pertaining to the duty of Commissioners of Excise and the laws relating to intemperance, and Habitual drunkards, the Committee concluded to have further examination at the next meeting, and Messrs. Cooper and Hedges were appointed to wait on Col. Sam'l Huntting and W. R. Mulford Esq. and request them to call a meeting of all those concerned in the retailing of ardent spirits in this port and to use their influence in urging the propriety of their unanimously agreeing not to dispose of ardent spirits in any quantity less than five gallons. The President adjourned the meeting of the Society to meet on Monday evening next at the house of Mr. William Cooper.

The Committee met the committee of the Temperance Society of Bridge and Southampton and signed a written request to the Commissioner of Excises requesting them to grant no more tavern licenses than was necessary for the accommodations to travelers and the raise the prices of Licenses so that the number given might be decreased.

May 1830 S.L.. Clerk

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The annual meeting of the Sag Harbor Temperance Society Auxiliary to the State Temperance Society was held agreeable to public notice at the U.S. Arsenal on this evening the 4th of Jan'y 1831 and after being organized the sec'y read the Constitution of the Society after which several persons

subscribed the same amd became members of the institution. The following annual reports of the Executive Committee was then presented and which having been gone through with was accepted by a vote of the Society.

The executive Committee of the Temperance Society of Sag Harbor in presenting their annual reports would beg leave to state that in their opinion the Society has cause for congratulations on the success attending the efforts of the past year. Your committee was deeply impressed with the difficulty and delicacy of the undertaking: they were fully sensible that your society had long established habits to overcome and deep rooted prejudice to encounter. Your committee does not hesitate to admit that they have not succeeded in effecting all that was desired but they believe they have accomplished more than was generally anticipated. The steady increase of members and the diminishing consumption of ardent spirits generally afford satisfactory evidence to your committee that the public mind is slowly and gradually settling down into the desirable conviction that spirituous liquors are not only useless but positively hurtful to persons in health.

Your committee agreeably to the resolution of the Society at the last annual meeting invited the owners and agents of ships to attend a special meeting of your committee to consult upon the expediency of discontinuing the custom of furnishing ardent spirits to persons in their employ in this place.

The owners and agents met at our request at this meeting all the ships belonging to this port were represented and after mature deliberation unanimously acceded to the proposal. The agreement entered into at that time with them and that subsequently with most of the vessels it is believed has been invariably (PAGE 9) complied with and we are persuaded that they must be satisfied that the measure has had the salutary effect of preserving greater sobriety and better order among those who have been employed by them during the past year.

Your committee thought proper to invite the Executive Committee of the Temperance Society of Bridgehampton and Southampton to meet with us at Bridgehampton in order to advise upon the propriety of petitioning the Commissioner of Excises at their annual meeting for granting licenses, to raise the fee of license, that the number of applications might be diminished, and to restrict the number of their licenses granted to such as might, in their opinion, be necessary for the convenience and accommodation of travelers. The Committee of Bridgehampton and Southampton complied with our

invitation and met with us. A petition had been drawn up and signed by the members present requesting the Commissioners to take into consideration the measure proposed; the petition was presented and we are happy to state the Commissioners gave the subject a favorable consideration and evinced a willingness as far as present circumstances would justify and discretion and good policy dictate to cooperate with your Society in effecting its benevolent purposes.

The Commissioners partially complied with the wishes of your Committee and raised the price of licenses, but not we fear to the degree necessary effectually to prevent the evils resulting from the source. In expressing our thankfulness to the Commissioners for what they have done we confidently cherish the hope that they will be willing still further to exert their authority and influence in aid of the objects of your Society.

Your committee believe that the Commissioners in interposing their authority to check the advancement of intemperance and to lessen its evils in all suitable ways will soon be sustained if they are not already by the voice of public appreciation. The community has been brought to contemplate the immense evils resulting from the use of Spirituous liquors; we have been shown the numerous examples that (PAGE 10) seafaring men, merchants, and laborers of every description can dispense with the use of this fluid without injury to their health and with advantage to their interests and your committee believe that the compulsion resulting from such examples has contributed to subdue much of existing prejudice. They believe they can affirm without fear of contradiction that all who have made a faithful experiment of total abstinence are fully convinced that excess is not only hurtful but that spirituous liquors had better be discarded as an article wholly unnecessary to persons in health; adding nothing to real strength; affording no such security from disease, importing no increased capacity to endure hardships, heat or cold, but imposing a burthensome and unnecessary tax and forcibly tending, however prudently used, to the formation of dangeroius propensities and hereby our moral condition may be impaired and the foundation on which rest all our free institutions threaten to be undermined and destroyed.

Luther D. Cook, Sam'l L'Hommedieu, Jr., Edward C. Rogers, Wm. Cooper, Job Hedges.

The following resolution was then offered by the Rev. John C. Gardiner and adapted by the Society :whereas this society since their last annual meeting have been called to part with Deacon Augustus Sleight their worthy Vice President, therefore resolved as a testimony of respect to the memory of the Deceased the Society do notice with emotion of unfeigned sorrow this afflicting visitation of divine providence and that the time of his death be placed upon the records of this society.

PAGE 11 – The subjoiner resolution was then offered by Frederick W. Long:

That the Executive Committee have the power to appoint subcommittees to visit delinquent members and to expostulate to them on the violation of their engagements and, on failure of reforming them, to report their cases for the final determination of the Society.

The Society next proceeded to ballot for officers for the ensuing year which having gone through with, the chairman dictated the following persons duly elected, viz.

Luther D. Cook, President Sam'l. L'Hommedieu, Vice Pressident Jahusha(?) Gardiner, Sec'

John P. Osborn Hezekiah Jenings Frederick W. Long

Executive Committee

No further business being brought before the Society the same adjourned.

The annual meeting of the Sag Harbor Temperance Society was held in the U. S. Arsenal agreeably to public notice on Tuesday the 10 Jan. 1832 when the following persons were elected officers for the ensuing year.

Jn. P. Osborn, President Jos. Hedges, Vice President Jas. Gardiner, Sec'v

Sam'l Phillips E.C.Rodgers

Executive Committee

Carl J. Harris

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P. 13 The Executive Committee met on Wed. evening the 15 of August 1832 at the house of John L. Osborn. The resignation of the Secretary having been previously sent in to the Society, Samuel Phillips was appointed secretary pro tempora. Arrangements were made for a monthly meeting of the Society and other citizens at the church on the ensuing Saturday; Public adddress to be delivered by Thomas G. Fessenden Esq.. It being known that George G. Fordham and Prince Achilles had repeatedly violated their pledges as members of the Society, Job Hedges and Daniel J. Harris were appointed a sub-committee to wait on those two delinquent members and expostulate with them on account of their aberration and report to the next meeting of the Executive Committee. Attest: Samuel Phillips, Sec'y.

Page 13 1833 At the annual meeting of the Sag Harbor Temperance Society held at the Arsenal on Tuesday evening the 1 Jan 1833:

John P. Osborn, Esq. Chairman James Nickerson, Clerk

After hearing a statement made by the President of the Society of the situation of the society generally, the meeting proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ending when the following persons were (-----) and duly elected, viz:

John P. Osborn, President William Cooper, Vice President Luther D. Cook, Secretary

David Jermain Harris
Marcus B. Osborn
Daniel Y. Bellows
Philander R. Jenings
George Bassett

Executive Committee

Voted that the constitution be so amended as that it shall provide for the filling up of any vacancy which may occur in the Board of Officers by a majority of the Executive Committee, alnd also for the appointment of five instead of three as the number to compose the Executive Committee of the Society.

The Rev. W. Gillet of Patchogue being present offered some remarks on the subject of the Temperance cause and of the manner of conducting the same by associations for its promotion, which were well received by those in attendance. The Reverend Samuel King (now of this village) being also present subscribed his name of the roll of members and offered up a prayer of the cause of Temperance of the efforts that are now making (their way) throughout our land for the promotion and extension of benevolent institution generally. The society was adjourned to the first Tuesday in Jan 1834.

L. D.Cook, Secretary John Osborn, Chairman PAGE 14 At a meeting of the members of the Executive Committee of the Sag Harbor Temperance Society on 15 of Oct. 1833, Mr. Job Hedges was chosen a member of the Committee in the place of George Bassett now absent on a whaling voyage on the ship Gem.

The annual meeting of the Sag Harbour Temperance Society (auxiliary to the New York State Temperance Society) was held in the New Lecture Room, on Tuesday evening, the 14th January, 1834, when the following proceedings took place, viz:

Prayer by the Rev. Daniel Smith. Hymn read by the Rev. Peter H. Shaw. The minutes of the last annual meeting

read by the Secretary.

The annual Report, prepared and read to the meeting at the request of the Executive Committee, as follows, viz:

REPORT.

In accordance with the custom, and probably with the expectations of the members of the Temperance Society of Sag Harbor, (Auxiliary to the N. Y. State Temperance Society,) the Secretary, by request of the Executive Committee, submits the following as the Annual Report of the present situation and circumstances of the Society, & also a brief retrospect of our past transactions, with some notice of our future prospects, and of the sentiments which should impel us to continued efforts and perseverance in a cause which has been so signally upheld and prospered by an over ruling Providence, and which, in the opinion of vast numbers of our fellow citizens, has already wrought so much good to those multitudes of our fellow men who were al-

The Temperance Society of this village was originally formed on the 18th of August, 1829. At the time of its organization it consisted of only about sixteen members. The plan was at first new & many doubted of its success and the practicability of its objects, especially in our location. Its progress during that year was gradual, & some were disposed to despond; but by the aid and untiring efforts of a few worthy individuals, among whom we have to number some who have departed hence, and for whose loss the whole public have mourned, and who have left hehind them bright examples, worthy of our imitation, the Socie ty became somewhat enlarged, and on this occasion, and at this time, I have the pleasure and satisfaction to state that its records now contain the names of 260 individ uals, having had an accession of 127 mem-

bers, during the past year.

Of this number we have 149 male and 111 female members, as composing the Society. Of the individuals stated as belonging to the Society 70 are mechanics and 22 whose professions are those of seamen.

Since the formation of the Society, I have had to record the decease of 15 members, a number of whom were the heads of families. & whose stations, and whose acknowledged respectable character, ranked them among our most valued & esteemed neighbours and fellow-citizens.

I think I may here also allude to the loss, both public and private which we have experienced during the past year, in the decease of the late worthy & beloved minister of one of our congregations, who, although somewhat a stranger among us, had, with cheerfulness come forward and added his vame to the lists of our temperance friends.

In this sad event we have, I think, with others, just cause to mourn. With his almost dying breath, as I trust many of you can testify, did he sustain the great and holy cause of Temperance, in exhibiting the probable good which will eventually result from the labours of those, who in this country as well as in Europe, are prompting its success and usefulness, and who are providing for the rising generation the means & examples for the formation of characters and priciples which shall be to them as an inheritance, which if embraced "will prove incorruptible, undefiled, and which will not fade away."

We have reason to congratulate ourselves that public opinion, that powerful aid to the scccessful accomplishment of any general undertaking is, as we have reason to believe, fast setting in favour of, and constantly coming in to the support of temperance principles. It is also a pleasing reflection to know that all ranks of men in our country, without distinction, including the various sects, religious and political, have been, and are at this time, exerting their influence to favour the cause. man high in office, down to the humblest individual among us, we rejoice to perceive an union of sentiment and action on the subject. No doubt now exists but what the time has already arrived that a large proportion of our most worthy and public spirited citizens, embracing our business men, and also our agriculturalists and mechanics, are convinced of the real amount of good which has been done, and of the feasibility of that which now remains to be effected, by an extension of the utility of the objects connected with the Temperance associations, and in the measures taken for for the promotion of which, they generally concurWe must not be discouraged, nor should we despair, when we view the progress thus far as slow and gradual, but to be encouraged with the hope that its future success will be more certain, and the foundations on which it rests more permanent &

abiding.

To suppose that the greattemperance under taking of our country would be met with a friendly reception by all, or that its sentiments and precepts would be at once embraced by all, would prove an illusion, be-cause not warranted by the very principles which go, in a great measure to form the human character. We must be content then to see it move on to ultimate success, even if its progress should not seem so rapid as might be desired by many of its best friends. As truth appears more bright, and clear, and satisfactory as we become more and more acquainted with its attri butes, so the temperance cause will be viewed by all unprejudiced minds after they shall have become more familiar with its objects, and have been "eye witnesses" to the salutary and healthful effects which have followed in its train of blessings, in communities where it has been successfully promoted.

It is suggested that among the leading objects of the Temperance Society in this vicinity, it should not be forgotten that the Seamen's claims among us, are neither lew nor small. As our village is consider ably interested in maritime pursuits, we consequently have a numerous class of those "whose march is on the mountain wave, whose home is on the deep." Among those to whom the subject may, with pro priety, be addressed, are there any whose situations and callings demand from the friends of temperance more attentions and kindness in the way of instilling into their minds the great importance of sobricty, & the incalculable benefits which will result from the reception and practice by them of temperance principles. Among this class of our population are many young men of fair reputation and promise, and who ere long, are to officer and navigate your ships and coasting vessels. Is it not then of im portance that to qualify them for places of responsibility and command they should a mong other requisites, posess characters dis tinguished for sobriety as well as for fidelity? Who is there among us, in this day of light and of intelligence, that would feel secure in commissioning him, who is noterious for his habits of intemperance, or who, by his practices is in danger of becoming so, to take charge, not only of his property, but to have in his charge also, the lives & fortunes of many others? We hope and trust that, especially in this case, the time has already arrived when the questic in will be invariably asked—Is he capable & Is he temperate?

It has often been said that sailors are too frequently found to be of intemper ate habits. But I trust that a new era in their history is about to commence, and more, I think it has already commenced; for among the names of members and patrons of tem perance societies, in various sea ports of the United States, I am pround to be able to say, that we find a goodly number of sea-faring men who have thought proper to come forward in a decided way, in lending their aid and assistance, and in showing their examples, in the acknowledged

worthy cause of Temperance.

On the subject of the Excise Laws, & of the abuse of them by evasions, and other means which may have been resorted to by some, I shall, at present, forbear to speak, as it is admitted on all hands that, when the public sentiment shall have become more generally settled, and public opinion shall lift up its voice as one sound, (which we expect ere long to hear,) to speak in most decided terms against, not only the violators of the law, but of the examples which have sometimes occurred in differ ent parts of our country, of granting licen-ses to those who were unworthy of them; and generally against the crying sin of intemperence; it is not, perhaps, well or expedient for a society to say more than to express an ardeut hope that the whole pub he will soon be brought to feel and act as one on this important subject.

I have recently received a Circular from the Executive Committee of the Suffolk County Temperance Society on the subject of placing in the hands of every family in our County, which would receive it, a copy each of the "TemperanceRecorder", a monthly publication, printed under the direction of the New York State Temperance Society, and for whose continued sup-

port, Is conceive the friends, of l'emperance, throughout the U. States, are much indebted to that worthy and indefatigable philanthropist, Edward C. Delavan Esq., of the City of Albany. Its cost which is so inconsiderable and the amount and variety of the information, which its numbers contain, will, I hope be duly considered by every friend to humanity in such a manner, as to prompt him to lend his aid in so useful an auxiliary. To have every family of Suffolk County supplied and put in posses sion of so interesting a publication, which monthly contains so many cheering facts to encourage the friend of man, would in my view be productive of a large amount of good, not only to those of the present generation but also to them, who are soon t take our places.

A proposition has lately been brought forward to have Town Temperance Conventions, and to have the same appointed to be holden at different points in our town as often as once in three months during the

year

As the towns of South and East Hampton terminate this part and portion of our State, and as the intercourse between them is very considerable, perhaps it might be deemed more expedient and advantageous to have the friends of temperance through out these towns, unite in such a proposition, than to confine the object to our own It cannot, I think be doubted town alone. but what the cause might be greatly advanced by having public meetings of this sort, by which a larger number would probably be brought together and that too from more remote districts and by which the leading objects and different views of our fellow citizens, in furtherance of the promotion of Temperance principles, might be discussed and interchanged with a better prospect of more enlarged success, than what can possibly be the case in smaller communities.

In closing this report, I cannot omit to a gain call your attention to the duties which we owe to each other, as well as to those we are pledged to perform towards the accomplishment of the great and holy cause for which we are associated. May I not be permitted to enjoin upon you all the offices we are voluntarily bound to perform with respect to "discountenancing, in all suitable ways the use of intoxicating liquors

in the community."

If we are faithful to ourselves we shall be more likely to be faithful to others and you may thereby be privileged to be the means, if zealously engaged in the cause, of being instrumental, under God, of saving many from distruction and of averting that pestilence which walketh in darkness and wasteth at noon day; so that you may yet enjoy the satisfaction of seeing the children of many, now nearly annihilated by this moral scourge of the whole human family throughout the civilized world, rise up and call you blessed.

A motion was made and seconded that the Annual Report just presented, be adopted; which having been put by the Presi-

deat, was passed by the meeting.

The Constitution and the names of the members of the Society having been read, an invitation was given to all those present, who felt disposed to associate themselves with the society, to come forward; when twenty persons signified their wish to do so, and their names were accordingly entered on the records of the Society.

The election of officers of the Society

The election of officers of the Society then took place, which having been completed, the following persons were decla-

red duly chosen, viz:

Frederick W. Lord, President; Marcus B. Osborn, Vice President; Luther D. Cook, Secretary;

William Cooper,)
Job Hedges,
H. T. Dering,

Exec. Committee.

H. P. Byram.

The following resolutions were offered with appropriate remarks by the several movers of them, and unanimously adopted by those present, viz:

Resolved. That we regard with particular delight and gratitude to God, the manifest progress of the Temperance reformation among ourselves, and in our immediate vicinity, during the past year; and we had the extension of this reform throughout all parts of this great and growing country, as a source of great gratification to every phi-

lanthropist and Christian.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this meeting, mariners are more deeply interested than any other class of men, in the adoption of Temperance principles, and we hope that the example already set by many of this deserving class of our follow citizens may teach all others that they do not need the bewildering influence of intoxicating liquors to guide or sustain them in their dangerous and difficult pursuits. And we would recommend to the members of this Society to use all proper exertion to impress the importance of temperance upon the minds of the seamen of this port.

Resolved, That we view the circulation of the Temperance Recorder as highly important to the temperance cause. & therefore request the Executive Committee of this Society to correspond with the officers of all the Temperance Societies in the towns of South and East Hampton in reference to an extensive circulation of this paper throughout these towns.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of this Society be requested to correspond with the officers of the several Temperance Societies of South & East Hampton with a view to procure more frequently, public meetings of the different societies, to be held at such times and places as may be deemed most convenient—public

notice being given of the same.

The exercises of the meeting having been gone through with, the same was adjourned.

L., D., COOK, Secretary.

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Voted that the following persons constitute a committee to distribute and circulate The Temperance Recorder, a monthly publication published at Albany under the discretion of patronage of the New York State Temperance Society for the promotion of the Temperance Reformation, the good effects of which has, in the opinion of this meeting, done much towards the great accomplishments so much desired by the numerous friends and patrons of Temperance at the present day.

Philander R. Jenings
Daniel Y. Bellows
John N. Schellinger
Harmon D. Sayre
Henry R. Harris
Sylvester C. Howell
Lewis R. Edwards
Stephen Rensellear Baker Rensellear

Voted that the said committee now appointed for the purposes above mentioned be furnished with subscription papers to solicit contributions from those who they may call upon with the Recorder, or others who may feel disposed to assist in the cause, and all monies so collected shall be appropriated to the benefit of the public in repaying the expenses of procuring the Recorder from Albany and for other Temperance publications.

The business of the meeting having been gone through with, the same was adjourned.

L.D.Cook, Secretary

PAGE 18 At the annual meeting of the Temperance Society of Sag Harbor, held at the Lecture Room on the evening of __ Jan. 1835.

The President, F. W. Lord, Chairman, and L.D.Cook, Sec'y

The annual report of the Secretary was submitted to meeting, which contained the following statement, viz:

Whole number of persons who have given their pledges since the organization of the Society on 18 Aug. 1829.

From which deduct for death, removals from the village and for forfeitures	50
Present number of the society	504
Of which are male 255	

Of which are female 249

504

Additions made since 1 Jan. 1834 Whole number of stores and taverns in the village		255	
of Sag Harbor		25	
Number in which ardent spirits are sold		9	
	Not sold	16	
		25	

Number of whaling ships which are fitted within the district of Sag Harbor

25

Of which number are fitted as Temperance ships

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Voted that the report now submitted be accepted by the Society.

The meeting next proceeded to ballot for Officers for the Society for the year ensuing when the following persons are declared duly elected, viz:

PAGE 19 Cornelius Sleight, Pres., Frederick W. Lord, Vice Pres., Henry H. Huntting, Secretary; John P. Osborne, Job Hedges, Henry P. Byram, George Gorham, Henry Harris, Executive Committee

The following Preamble and Resolution was brought in and after having been read and considered were adopted by the meeting, viz:

As the experience of all classes of men for many years and in every variety of situation has demonstrated that spirituous liquors are neither necessary nor beneficial to persons in health but on the contrary hurtful; likening their capacity to endless hardship, hot or cold, impairing the physical and intellectual power of men, preparing their bodies for diseases and poisoning the purity of their mind and whereas it is admitted that it is the daily moderate use that engenders all the intemperance with which we are afflicted and that this intemperance in its turn is the parent of almost all the poverty, wretchedness and crime that is visited upon our happy country; Therefore; Resolved that we consider the total abandonment of these liquors as dictated to every citizen by a prudent regard to his own individual happiness and required of him by a solemn duty to society in general.

That the steady and progressive march of the Temperance Reformation throughout the country affords the pleasing assurance that this great enterprise of humanity will eventually triumph over opposing instincts and long established prejudice and that nothing is wanting to realize our highest hopes but patient and persevering efforts on our part.

PAGE 20- Resolved: That we look upon the increased numbers of ships, which have sailed forth from this port the past year on "Temperance principles" as an omen of good; as affording additional proofs (if proof were needed) that the sailor is better without than with this poison, better in health and more secure in his moral habits, capable of enduring greater hardships or fatigue, more obedient to his officers, more attentive to the discipline and good order of his ship and in all respects better qualified for the delicate and arduous duties of navigation.

Resolved: That we view with great pleasure the agreement of all the Marine Insurance Companies in the City of New York and elsewhere, to insure vessels sailing upon "Temperance principles" at a lower premium than those in which spirituous liquors are allowed to be used, as recognizing the fact long since attested by the friends of Temperance that many shipwrecks and much of the consequent loss of life and property at sea are caused by the intemperance of Officers and crew.

Resolved: That considering the spread of Temperance information as the most successful mode of disseminating Temperance principles, we will endeavor to raise a sum of money sufficient to procure a copy of the "Temperance Recorder" in every family in this place and vicinity and the ships belonging to this port.

Voted: that the Executive Committee report on the subject of delinquent and unfaithful members who have heretofore given their pledges of total abstinence to the society, that the said report at the executive meeting of the Society be made on the 24 February next.

Voted that the Committee appointed on the 11 Dec. last be continued in the discharge of their duties.

PAGE 21 – Voted, that the thanks of this Society by presented to George Miller, Esq. of Riverhead, for the interest he has taken in the Temperance more information in Suffolk County and for the indefatigable exertions and perseverance he has shown in promoting the great cause of Temperance and Philanthropy generally during the last five years.

The business of the meeting having been gone through with, the same was adjourned. F.W.Lord, Chairman, L.D.Cook, Secretary

At the annual meeting of the Sag Harbor Temperance Society held in the Lecture Room Jan. 12,1836 according to a previous notice the President not being present, the Vice President was called to the chair. This meeting being open -Resolved: that the proceedings of the last annual meeting be read and carried. The report of the Executive Committee was then read.

Resolved: that the report now read by adopted and carried. The meeting then proceeded to elect the Officers for the coming year on balloting.

Luther D. Cook, President

Charles T. Dering. Vice President

H.H. Huntting, Secretary were duly chosen

PAGE 22- Frederick W. Lord, William Cooper, Samuel L'Hommedieu, Henry Mott, Henry P. Byram, Henry R. Harris were duly chosen.

Resolved: That exertions be made by this Society to raise by subscription the sum of fifty dollars to be paid to Mr. George Miller towards paying the debt that now stands against the Suffolk County Society.

Resolved: That the Secretary of this Society prepare and keep a subscription Book for the Temperance Recorder and the same be circulated by the Executive Committee and that, the number of copies subscribed for be procured by the Secretary in the cheapest and most expeditious manner practicable and to order them by mail for any subscriber choosing that mode of conveyance.

Resol.: That, the great number of members who have proved faithless to their pledge within the last year has convinced us that many have attached themselves to the society without sufficient reflection upon the step they were taking (PAGE 23) and it is our wish that none should become members who are not firmly resolved to adhere to the principle of the Temperance reform.

Resolv. That, the Executive Committee meet on every other month and that they have an address delivered once in two months throughout this year, commencing the first Tuesday of March 1836

Res. That this meeting adjourn.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held at (the home of) Henry H. Huntting on Saturday Evening 13 of Feb. 1836.

Voted that the Rev. C. W. Carpenter be invited to give an address on Temperance the first Tuesday Evening in March 1836. If he declines that the Rev. H. A. Wilson be invited.

Res. That if the Temperance Societies of South, East and Bridge Hampon concur, there be a quarterly meeting at this and each of the above named places. At Sag Harbor on the 2nd Tuesday of June 1836, at Southampton (PAGE 24) on the second Tuesday in September, next at Easthampton on the second Tuesday in December, next at Bridge Hampton on the second Tuesday of March 1837, the place of holding the meeting to be designated in each parish by the Executive Committee of the same and some person on persons engaged by them to address the meeting and that three weeks public notice be given of each quarterly meeting at all the churches within the said parishes and in the Newspapers printed in Sag Harbor.

Res. That the president of this Society transmit to each of the above named Societies a copy of the proceeding resolution and make arrangement with them for carrying the same into effect.

H.H.Huntting, Secretary

PAGE 25 1837

At the Annual Meeting of the Sag Harbor Temperance Society held in the Lecture Room on the 10th of January 1837 according to previous notice.

The proceedings of the last, annual meeting having been read the meeting proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year, when Luther D. Cook was chosen President, Charles T. Dering ,Vice President, John N. Schillinger, Secretary

Frederick W. Lord
Wm. Cooper
Samuel L'Hommedieu Executive Committee
Henry Mott
H. R. Harris

The meeting then adjourned. H.H.Huntting, Sec'y

PAGE 26 1838

The Annual Meeting of the Sag Harbor Temperance Society was held in the Lecture Room on Tuesday evening 9th January 1838.

Luther D. Cook, Chairman, John N. Schillinger, Sec'y. The same was opened with prayer by the Rev. N. Kellogg. A report of the situation of the Society, and of the additions made to the lists of members during the past year and an attempt to show to the meeting the importance of continuing our exertions to further the efforts of our countrymen to promote the good cause of Temperance and Sobriety, having been made by the Secretary, the proceedings of the last Annual meeting were read by the Presiding Officer. The meeting next proceeded to the election of Officers of the society for the year ensuing, when, after the usual balloting, the following persons were declared to be duly elected viz:

Dr. Frederick W. Lord, President John T. Osborn, Vice Pres. Luther D. Cook, Sec'y

Arnold Van Scoy
George Howell
Job Hedges Executive Committee
Samuel Phillips
Daniel Smith

On motion: Resolved, that the Executive Committee be requested to make arrangements for a Temperance Meeting on the evening of the last Monday of January, being the 29th instant, and that the members and the public

generally be respectfully invited to attend. No other business offering before the Meeting the same was adjourned. L.D. Cook, Chairman (Sec'y).

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PAGE 27 Article from the <u>Corrector</u> August 1879-"Semi-Centennial Temperance Anniversary"

SEMI CENTENNIAL TEMPERANCE ANNIVERSARY.

The recent temperance meeting in the Presbyterian church was an occasion of more than usual interest. There has been brief mention of it, but inasmuch as it was really a semi-centennial celebration of the institution of the Sag Harbor Temperance Association it is proper to put a more extended notice on record.

The occasion of the celabration was August 17th. The anniversary of the society is properly on the 18th, but Sunday evening being the eve of the anniversary it was thought best to hold the meeting at that time.

On the platform sat Marcus B. Osborn and David E. Jennings, two of the original signers, also Geo. B. Brown and John Sherry, old temperance advocates, and Revs. A. W. Sproull, W. H. Gleason and Rushmore.

Mr. Samuel L. Gardiner one of the first signers occupied a front pew.

Rev. Mr. Gleason, son of Rev. Henry Gleason one of the organizers, read from the original books, the constitution, and pledge, and extracts from the records, showing the work and the names of the men who took an active part in those early days of the organization. The names of the founders of the society fif ty years ago were also given. His address was an interesting production, carrying down the history of the society through the half century.

Marcus B. Osborn, Esq., spoke, going back to the early days of temperance in this village and referring to the especial efforts put forth to reform the sailors in the days of our whaling prosperity. He spoke of a meeting held in the office of Mulford & Sleight where an agreement was entered into to discontinue the furnishing of the ships and sailors with spirituous liquors. Rum had previously been a recognized part of the ship stores and sailors' outfits. He gave a number of instances showing the progress of the temperance cause in the past 50 years.

John Sherry, Esq., made one his stirring addresses, reverting to the year 1822 when he first visited Sag Harbor.

Rev. Mr. Rushmore, of the M. E. Church made a short address which was followed by Rev. Mr. Sproull in a few appropriate remarks.

A large congregation was present and much interest manifested in the proceedings which passed off with entire satisfaction to all.

1829.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

A numerous and respectable meeting of the Citizens of this Port was held in the conference room on Tuesday evening the agreeably to public notice, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of adopting some measures to arrest the progress of Intemperance.

LUTHER D. COOK was chosen and SAMUEL L'HOMME-DIEU, Jr. Clerk. On motion

Resolved, that a vote of this meeting be taken on the propriety of adopting some measures for promoting Temperance, and suppressing the evils of Intemperance, among the inhabitants of this place—which was carried in the affirmative. On motion,

Resolved, That this meeting form themselves into an association for that pur-

pose.

The following Constitution was laid before the meeting, and after being read was taken up and adopted, article by article.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1. This Society shall be called the Sag Harbour Temperance Society, auxiliary to the Archive Temperature Society.

ART. 2. Any person subscribing this constitution shall be a member of this

Society.

ART. 3. The members of the Society, believing that the use of intoxicating liquors is, for persons in health, not only unnecessary but hurtful; and that the practice is the cause of forming intemperate appetites and habits; and that while it is continued the evils of intemperance can never be prevented, do therefore agree that we will abstain from the use of distilled spirits, except as a medicine in case of bodily infirmity; that we will not allow the use of them in our families, per-provide them for the

entertainment of our friends, or for per sons in our employment; and that in all suitable ways, we will discountenance the use of them in the community.

ART. 4. The officers of this society shall be a President, vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer; to be chosen at each annual meeting of the Society; and who shall perform the duties customarily assigned to such officers.

customarily assigned to such officers.

ART. 5. The officers of the society, in their associated capacity, together with such a number of other members as circumstances shall require, duly appointed shall constitute an Executive Committee to carry into effect all votes and orders of the Society, to devise and recommend the best means for accomplishing its benevolent designs; to propose, from time to time, measures necessary for raising funds; and in general, to perform all other duties, in accordance with the principles/ of this constitution, which they shall deem necessary, for promoting habits of temperance to the greatest extent. They shall make an annual report to this Society, of their proceedings; and through the Secretary, shall transmit, annually, to the Parent Socie-ty, an account of the state, measures, success, receipts and expenditures of this Auxiliary

ART. 6. The Society shall meet annually, on the second Tuesday in January; and at such other times as shall be judged necessary, by the Executive

Committee.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers, and the following gentlemen were unanimously chosen.

LUTHER D. COOK, President,

AUGUSTUS SLEIGHT. Vice Pres, S. L'HOMMEDIEU, jr. Sec. & Tr. WILLIAM COOPER, JOB HEDGES, EDWARD C. ROGERS Commt. Sag Harbour, Aug. 20, 1829.

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