

gested the possibility of being able to erect a pier or bridge into the Lake. R. G. Otis, who came to this place in 1836, was the first to make a move for a pier. He proposed it in 1839, but was considered chimerical in his calculations. In 1840, he saw Mr. Cahoon, the well known nursery-man and horticulturist, and engaged him to prosecute the work; and on this, the middle pier, and on the warehouse, Mr. Otis expended not less than \$2,000. The attempt was at first a good deal ridiculed by some of our sister Lake port towns, which have since profited by the example. Two more piers were afterwards built, and all have been constantly used during the season of navigation. All the Lake ports, and the country generally, have been greatly indebted to these substitutes for harbors.

*Temperance.*—Kenosha once boasted of being ahead of all places upon Lake Michigan in the temperance cause. This was in part owing to the temperance clause in the Constitution of the Emigration Company, which, of course, drew together a class of persons of habits so formed as to readily comply with this requirement of the Constitution. In the autumn of 1835, a request was made to the writer to give a temperance lecture at the house of Christopher Derbyshire, in Pleasant Prairie, on a Sunday afternoon. Mr. Higgins and Sereno Fowler were the first movers of this meeting. A good congregation was present, and at the close of the address, forty-five persons gave their names to a pledge of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks.

A few weeks after, a meeting was called at Pike Creek, and an address made by the writer, when thirty names were subscribed to the temperance pledge. From that time until about 1840, Pike Creek (or Southport) was remarkable for the temperance of its inhabitants. A change, however, came over the place by the introduction of limited temperance. One fact will illustrate the new principle. Various talents were called into requisition to present at our meetings the subject of temperance. Rev. Mr. Alanson, of the Episcopal church, was requested to give his views. "O, yes," said he, "I have often lectured on temperance, and will accept