

sure that if Col. Gagy would appeal to the country for statistics, a host of facts would be furnished fully sustaining the most extreme view he might feel at liberty to take in reference to the dreadful evil of drunkenness.

Would it not be well to try once more the scheme of a Provincial Union? There appears a very strong desire that the Montreal Society should move in this matter, and although all the societies might not come into the plan at once, yet a large number would.

I was sorry to observe that in very few places are Temperance Hotels established; there may be many reasons for this, but I am satisfied there is not *one good one*. Some say the country is not prepared for them—others say, there are not enough of Teetotalers to sustain them, but I am prepared to venture this opinion, that the number of Teetotalers is large enough, and the country in a good state to support such houses, if temperance men will themselves be true to one another, consistent and liberal, and if such houses are established on a respectable footing, and conducted on strictly moral principles.

I have yet one other remark to make on the desirableness of establishing Female and Juvenile Societies. Having consulted with many of the friends of the cause on these points, it appears to me not merely desirable, but really necessary, to have such organizations as will bring into active operation all the influence and talent which we can command. In a general Society, the distinct and peculiar influence of the young, and of ladies, is not so beneficially felt as in separate associations, where they can deliberate on measures and form their plans to suit their own sympathetic and energetic turn of mind.

Having extended my remarks beyond what I at first intended, I leave the whole subject before your readers, hoping that they will become more deeply interested in the cause than ever. I am, &c.,

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To the Editor of the CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

Sir—I rejoice to find, on my return to Montreal, that the *Temperance Advocate* has been continued, and, I trust, has done much good. It may be gratifying to you, and some of your readers, to hear good news from the south. On my late journey to Charleston, South Carolina, I found a splendid temperance hall, in which, I was informed, a meeting was held every week. I had the pleasure of speaking in it twice; and I heard the Hon. Judge O'Neil twice very powerfully advocate the cause of temperance. This excellent man is a devout follower of the Redeemer, and, like his Divine Master, is going about doing good. In whatever place he may be holding the court, he employs his evenings in advocating the cause of temperance and religion.

In the same city I found a most interesting man, who is the chaplain to the Seaman's Society; he holds one temperance meeting weekly in the Bethel, and I found that meeting well attended, and furnished with good speakers,

who faithfully advocated the temperance cause. A captain of a vessel then in the port, with all his crew, came forward and signed the pledge of total abstinence.

On my return I had the privilege of attending many temperance meetings in the different towns and cities through which I passed, from Savannah to Boston. In more than 500 schools in which I had opportunity to speak, I urged the scholars to unite with the temperance society, and become good soldiers in the cold water army. I feel greatly encouraged in the temperance enterprise when I hear the little children sing very delightful temperance hymns, as I have done in many schools on my late journey.

While visiting schools in Salem, Massachusetts, I was introduced to a city missionary, by the name of Mr. Ball, who devotes his whole time to the promotion of temperance and Christian instruction. He has the confidence of all denominations of Christians, and is doing great good, not only in suppressing intemperance and other sinful practices, but in leading sinners to the Saviour.

The friends of temperance in Boston have done much towards promoting the temperance enterprise. The state legislature in Massachusetts has, for some years, during the session, held a temperance meeting once a fortnight in the state house. I had the pleasure of attending one of them; I heard a number of good addresses, but the most interesting address was delivered by Mr. Bungay, from Canada. He was invited to give a second lecture in Boston.

It is a gratifying circumstance that the governor of Massachusetts is a warm supporter of the temperance cause, and several of the ministers of the gospel in Boston have come forward boldly in support of this noble enterprise. Also the mayor of Boston, and deacon Grant, with several other laymen, have nobly distinguished themselves in putting down *king alcohol*. There is only one county in this state in which any license is granted for the sale of intoxicating drinks. It is hoped that all the other states, with all the nations of the world, will do likewise. It ought to be done without delay.

The evils of intemperance are so very alarming, that all good men should at once cease from making, selling, or using those poisonous liquids, which spread plagues and suffering among all the inhabitants of our world. It is a painful truth, that more lives have been lost by means of intoxicating drinks than all who have been slain by the sword; and more property sacrificed than would have been sufficient to enlighten and evangelise the world.

That all ministers of religion, and all teachers of the rising generation, may exert themselves to put a stop to this moral pestilence, is the sincere desire and fervent prayer of

THADDEUS OSGOOD.

Montreal, April 19, 1848.

SOUTH WEST CALEDON.—21st March, 1848.—After so long a delay, I am able to furnish for your paper only about one subscriber to every 10 members in the Society. I am happy, however to inform you, that the Society has grown, in a little more than a year, to 140 members. We have two branch Societies in the adjoining townships, prosper-