

the election of temperance men to the many offices to be filled at the ensuing election. "Patriotic Alliances" are also being formed with a special view to rescue the City from the corruption by which its affairs are ruled, irrespective of party, including, of course, the influence of rums and rowdies. It is not very likely that either of these organizations will be felt very much at this election, but if kept up, they may become powerful hereafter.

Rev. J. Blackmer, Secretary of the City Temperance Alliance, while addressing a large audience at Beckman-street, on Sunday afternoon, was brutally attacked by a couple of rum-rowdies.—They were marched off to the Tombs in double quick time.

Father Mathew is actively employed the remaining days of his stay in this country in the work to which he has devoted himself. A few days since he visited the City Prison and addressed the persons there confined, administering the Temperance pledge to such as would receive it. He has also visited Ward's Island, and inspected the building for the temporary accommodation of helpless and destitute emigrants. He there found many persons he had known in Ireland. On Wednesday he made a visit to the establishment for pauper children on Randall's Island, accompanied by the President of the Governors of the Almshouse. He addressed the children, by whom he was received with enthusiasm. He has administered the pledge to 500,000 persons in the United States, and to 10,000 during his present brief stay in this city.

London, C. W.—The Cadets of Temperance held their first anniversary on Friday the 17th ult., in the hall of the Mechanics' Institute. The meeting was one of thrilling interest, of which a full report is given by the editor of the *Prototype*. Success to the young knights of London.

OUR PROSPECTUS FOR 1852.

In another column the prospectus of the *Canada Temperance Advocate* for the ensuing year will be found. We direct attention thereto at the present time with an earnest hope that our unabated desire to aid the temperance reformation, and promote the intellectual improvement of the people of Canada, may meet with a cordial response on the part of all our old friends and many new ones. We thus write because a more than usually deep persuasion rests upon our mind that we are on the eve of great events affecting the morals and happiness of Canada. In sustaining the *Advocate* we have no personal ends to serve—the character of the undertaking is unselfish and patriotic, as every one must consider who will reflect on the quantity of useful matter furnished at so very low a price. It is necessary, however, that we should explicitly set forth the terms of the paper for the succeeding volume. The club system is acknowledged to be the best and safest for all parties, and substantially we are compelled to adopt this plan for the future. We say *compelled*, because in such a country as Canada, where the population are continually moving from place to place, and where other changes are frequently occurring, it is impossible for us to know certainly whether it will be right to send our paper to certain parties or not. Let it be remembered, therefore, that for the year 1852, the *Advocate* will be sent only to those who pay in advance; or who, through one of our agents, or personally, send an order direct to the office. The number of our agents, (a list of whom we shall publish in our next,) is so great, and the postal arrangements of our country are now so very advantageous, that the terms suggested can very readily be complied with. We ask then a cheerful and ready concurrence with our plan for the diffusion of a sound and cheap temperance paper.

The Medical Profession

It will not be denied that the great numbers of learned persons who constitute the Medical Profession, are capable of exerting a powerful influence on community, especially on subjects that relate to the physical welfare of mankind. They have many opportunities, by education and experience, of judging of the effects

produced on the human system by the use of certain kinds of food and drink. They are, we believe, universally of opinion that alcoholic drinks are not beneficial, but hurtful, as a beverage to persons in health. Many of the Medical Profession have long been fast and firm friends of the Temperance Reformation, but alas! many stand aloof from the enterprise, and some of these are found by their practices to exert a baneful influence on the social habits of a very large and respectable portion of the population. It is very desirable that all medical gentlemen should be invited to co-operate with us in the effort to rid the country of a great, we trust not growing, evil. For the benefit of medical readers, we have copied from the *Scottish Temperance Review* a valuable article, headed "Precept and Example, Medical Light and Moral Darkness," which we earnestly commend to their attention. We have added also from the same periodical a very able letter of Dr. Mair's, of Cork, and trust that the perusal and study of these will be attended with benefit. Dr. Mair refers to Dr. Carpenter's admirable treatise on alcoholic drinks, and recommends its circulation among the profession. That work is truly a professional one—written in a masterly and scientific manner; and we certainly wish that some means were devised of placing a copy in the hands of every Canadian physician. A Philadelphia house has published an American edition. We obtained one copy from B. Dawson, Montreal, but we dare say it could be had through any of the booksellers.

I. O. of R.

At the last Quarterly Meeting of Samaritan Tent, I. O. of R., the following members were elected Office-Bearers for the ensuing Quarter:—

Shepherd, George Wilson,	R. S. Thomas Wallace,
P. C. R., Robert Gean,	F. S. James Simpson,
C. R., James Foot,	Treasurer, John Campbell,
D. R., Daniel Landers,	Levite, John Moore.

We are glad to learn that this Tent is zealously promoting the objects of its organization—total abstinence from intoxicating drinks, and weekly benefits to sick members.

During the last two quarters we understand that the initiations have been most encouraging, and that not a single demand has been made for sick benefit. The health of the brethren has been singularly good, illustrating very clearly the advantages of total abstinence, to the individual and the community.—*Com.*

To Correspondents.

We thank "T. W.," of Toronto, for his communication, in answer to a pamphlet entitled "Structures on the Remarks of the Rev. J. Reid, in his pamphlet in favor of a Temperance Society." We would thank our correspondent for a copy of the pamphlet, referred to, as we have not seen it; in the meantime we defer his communication.

(To the Editor of the *Canada Temperance Advocate*)

Eagle Hotel, (Duclos,) Montreal.
Having occasion to visit the city, together with several ladies and gentlemen from the Eastern Townships, via the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad, I took the opportunity of quartering at Duclos', and advised my fellow travellers to do the same. It was always a quiet, respectable house, and now on temperance principles is a credit to any city, and ought to be supported by all persons who love temperance, peace, and retirement. All the company were well pleased with the house; and I was much gratified to find the tables full, and understood from Mr. Duclos that the beds were generally occupied. My earnest desire is, as a friend of the good cause, that this temperance house and its enterprising proprietor, may prosper abundantly.

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MARRIAGES.

Montreal—21st ult. by the Rev. Wm Taylor, D.D. Samuel B.B. Carson, Esq. to Miss Isabelle Reston M. Arthur, both of Godmanchester.
Melbourne, C. E.—23rd ult. by Rev. William Scott, M. Tobias Lyster to Miss Mary Lyster 14th of the Township of Durham.
Pickering—1st ult. by Rev. R. L. Tucker, M. Robert Smith, junior, to Miss Mary Davis, of the township of Renfrew.

DEATHS.

Montreal—26th ult. to the REV. SON of Mr. Charles Bledin, aged 24 years.
Quebec—18th ult. Andrew Mitchell, Esq., formerly of Tain, Scotland and for many years a respectable resident of Quebec, aged 65 years.