

TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE,

DEVOTED TO TEMPERANCE, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE & NEWS.

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PROSPECTUS. NINETEENTH VOLUME OF THE CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

To those who have labored in the Temperance enterprise, almost from its commencement in Canada, the present position and prospects of the cause are alike cheering and encouraging. In the maintenance of sound principles and the dissemination of correct information, by which great good has been achieved, and a glorious future anticipated, no periodical can have a stronger claim on the suffrages of the community, nor can any other be entitled to a more distinguished place in the estimation of the people, than the *Canada Temperance Advocate*. First in the field, and unerring in its exertions, it has won for itself a pre-eminence, which the press of Canada has cordially acknowledged, and which has been rewarded, by the continued and increasing support of an extensive list of subscribers. Our friends will accept our hearty thanks for their past exertions and support, and it will be our endeavor always to merit the patronage we solicit, by withholding no means, whether of energy, ability or money, which can be made subservient to the spread of total abstinence, and the attainment of appropriate legislation.

Since the commencement of the *Advocate*, various forms of organization have arisen and have done good to an extent not easily estimated. The foundations for these valuable institutions were laid solidly and deep. Thousands of copies of this paper were gratuitously distributed in every part of Canada; and the original promoters of this form of temperance literature contemplate, with gratitude, the noble superstructure now beheld. While we do not pretend to be the special organ of any particular association, we have always had pleasure in noticing the origin and progress of all, and we have every reason to believe that our usefulness from the beginning of the enterprise, through all its phases and advances, has been duly appreciated. But the period has not arrived when either the *Advocate* or its numerous friends would be guiltless if they were to discontinue their exertions. On the contrary, as for ourselves we feel that the enterprise demands a vigor and zeal scarcely known in the past. The crisis is come, and for another year we buckle

on our armor, determined to do our duty in conducting the temperance hosts to a victory as perfect as the infirmities of humanity can authorize the most sanguine to anticipate. Compassion for the inebriate, will prompt our benevolence, while uncompromising hostility to the traffic, will dictate our exposures of its iniquity.

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