

ing, he said ; he worked so hard, and was so often exposed to bad weather. After all, added he, there is no harm to take a glass with a friend, provided one commits no excess. In short, he gave me all those plausible reasons which the intemperate are so industrious in finding . . .

Although disappointed by his answer and resistance, to the good advice I gave him, I did not feel entirely discouraged. It was not very long since I had instituted a Temperance Society in my Parish, and I perceived already the Demon of Intemperance had disappeared from many places where he had till then established his sway as a sovereign master

That evening I sent secretly for Charles, his nearest neighbour and best friend. He was a good man, who seldom drank to excess, perhaps not twice in a year, although very fond of his three or sometimes four glasses in a day. Good-hearted towards his friends, he would receive no one's visits without making him partake of the glass that inebriates. He had constantly at home the best *Jamaica* of Quebec, and his family and health seemed not to suffer much by his politeness towards his friends. He, therefore, disliked the Temperance Society. On the first occasion I had spoken of it in public, he had declared himself against it ; " This was good," said he, " only for those who are not able to control themselves ; that for him this Society was of no use ; that he could be temperate alone, and never would join it." He expressed to me at home his sorrow, and that of the neighbourhood, at what had passed the preceding night at the unfortunate Louis —'s. " Well, then, it depends upon you, my dear Charles, to reform your friend Louis."—" Ah, Revd. Sir," answered he, " if it depended solely upon me, it would soon be done, for I would give the half of my blood and all I possess, to induce him to abstain from drinking. He is such an honest man, such a good neighbour, and he has a heart so sensitive, so generous, when he is sober. But when once drunk, he is like a wild wolf ; for when he has taken a few glasses more than usual, he knows no one, and I believe that he would strike God himself if he could get a chance. To reform him it certainly requires a great miracle. He is so fond of drinking ! The rev. gentleman who has preceded you did fall he could reform him, and if he has not been able, nor you, notwithstanding your good sermons, how can you think that it depends upon me to convert him ?"

" Well, yes, my good friend, I still maintain that the conversion of Louis — depends upon you. In truth till this moment we knew not what to do to reform a drunkard, as opportunities for drinking were left around him ; he had scarcely formed a good resolution before it was forgotten, with the first friend he met. Nothing then was rarer than the perseverance of that kind of sinners in their desires to be corrected. But the God of Mercies has entrusted us in the Temperance Society with simple and powerful means to lead them in the right path ; to admit into the Temperance Society the respectable, sober friends and relations of a drunkard, makes him avoid the occasions in which he might be exposed ; he could go everywhere

without anything being offered to him ; no one will ask him for any ; and all these circumstances, with the grace of God, will make his return both lasting and sincere. Join the Temperance Society with those of your neighbours who most associate with Louis —. It will be disagreeable to you, during the first few days, on account of the old habit you have of drinking strong liquors, but you will incur no evil, I assure you ; on the contrary, you will feel happy before long. Offer this sacrifice to God for the reformation of your friend. Tell Louis — that you detest liquors on account of the crimes they have caused him to commit, as well as many others. Tell him that in consequence, you will cease to take any, and will keep no more in your house for the use of others."

Charles — listened to these words with a respectful attention, " The advice you are giving me, Sir, is a good one ; I will follow it ; and I hope that my neighbours will do the same ; for I must acknowledge that it is painful to perceive that you take so much pains in instituting a thing which is so visibly for our good, and that we resist it so much.

" We did not understand when you began first to institute a Temperance Society in the Parish, that it would produce so much good, and we did not regard it with a favourable eye ; but now that we are eye-witnesses of the wonderful changes it has wrought everywhere, we have changed our opinion. And, after all, if we have the happiness to reform our friend, no evil will happen to us in leaving off drinking ; and we will have the merit of having done all we could !"

He cordially shook hands with me and went off. He kept his word, as I was very certain he would. That same evening he came with six of his neighbours, all great friends to Louis —, to join the Temperance Society. They made haste the next day to announce this news to their unfortunate friend. At first he would not believe their words, but he was soon convinced of the reality.

Struck with the interest that his friends took in his salvation, he resolved to imitate them. This resolution, which he had so many times taken, and which he had so many times forgotten, when his friends offered him drink, or when he saw them drinking, became for him of easy execution, since he had ceased to see any elsewhere. Since that moment he has been the model of my parish."

TEMPERANCE IN FRANCE.

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Paris has acquired, during the last few months, a world-like celebrity. It has again electrified Europe, by the exhibition of a revolution effected in an extraordinary manner, at the shortest notice, by a combination of large masses of intelligent operatives, the National Guard, the regiments of the line, shopkeepers, students, lawyers, manufacturers, members of the Chamber of Deputies, a mixture of all classes except the Bourbon family—yet mainly by the instrumentality of a class of men who are not heard of, except on such portentous occasions. They rise suddenly from the earth, they descend from