

over a ransomed world, and usher in the glorious millennium of peace, piety and happiness, when Christ shall reign without a rival in the hearts of his people.—**JOSPH D. OTTER, Sec.**

CLARKE, NEWCASTLE, July 1.—The following is a short account of the first Temperance Soiree in this place. The company assembled from all quarters, on a beautiful piece of ground, belonging to W. McIntosh, Esq., whom, after a brief address from Mr. Cleghorn, they formed into procession, and walked, with various appropriate banners and mottoes, &c., to the village of Newcastle. On their return the company were served with tea, coffee, and abundance of suitable refreshments; and the Rev. Mr. Thornton, of Whitby, delivered an excellent lecture, after which the company retired to their homes, highly delighted with the proceedings of the day.—**A WELL-WISHER OF THE CAUSE.**

WILLIAMSTOWN, June 30.—A procession of the members of the Williamstown Total Abstinence Society took place in this village on Thursday last, the 28th inst., joined by several persons from the Cornwall and Lancaster Societies, numbering in all about 400. The procession, with banners and music, marched through the principal streets of the village, and proceeded to the house of James Cumming, Esq., the President of the Society, where tea had been prepared by Mrs. C. Too much praise cannot be accorded to this lady, for her exertions and generosity upon this occasion. After the tea had been disposed of, the company returned in procession to the School-house, where an excellent and suitable address was delivered by the Rev. W. McKillean, after which seven names were added to the list. To this Rev. gentleman our society owes much, for his gratuitous exertions towards its advancement. At the close of the lecture the meeting separated, highly delighted with the proceedings of the day. Our Society now numbers, one hundred and nine consistent members.—**JOHN ROBERTSON, Sec.**

MISCELLANEOUS.

A poor old woman, named Judith Magher, from Emily, left her home some time since as a wandering mendicant; she was about sixty, and had been the mother of eighteen children. Having found her way to Cobourg, she was assisted by one of the National Societies, and by many benevolent individuals, but it appears that all she received was requisite to supply her with spirituous liquors.

She went to the house of a poor woman on, or about, Friday night last, and having begged a night's lodging, was not refused, here she remained until Tuesday morning, when death removed her to another world.

A Coroner's Inquest was held on the body the same day, when it appeared in evidence, that on the day after admission to the house she sent for a quart of whiskey, and on receiving, it drank a tumbler full, and put the rest past till she would want to use it, on the following day (Sunday) she finished the whiskey; that on Monday morning at eleven o'clock, she sent for another quart of whiskey, and had it drunk at two o'clock, (only three hours) on Tuesday morning she arose from her bed, and asked for more whiskey; on being told there was none in the house, she said if she did not get some whiskey she would die, and having shortly after fallen on the floor, she was lifted into bed, and in less than five minutes from the time she fell, she was a corpse. The Jury having heard the evidence (including that of a Surgeon) gave in their verdict, "That the deceased came by her death in consequence of her excessive drinking of ardent spirits, and exhaustion arising therefrom."

Cobourg, April 27, 1843.

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HINTS AND FACTS.—"Mr. ———, why have you left the ——— and gone to the Temperance House?" "Because, when I consider that it was established, that those who are annoyed with the noise and profanity in and about most taverns, might find a resting place far from such pollution, and that those who are struggling to overcome their desire for strong drink, may have a home without being constantly tempted, yea, even solicited, to take a little; (which, of course, paves the way for more) and when I consider that well regulated Temperance houses are powerful aids in the temperance cause, I feel myself called upon, as a consistent teetotaler to patronize them, although in doing so I am compelled to break off old acquaintances and form new ones, and make other sacrifices.

If Alcohol should send a fellow being into the deep, and unprepared into eternity, and if alcohol should act upon the brain of

the proprietor of one of the most respectable hotels in Montreal, so as to make him abuse in the most shameful manner, one of the inmates of his house, swearing like a mad-man, juggling all who heard and saw him! who would not say you had better encourage temperance.

The former of those circumstances took place on Saturday night last, when an intoxicated soldier fell off the *Juno* steamer about seven miles below Kingston, and notwithstanding every possible exertion was made to extricate him, he found a watery grave. The latter took place in this city last evening, when alcohol showed in glowing colors, how completely he could and did metamorphose man. Yes, man who was made a little lower than the angels, is by alcohol debased beneath the brute.

Montreal, June 13, 1843.

WITNESS.

POPULAR POISON.—When pure ardent spirits are taken into the stomach, they cause irritation, which is evinced by warmth and pain experienced in that organ; and next inflammation of the delicate coats of this part, which is sometimes dangerous. They act in the same manner as poisons. Besides the local injury they produce, they act on the nerves of the stomach which run to the brain, and, if taken in large quantities, cause insensibility, stupor, irregular, convulsive action, difficulty of breathing, profound sleep, and often sudden death. The habitual use of ardent spirits causes a slow inflammation of the stomach and liver, which proceeds steadily but is often undiscovered, till too late for medical relief.—*London Med. and Surgical Journal.*

VELOCITY OF LIGHT.—Light moves with a velocity of 192,500 miles in a second of time. It travels from the sun to the earth in seven minutes and a half. It moves through a space equal to the circumference of our globe in the eighth part of a second, a flight which the swiftest bird could not perform in less than three weeks.—*Brewster's Treatise on Optics.*

[What a length of time is required for light on the Temperance question to reach some minds!—Ed.]

CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

"It is good neither to eat flesh, nor drink wine, nor do any thing by which thy brother is made to stumble, or to fall, or is weakened."—Rom. xiv. 21—*Macnight's Translation.*

PLEDGE OF THE MONTREAL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO AGREE, THAT WE WILL NOT USE INTOXICATING LIQUORS AS A BEVERAGE, NOR TRAFFIC IN THEM; THAT WE WILL NOT PROVIDE THEM AS AN ARTICLE OF ENTERTAINMENT, NOR FOR PERSONS IN OUR EMPLOYMENT; AND THAT IN ALL SUITABLE WAYS WE WILL DISCOURTEGE THEIR USE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.

MONTREAL, JULY 15, 1843.

LECTURING AND COLLECTING TOUR.

Desiring to advance the best interests of the temperance cause in Canada, and feeling the pressure of debts to the extent of about £450, the committee of the Montreal Temperance Society have deputed one of their members to make a lecturing and collecting tour through Canada West. The gentleman in question, Mr. CHARLES MACKAY, was formerly City Missionary in Manchester, England, and is now student of divinity in this city. The following (God willing) will be his appointments, which we hope will be made sufficiently public. The meetings will be held in the evening.

July 25.....*	Matilda	Aug. 15.....	Pictou
" 27.....*	Williamstown	" 16.....	Belleville
" 28.....*	Martintown	" 17.....	Brighton
" 29.....*	Vankleeck's Hill	" 18.....	Cobourg
Aug. 1.....	Bytown	" 21.....	Peterboro
" 2.....	Richmond	" 22.....	Cavan
" 3.....	Kemptville	" 23.....	Port Hope
" 4.....	Merrickville	" 24.....	Bawmanville
" 5.....	Smith's Falls	" 25.....	Whitby
" 7.....	Ramsay	" 28.....	Whitechurch
" 8.....	Lanark	" 29.....	Holland Landing
" 9.....	Perth	" 30.....	New Market
" 10.....	Isthmus	" 31.....	Richmond Hill
" 11.....	Kingston	Sept. 1.....	Toronto
" 14.....	Napanee	" 2.....	Oakville