

Spirits; and in submitting the following letter for their perusal, feel confident of the vast importance which must be attached to the name of the writer Doctor SKEY, Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals in Canada, one of the oldest Medical Officers in the British Army, and whose vast experience and extensive knowledge, not only give a momentous weight and consequence to his sentiments, but entitle him to the unbounded confidence of every Soldier in the Army. The Testimony therein given, may not, therefore, be considered as the opinion alone of DR. SKEY, but also that of his Colleagues and Subordinates throughout the Army Medical Department, and consequently must carry more conviction with it than any thing that can be possibly urged by the Committee of this Society. It is also an important fact which should be generally known, that Physicians have decided, that Alcohol is a powerful Poison; and how do they prove this?—Simply by comparing its effects with other poisons, particularly the Poisons derived, as Alcohol is, from Vegetables;—such as, Henbane, — Poison - Hemlock, — Prussic - Acid, — Thorn - Apples, — Deadly - night - shade — Fox - glove, — Poison - sumach — Oil - of - tobacco, — and the Essence of Opium.

DR. SKEY'S LETTER.

Quebec, Feb. 13th 1833.

"Dr. SKEY, begs to return his thanks to Sergeant Major Cox, for his attention in sending to him the two last publications of the Temperance Society, 24th Regiment. He has read them with much pleasure, and thinks them highly creditable to the good sense and good feeling of their Authors. He Congratulates Sergeant Major Cox, and the Committee, on the success of their efforts to produce Temperate habits in the Corps. He would say to them, "*Go on and Prosper*," and DR. SKEY, will always be glad to contribute to the objects of the Society by any means in his power; by any which the Sergeant Major and the Committee will point out; either by contributing to their funds, or in any other way; for he wishes the Committee to believe, that he is greatly interested in whatever will tend to further their most laudable object, and this desire is founded on the most friendly feelings to the Soldier. He knows well that this dreadful vice of Intemperance is the only defect in the character of the British Soldier, and it would, give him more pleasure than he can find