

before you, nor even try to continue in your present proximity; retreat as fast and as far from it as you can, and the Lord will bless those who obey his command—to shun even the appearance of evil. Above all, be on your guard at this season of the year. Your best friends will beset you on all hands with temptations to lead you to ruin; the customs of society will almost coerce you to comply with them; do not allow yourselves to be overcome; take a manly stand against them; no longer follow a multitude to do evil; shun that which the word of God declares to be a mocker; and which, at the last, bites like a serpent. Many, in former years, have stood firm in their determination to resist the temptation of strong drink, for, it may be, several months; but when Christmas or New-Year's-day came, they have gone back, like the sow that was washed, to her wallowing in the mire; and their last state was worse than the first.

The remedy to which we call your attention is simple, safe, pleasant, and efficacious. It is so simple, that all can follow it without expense either of money, time, or labour—so safe, that none are injured by it—so pleasant, that all who try it say, they are happier than they were before—so efficacious, that none who follow it are in any danger of the disease. If Cholera were among us, carrying off as many victims as drunkenness, and a remedy so simple, safe, pleasant, and perfectly efficacious, were found for it—would not all hasten to avail themselves of that remedy? Where is the difference in the present case, unless it be, that the disease of which we now speak, involves moral, as well as physical evil, whilst the Cholera only involves the latter?

Finally, intemperance is sweeping over society like a great flood, bearing thousands, and tens of thousands to destruction; all are more or less embarked on the flood, and in danger, proportionally great; except those who abstain wholly from intoxicating drinks. If all would abstain, society would at once be free from the evil; and if only a single family abstain, that family is free. Let us then pray and labour for the general abolition of drinking usages; but let us not wait for all men to act before we do; let us save ourselves from the evils attending drinking in the first place, and that will be one of the best and most effectual ways of influencing others to do the same.

Let us just add one word more, whatever you do, do it in the strength of the Lord.

Signed on behalf of the Committee of the Montreal Temperance Society.

JOHN DOUGALL, *President.*

Montreal, 27th December, 1847.

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