

SUPPLEMENT TO THE TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE,

DEVOTED TO TEMPERANCE, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE & NEWS.

PLEDGE.—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 discountenance their use throughout the community.

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Young Men's Total Abstinence Association.

The anniversary meeting of this Association was held in the American Presbyterian Church, on the evening of Feb. 9th—Mr J. A. Mathewson, the President, in the chair. Rev. A. F. Spalding opened the meeting with prayer; after which, the corresponding secretary, Mr C. P. Watson, read the

REPORT.

As mentioned in last year's Report, it was the intention of the Committee to engage that excellent lecturer F. W. Kellogg, Esq., to give a course of Temperance lectures in this city, but, owing to that gentleman's departure for England, this plan was impracticable. We rejoice to hear that Mr Kellogg is at present very successfully advocating the Total Abstinence principle in some of the first cities in England.

Four public temperance lectures have been given during the year, under the auspices of this Association. The first of these was delivered in the month of March, by P. LeSueur, Esq., in the Baptist Church. In October, the celebrated Mr Gough was engaged by the Committee to deliver two lectures in Zion Church, and in December, Mr Townsend gave, in the lecture-room of the Wesleyan Church, Great St James street, a lecture on the temperance question considered in connection with physiology and phrenology.

The Committee are glad to state that the above-mentioned churches were most readily and gratuitously granted to this Association on those occasions.

At the Grand Temperance Convention, held in Saratoga, in August last, this Association was represented by their delegate, P. LeSueur, Esq., who, on his return home, presented, at a public meeting in Zion Church, an able Report of the proceedings of that Convention.

It is with great pleasure that this Committee announce that they have succeeded in making arrangements with the far-famed temperance lecturer Dr Jewett, to deliver a course of lectures in this city on the subject of total abstinence, and that he has already arrived among us for that purpose. May Almighty God, who alone can make our labors in this, as in every good cause, successful, be pleased to grant that Dr Jewett's visit to this city may be made a great blessing to multitudes. May many an inebriate be, through his instrumentality, freed from the thralldom of the monster vice, and may many more be induced to throw away for ever the ensnaring cup, determined neither to touch, taste, nor handle the accursed thing.

The following persons were elected, at the annual business meeting of this Association, the officers for the following year:—President—James Adams Mathewson; Vice Presidents—Rev. F. H. Marling, Rev. A. F. Spalding, Messrs P. Wood and James W. Taylor; Corresponding Secretary—Charles P. Watson; Recording Secretary—F. E. Grafton; Treasurer—Geo. Childs; Directors—Wm McWatters, H. Morton, John Paterson, Wm. Hibbard, Wm. G. Milne, Robt. Irwin.

In conclusion, the Committee desire to avail themselves of this public opportunity to deny, most emphatically, the charge, which is not unfrequently brought against temperance societies, that they consider total abstinence societies as a substitute for the gospel, or as being, in any point of view, equal to it. All that this Committee would claim for total abstinence from every thing that can intoxicate is, that through God's blessing it has been, in thou-

sands of instances, a handmaid to religion,—an auxiliary to the gospel, by bringing many under the influence of the Christian ministry, who, while slaves to intemperance, never attended the public worship of God, and, had they done so, were not at all likely to have been benefited by it.

This Committee, therefore, while thanking God for the abundant encouragement he has been pleased to vouchsafe to all connected with this great moral enterprise, feel more determined than ever, in humble dependence upon the Divine blessing, to persevere in their efforts till the glorious cause of temperance shall over-spread and bless the whole earth.

Mr. Childs moved the first resolution:—

Resolved. That the Report now read be adopted and printed, and that this meeting rejoice, and devoutly recognizes the hand of God, in the measure of success which has attended the efforts of this and kindred associations.

Mr. Baylis, in seconding the resolution, remarked that this Society is looked upon as a very small or simple agency in accomplishing the work it has undertaken, and went on to show from a variety of instances, from History and the Scriptures, what mighty things had been accomplished by the most simple agencies, and he invited the young men of Montreal to come up, and lend their aid in carrying the cause onward to its accomplishment.

Mr. Boyd read the 2nd resolution:—

Resolved, That the view of the extent and prevalence of intemperance in this city, and the dangers to which young men are especially exposed from the use of intoxicating liquors, this meeting urges upon them the adoption of the principle of total abstinence, and further regards it as a call to more persevering and united effort to promote the Temperance Reformation.

He pointed out the dangers to which young men were subjected by the use of intoxicating drinks. They would not believe in the consequences of indulging moderately in this vice. He desired them to look at the degraded and staggering through our streets—to the criminal at the bar, etc., and asked if these believed when they were young men that such would have been their end through the use of intoxicating drinks.—He brought arguments to show that the use of strong drink produced loss of character, poverty, loss of reason, and what was of higher importance than anything else—the loss of the soul.

Mr. E. T. Taylor seconded the resolution. He viewed with alarm the number of licensed and unlicensed grog shops with which the city abounded, and he asked what must be the effects of such a state of things on the community? The answer was to be found in the last report of the Chief of Police,—some of the particulars of which he related.—Does the use of intoxicating drinks produce any advantage? He answered in the negative by a series of arguments and illustrations. He then addressed himself as a young man to the young men of Montreal.—He wished