been obtained, chiefly from members of committee, and including several from country societies, to the amount of nearly £250, leaving about £150 of debt still unprovided for. This amount, as all available resources here are exhausted, the Committee hope will be made up by contributions from the societies throughout the whole country which have not yet subscribed towards this relief fund.

V. PROGRESS OF THE CAUSE.

Britain.—There are some indications of decided progress in the mother country. 1st, The total prohibition of the sale of intoxicating drinks in barrack canteens, a measure respecting which the Montreal Temperance Society had the honour of petitioning Her Majesty, as Chief of the Forces, several years ago. 2d, There is a great increase in the consumption of coffee by the labouring classes instead of beer, in many parts of Britain, and especially in the metropolis. 3d, Temperance publications continue to be issued freely, and many of them of a high order.

United States.—The struggle for the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating drinks is going on with various success in several of the States, and lecturers and the press are actively employed in various parts of the country in advancing this great cause.

Canada East.—We have to record with feelings of great satisfaction, the salutary change which has been effected, chiefly through the efforts of the Rev. C. Chiniquy among our French Canadian neighbours. The revolution in public feeling respecting the use of intoxicating drinks being very great, and, more or less, pervading all classes. Our Courts of Justice also give forth a certain sound on the subject. Judges Mondelet and M'Cord have, in charges delivered to grand juries, taken ground respecting the use of, and traffic in, intoxicating drinks, which will cause their names to descend with honour to posterity, and we may add that grand juries, and especially that of the last Court of Quarter Sessions, held for this district, have responded in a no less decided manner.

New Year's Day, which in this city used to be a season of peculiar intemperance, has also been to a great extent rescued from drinking usages, as was specially manifest at the commencement of the present year, and upon the whole, we believe the consumption of intoxicating drinks has very much diminished in the city.

In the surrounding country, several parishes have been entirely cleansed from the traffic in intoxicating drinks, and nearly the whole of the population have taken the pledge of total abstinence.

Country merchants in those places have, in many cases, returned their supplies to the wholesale Canadian merchants in town, and some of the latter declare their intention of discontinuing the traffic as soon as present stocks are exhausted.

Our Rechabite brethren have also been actively employed in the Temperance cause. They have held a series of Temperance meetings in various parts of the city during the past two months, with excellent results.

Canada West.—Two or three districts in Canada West have been actively engaged in the Cause through the past year, among which may be specially noted the Midland and Home Districts, each of which has engaged our former Recording Secretary, Mr. Wadsworth, to deliver a course of lectures.

CONCLUSION.

The Committee cannot relinquish their charge without recording their continued and increasing conviction of the excellence and importance of this cause, and that no other good enterprise can flourish, if the means of those who support it are to a great extent wasted on intoxicating drinks, and if the minds of those who should be benefited by it are clouded and stupified by the same baneful agency.

ABSTRACT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Montreal Temperance Society in account with James Court, from 1st January, 1848, to 1st February, 1849.

DR.						
To Paid for Printing and Publishing Temperance Advocate, at sundry times, on account,	£263	3	4			
Paid Incidental Expenses, Postages, &c., &c.	18	19	10			
Paid for Paper for same, on account,	167	18	1			
				£450	1	3
Paid for Rent Temperance Hall to 1st November last,	43	15	0			
Paid for Stoves, Pipes, Furniture, Lamps, &c., &c.	30	0	8			
				73	15	8
Paid Agencies, Advertising, Cleaning and Lighting Hall, Firewood, &c.				18	13	2
Balance in Treasurer's hand,				2	11	3
				£545	1	4
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By Cash received on account Advocate,				£214	1	3
" " Consignments,				7	4	4½
Donations, &c., Montreal,	£201	2	5½			
" from other parts of Canada,	92	7	1			
" from Jas. Playfair, Esq., Glasgow,	25	1	2			
				318	10	8½
Received from Rent of Hall for five meetings,				5	5	0
				£545	1	4
By balance due Society brought down,				£23	11	3

E. E. JAMES COURT, *Treasurer.*

Montreal, 1st Feb., 1849.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS TO THE MONTREAL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY,

FROM JANUARY 1, 1848, TO JANUARY 25, 1849.

Subscription from the Governor General,	5	0	0
James Playfair, Glasgow, per J. R. Orr, £20 Sterling, 13 per cent,	25	1	2
John Dougall,	10	0	0
T M Taylor,	10	0	0
J C Becket,	10	0	0
James Court,	10	0	0
James R Orr,	5	0	0
D P Janes,	5	0	0
T A Stayner,	5	0	0
A Bryson,	2	10	0
E Atwater,	2	10	0
R Corse,	2	10	0
Robert Campbell,	2	10	0
Charles Alexander,	1	10	0
J Porteous,	1	5	0
T Bryson,	1	5	0
Joseph McKay,	1	5	0
J Baylis,	1	5	0
Mrs Mills,	1	0	0
J Holland,	1	0	0