

PROSPECTUS

OF THE

CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

Fifteenth Volume.

The readers of the *Advocate* will have observed that the committee of the Montreal Temperance Society have unanimously resolved to discontinue this publication on their own responsibility. The reasons which have led them to adopt this course they have also given, which will, no doubt, be satisfactory. But is the paper itself to cease? Is the aid which the press has hitherto given to this department of philanthropy, in which the Temperance Society has been so long occupied, to be withdrawn? or are the rapidly increasing multitudes of total abstainers, throughout Canada, to be left without an organ to assert and defend their principles? To these questions an answer, we would hope, will be unhesitatingly given in the negative; and the subscriber, fully confident of this, and relying on the support of all the friends of the cause, and of all who have the real welfare of society at heart, has resolved to continue the publication of the *Advocate* on his own responsibility.

No change is contemplated in the main features of the paper, except in the practice hitherto followed of subdividing every number into the several heads of Selections, Correspondence, Miscellaneous, Editorials, Education, Agriculture and News; because in such a small journal there is no room to do anything like justice to such a variety of subjects. But the subscriber will by no means overlook those different departments, and will still give such extracts as will sustain the interest which so many readers have already taken in them; though he would not bind himself to introduce them into every number, and would thus devote a larger space to the advocacy of the great principles of the temperance reformation. The arguments with which the battle has hitherto been fought, have been derived chiefly from religion and morality, but though the most powerful arguments are supplied from these sources, yet the important auxiliary evidence which may be drawn from almost every branch of science, ought not to be overlooked.

The subscriber is happy to inform the public, that he has been able to make arrangements with a gentleman of acknowledged ability, and who has already done much to advance the temperance cause, to superintend the editorial department, and has the promise of the aid of several others whose contributions, he has no doubt, will maintain, and even elevate, the character which this periodical has already gained. He therefore earnestly solicits the support of every friend of the cause in Canada. There is now a very general feeling in the public mind in favour of it; the labors of the Rev. Mr. Chiniquy, and others, amongst the French population, have lately brought over many thousands to our views; and we have arrived at such a crisis that we must go forward and keep pace with the auspicious movement. In these circumstances the subscriber has been induced to take upon himself a serious responsibility—his reliance is placed upon the goodness of the cause—the blessing of Him who has brought it hitherto through difficulties and perils innumerable, and the united and energetic support of the noble band of total abstainers in Eastern and Western Canada.

As formerly, all orders and remittances will be sent to J. C. Becket, Printer, Montreal. We would hope that it is unnecessary to add a word more to induce the friends of the cause to be up and doing. Before we can expect to pay ordinary expenses, and as these will now be increased, our usual list of subscribers must be considerably augmented,

As it is better, both for the publisher and subscriber, to pay in advance, we hope subscribers will act on this principle; yet, as many of our country readers may not have had their produce converted into cash so soon as by the end of December, by which time all orders should be forwarded, they may send us their names in the meantime, through, if possible, one individual, who will act as agent, and to whom the papers may be sent in one parcel, or otherwise as the subscribers may wish. It will be expected that all subscriptions will be paid up during the first six months of 1849, or before the month of July.

J. C. BECKET.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications intended for the *Advocate* must be in Montreal five days previous to the date of the number for which they are intended. We thank J. C., of Orilla, for his hints, and will endeavour to profit by them. Also, J. G., of Bytown, and H. W. B., of Greenbush, for their kind letters, which we will notice more at length in our next.

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"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—*Macnigh's Translation.*

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THE FIFTEENTH VOLUME OF THE ADVOCATE.

This is the first number of the Fifteenth volume of the *Advocate*: it is not without some measure of anxiety we take the pen to indite the first article, and as there is only One Being who can crown our efforts with success, we cannot make a better beginning than to commend our work unto God. May He give us the wisdom which cometh down from above, so that nothing may be said or done by us in opposition to his blessed will—the zeal which never tires—the boldness which fears not the front of opposition, and the kindness that no opposition can turn away.

We look next, however, to the people of God—to Christians of all denominations, and ask their countenance and aid. The cause which we defend is as catholic as Christianity, and ought therefore to awaken an interest in every Christian bosom. We take no side in politics, and cannot count, therefore, on the support of either Whigs or Tories—we take no side in religion, and cannot count on the support of any denomination or sect. But while we have no special claim upon any class, we have a powerful claim upon all; for Christians and politicians, of all shades of opinion, must be interested in seeing Temperance everywhere established. We seek to establish a pure morality upon the principles of true benevolence; and the Christian or philanthropist who does not give us a helping hand, is not true to his own cause.

We look also to the members of Temperance Societies throughout the Province, and we beg leave to say, brethren, we count upon your assistance. The Temperance Reform-