

So far, therefore, from its being a speculation of the proprietor of the *Pilot*, he has all the inconveniences attending the publication, without remuneration, or hope of it; and if the truth must be told, no profit is looked for, for years to come. If the publication nets anything, the excess will be expended in making it just so much more valuable to the subscribers.

TEMPERANCE ANNIVERSARIES IN MONTREAL.—The annual gathering to celebrate the 17th birth-day of the Old Montreal Temperance Society, was held in the Wesleyan Church, on Monday evening, Jan. 31, and was attended by nearly three thousand persons. The evident favor with which the statements relative to the progress of public opinion in favor of the Maine Law were received, convinces us that the country is fast becoming ripe for decided action upon the question.

The Anniversary of the Young Men's Society was respectably attended, and the same indications of feeling were perfectly evident. A little perseverance will, we have no doubt, be rewarded with triumphant success.

OUR SECOND VOLUME.—Much as we are gratified with the unqualified approbation so generally accorded to our little Boat, we yet think that it may be improved, and accordingly we venture to promise that the second volume will be better freighted than the first. We shall commence a very thrilling story in our next, and another of a very humorous character; both, however, of high moral tone. We purpose also to furnish better pictorial illustrations—if possible.

We beg to thank our subscribers for their patronage, and our Agents for their zeal; and hope to retain the one, and to merit an increase of the other.

We have been politely presented by the publishers of the "*Soirée Companion*" with a copy of the work, and, although we have not had time to digest all its contents, we have read enough to satisfy us that it is what

it professes to be—an auxiliary in the great cause of Temperance. The book is exceedingly well got up, and, moreover, is cheap—cheap, almost too cheap. Boys! Temperance boys, you are bound in honor to sustain this book, and we, therefore, advise every one of you to do the proper thing by expending your first quarter in buying a copy.

UTICA TESTOTALLER.—We are not aware of the existence in Montreal of a copy of "*Rev. Solomon Spittle's Diary*," save the one from which we have re-printed, and that was kindly furnished by a friend. If we can find one, it shall be sent.

I now would say, that all the subscribers to the *Life Boat* here would like to have you change it from a half to a dollar magazine.

Please accept my best wishes for your success, and I remain, dear Sir, yours respectfully,

JOHN R. WHITE.

Williamsburg, Jan. 10, 1853.

Our subscribers in the towns would generally favor the change, but the desire is not quite so uniform as to warrant it yet. Without abandoning the idea, we shall defer it for some time.

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