

from all intoxicating drinks on the ground of the *temporal* and *political* benefits of such abstinence, our hope of ultimate triumph rests on appeals to *men's consciences* rather than their interests, and on prayer for the blessing of God.

Moved by Mr. R. MORTON, seconded by Mr. Wm. GREIG.

6. *Resolved*.—That the Officers of this Society for the present year consist of the following persons:—

JOHN DOUGALL, Esq., PRESIDENT.

REV. G. W. PERKINS, }
" WM. TAYLOR, } VICE-PRESIDENTS.
JOHN E. MILLS, Esq. }

Mr. JAMES R. ORR, TREASURER.

Mr. JAMES COURT, SECRETARY.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE.

Messrs. Joseph Fraser.	Messrs. James Jackson.
Robert Morton.	Wm. Whiteford.
Jacob De Witt.	J. C. Becket.
Alex. Cameron.	William Morton.
John Smith.	James Milne.
Joseph Horner.	T. D. Bigelow.
William Grafton.	

Moved by the Rev. WILLIAM TAYLOR, and carried by acclamation.

7. *Resolved*.—That a Loyal Address be presented to Her Majesty from the Teetotallers of Montreal, requesting at same time her Royal support to the cause of Total Abstinence.

Moved by Mr. A. CAMERON, and carried in same manner.

8. *Resolved*.—That the Rev. William Taylor, Messrs. Morton, Fraser, and Secretary be a Committee to draft the Loyal Address to Her Majesty, and procure signatures.

A collection, amounting to £1 11 9, was taken up, and the meeting closed by singing the Doxology: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," &c.

JAMES COURT, Secretary.

JOSEPH FRASER, Chairman.

Montreal, March 8, 1838.

Abstract of the Report.

In rendering a Report of their operations for the last year, the Committee recel with joy and gratitude to Divine Providence the great and unexpected advance which the cause of Temperance, especially of Total Abstinence, has made since the last Anniversary. Like all other objects carried on in this uncertain world, much of our joy is mingled with sorrow; yet there is no doubt that the good done has far outweighed the loss, a result probably as favourable as could be expected.

The operations of the early part of the season were confined to monthly meetings, at which a few members were added. The cheering successes experienced at Preston, Bristol, and other places in Great Britain, had filled us with longing desires to see such days in our own city; and the realizing of these during the Summer and Fall will for ever remain in the memories of the friends of temperance as a source of pleasure, while to many, it is believed, their remembrance will be of a date with that of their entry upon the paths of virtue and usefulness, and probably of their conversion to God.

Without alluding to this further than to record with gratitude the names of William Williams, Captain Hudson of the Hartlepool, his mate Mr. Ward, and crew, as honoured instruments in the great revival of total abstinence last season, the Committee would advert to the unhappy season of war and alarm through which the two Provinces have been passing, and the consequent cessation of temperance operations, with the occurrence of some painful backslidings. From the latter we ought to see the necessity of increased exertions, and that these should be directed to make the principles of total abstinence take a deeper root in the consciences of men, and be more founded on the conviction of our self-insufficiency, with a consequently fuller dependance on the power of God.

In detailing the operations of the last year, the issue of publications bears a small part. It has consisted of a monthly issue of

about 1900 copies of the Temperance Advocate, 500 of a reprint of one of Mr. Sargent's excellent Tales, "Too Fast and Too Far;" and 400 Tracts from the Bristol press, making in all 23,700 publications. Besides these, an order to the extent of £5 Sterling was sent home to Preston and duly executed, but unhappily the tracts were lost by the wreck of the Coeur de Lion, along with 1000 additional tracts, kindly sent by Mr. Livesey. This loss, however, we have reason to expect, will be made up by the friends of Temperance at home.

The circulation of Tracts is so important, that the Committee would urge most earnestly its being extensively done, as well as subscribing more generally to the Temperance Advocate, the propriety of which does not seem to be felt by the members. It seems inconsistent with the profession of the friends of temperance not to subscribe to a paper of this sort, either for themselves or to hand round among their intemperate neighbours.

The public meetings, amounting to thirty-two, besides prayer meetings, form the chief ground for the Committee to hope for the favorable opinion of the Society on their exertions. It is impossible to refrain from recalling the deep interest of the meetings in the Free Chapel, when the same platform was successively occupied by a minister or merchant, a soldier or sailor, followed by a labourer or mechanic, all testifying to the advantages of total abstinence, with one feeling of ardour and sincerity, if not with equal ability. Let us hope that, with restored public tranquillity, and new accessions from Great Britain, these scenes will be again enjoyed, and that the cause of tee-totalism will again go steadily and triumphantly forward.

It was the intention of some of the Committee to take an extensive tour through the Province this winter, but the disturbed state of the country has prevented it. A deputation composed of the Rev. Wm. Taylor, Mr. Wm. Morton, and the Secretary, visited Quebec, Cornwall and Lancaster, U. C.; in each of which places much interest was excited, and Societies on the Total Abstinence principle formed or revived. A Society was formed in Three Rivers, partly also by the Agency of the Committee.

The satisfactory results of the last Convention will probably induce another being held, when we hope to welcome again our much respected fellow-labourers Mr. Taylor, of Albany, and Mr. Delavan, with other distinguished temperance advocates from the same country. To the friends of temperance in the United States, and pre-eminently so to the latter gentleman, this Province bears a load of gratitude, which, whether in peace or war, we shall ever deeply acknowledge.

It is much to be regretted that an Inn on total abstinence principles has not yet been established in this place, where strangers and farmers from the country could be accommodated without exposure to the sickening fumes and noisy wickedness of a bar-room.

In bringing forward the Treasurer's account, which shows a balance due him of £24 13 1, the Committee beg to urge on the members an increased liberality. The means hitherto adopted to procure funds seems not well fitted to do so, and it will be necessary to try others. The plan of a small annual subscription to be paid by members of a certain age, after they have been some time on the books, seems to meet the general concurrence. Some object to the payment of any money being obligatory, from the laudable fear of its keeping back poor individuals, especially the drunkard, from joining the Society; but as the subscription would not be payable till after some probation, such an objection is groundless, for tee-totalism would soon put them in funds.

In this Report it is proper to record the discontinuance of the old pledge by the Society on the 1st September last, a step which was taken on mature deliberation, and after the resolutions recommending it were passed at the Convention. The measure, no doubt, gave offence to some, and deprived us of the services of several who had long been friends and supporters of the temperance cause, to part company with whom was painful; still it was adopted from a conviction of its necessity, a belief which daily gathers strength with the Committee and with all consistent tee-totalers.

The number of members in the following statement, it is feared, affords an imperfect view of the real strength of the Society, as many are supposed to have broken their pledge during the recent troubles. In re-commencing, therefore, the operations of the Society, it will be necessary to adopt a strict yet prudent discipline, that the fallen members may be recovered, and the character of the Society vindicated.