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"It is good neither to eat flesh, nor drink wine, nor do any thing by which brother is made to stumble, or to fall, or is weakened."—Rom. xiv. 21.—*Sabbath's Translation.*

PLEDGE OF THE MONTREAL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

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 FITTABLE WAYS WE WILL DISCOURTEGE THEIR USE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.

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THE TEMPERATE DRINKER.

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"Come, Harry, sign the pledge, and let strong drinks be no more!" said a young man to his friend. "Do not play with edged tools or you may cut yourself."

"I'm not afraid," was the reply; and Harry tossed his head with an air of independent confidence.

"You ought to be," urged his friend.

"Why I know how to make proper use of liquor."

"And what is a proper use of liquor, Harry? Will you answer me that question?"

"A proper use of liquor is to drink it temperately, when you feel need of a little stimulus."

"What do you mean by temperately, Harry?"

"I mean moderately, or in quantities so small as not to produce intoxication."

"How often ought this moderate portion to be taken?"

"I recollect now,—You said that it should be taken whenever the need is felt of a little stimulus. Now suppose this need is felt twice in the day, would that be often to take a little?"

"No, of course not. I take a glass at least twice a day, sometimes as often again."

"You do?"

"Certainly I do."

"The time has been, I suppose, when you did not take more than a single glass a day."

"Yes. But it was, I believe, because I could not get any more."

"At least, you drink more frequently now than you did a year ago?"

"Yes, I believe I do."

"How do you account for that?"

"On the principle that I can bear more now than I could then. The habitual use of an arm makes it stronger—so does the habitual drinking of liquors make the nerves able to bear more powerful stimulants."

"Are you not afraid, Harry, to practice upon such a principle? Are you not afraid that the habit will grow upon you, until, before you are aware, it has obtained the mastery?"

"No, indeed! Not I. I know myself too well."

"Depend upon it, you are on dangerous ground," the friend urged. "Facts, innumerable, prove, that no one becomes a drunkard suddenly—that no drunkard ever intended to become a slave to the love of strong drink."

"Perhaps so. But I have no fears. I have always been a temperate drinker, am one now, and intend remaining one as long as I live."

"Will you go to a temperance meeting with me to-night, Harry," his friend asked, after the silence of a few moments.

"What for?" "A very popular lecturer is going to speak. I think he would interest you."

"I don't see very clearly how I am to be interested in a dry temperance lecture."

"You may not find it quite so dry as you imagine. Indeed, from what I have heard of this man, who is said to be one of your rough-heavn, strong, original thinkers, I am pretty certain that you will not fail to be highly interested. He has himself, felt in his own person, all the horrors of drunkenness; and can, therefore, and does, speak strongly and feelingly."

"One of your reformed drunkards?"

"Yes. Did you ever hear one of them make an address, or relate an experience?" "No."

"Then come to-night by all means. It will be a treat for you."

Henry Ellis, that was the young man's name, promised, after a little further persuasion, that he would attend the meeting—though he still thought that it would be an evening poorly spent. Accordingly, at the time appointed, he entered the hall where the meeting was to be held, and took a seat in front of the stand. After