

**APPEAL**  
OF THE  
**COMMITTEE OF THE MONTREAL SOCIETY**  
FOR THE  
**PROMOTION OF TEMPERANCE.**  
TO THE  
**INHABITANTS OF LOWER CANADA.**

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**THE** Committee of the Montreal Society for the promotion of Temperance, deem no apology necessary for the demand they make on public attention, besides what is found in the importance of their subject. No parent, no patriot, no philanthropist, no Christian can feel indifferent, to the growing evil, which, it is the object of the Society, we represent in these pages, to counteract. The evils of Intemperance, have arrived to an unparalleled, and alarming height. In the Apostle's days, "they that were drunken were drunken in the *night*." Now, this vice no longer courts concealment, but forces itself upon our observation, in broad daylight. It is the pestilence, that walketh in darkness, and the destruction that wasteth at noon-day. It surely cannot be said, that there is no call, to do something, for the suppression of such an evil. Nor ought an attempt in such a cause, be regarded with any other feelings, than approbation, even tho' one were doubtful of its success. Our object in the present address, is to present the subject, in several of its important bearings to the public mind, and by the diffusion of information procure an union of all the friends of order and morality, of all ranks in society, and all denominations in religion. We request the readers of these sheets, that the novelty of the main point to be enforced, may not prejudice them against the claims of the argument. Let them but give it a candid consideration, and we will trust the result, with the verdict of their consciences, and the blessing of Almighty God.

In pursuing the subject, there are three points, on which we will briefly insist.

- I. The ruinous effects of the abuse of ardent spirits.
- II. That, the temperate use of ardent spirits, is both useless, and dangerous.
- III. That, it is the bounden duty, of every temperate person, entirely to relinquish the use of ardent spirits, except as a medicine.

You perceive that our observations will be directed successively to the *abuse*, *use*, and *disuse* of ardent spirits.

It may be necessary to premise, that by *ardent* spirits, is meant *distilled* spirits, such as gin, whiskey, rum, and brandy; and not *fermented* liquors, as wine, beer, and cider.