

TEMPERANCE.

Translated from Journal de Quebec.

The cause of Temperance records each day new victories, and the day is not far distant when it will hold the whole country under its benign dominion. The resolutions which we publish in another column attest a new triumph obtained over intemperance, by an indefatigable Apostle, the Vicar-General Mailloux. A correspondent at Ste. Marie, Nouvelle Beauce, writes—"The exercises of a *retraite* preached by the Vicar-General Mailloux, commenced on Sunday the 13th November, for our parish. I shall not enlarge on the results of these instructions, at once so simple and so clear. These results are incalculable, and can only be understood by those who have been their happy witnesses. To give you an idea, I will inform you, that Friday last, a day of the *retraite*, was a day of triumph for the holy cause of temperance: on that day nearly 350 heads of families, with their households, enrolled themselves under the standard of total abstinence, in the name and for the love of a crucified Saviour. To-day, I fear not to say that 100 additional families have followed so good an example. This is not all. The whole parish have sworn an anathema against intoxicating drink so thoroughly, that the only licensed tavern in the parish has mounted a sign, on which are inscribed these words of safety and social regeneration, 'Temperance Hotel.' Several retailers have given up the traffic, at considerable sacrifice for persons of but limited means. Temperance hotels will take the place of boarding houses where drink is sold. One single merchant has, as yet, refused to yield to the general wish of the parish; but he will repent of his obstinacy, if one may judge by one of the resolutions (the last) passed at the public meeting. I have never seen such enthusiasm and such ardour for good. It is probable you will receive the resolutions to which I allude, and you will be able to judge if this part, at least, of the country, believes in the well-being of the people, by the existence of taverns and the sale of strong liquors. Foreseeing the approaching triumphs of temperance in the District of Quebec, and in that of Montreal, I have confidence in the future of the country, which has no other obstacle to its moral happiness, as well as to its physical well-being, than an unfortunate habit which, without being excessive sometimes, does not less exhaust the energy of man, and that which aims at a better state. When one uses strong drink, he incurs at first an unnecessary expense, which augments daily, and afterwards he loses all desire for industry, and all idea of order and economy."

We cannot be ignorant of the amazing results of temperance societies, and it is not necessary to be a prophet to say, that shortly nothing will be able to resist the torrent which is sweeping away this evil. The *folly* of temperance, as it was called at its beginning, is like the *foolishness* of the cross, which serves for its standard, it will go round the world.

On Thursday the 23d November, 1848, at a public meeting held at Ste. Marie, R. A. Fortier, Esq., presiding, and T. J. Taschereau, Esq., acting as secretary, the following questions were put and answered unanimously, viz.:-

1. Is the use of strong liquors injurious or useful to the inhabitants of this country?

Unanimous answer—Injurious.

2. Except in cases of necessity, is it good to take intoxicating drinks?

Unanimous answer—Bad!

3. Is it advantageous to the temporal and religious well-being of the parishioners of Ste. Marie to embrace total abstinence?

A voice—"We cannot do better." General assent.

4. Do the parishioners of Ste. Marie think that it will be injurious to the holy cause of total abstinence that intoxicating drinks are sold in their parish?

Unanimous answer—Injurious!

5. Do the parishioners of Ste. Marie wish for the establishment of taverns to sell drink, or temperance hotels to receive travellers in their parish?

Unanimous reply—No taverns! No drink! Temperance Hotels!

6. Are the parishioners of Ste. Marie disposed to refuse every species of encouragement to any one who will in future undertake to sell strong liquors in their parish?

Unanimous answer—The retailers of drink are not our friends! No encouragement!

(Signed) R. A. FORTIER, President.
T. J. TASCHEREAU, Sec.

TEMPERANCE MEETINGS,
FOR MR. R. D. WANSWORTH.

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| Coteau du Lac, | Saturday, .. | December 16, at 7 p.m. |
| Lincolnton, near, | Sabbath, .. | — 17, preaching. |
| Williamstown, | do | — " do |
| Lincolnton front, | Monday, .. | — 18, at 7 p.m. |
| Cornwall, | Tue-day, .. | — 19, do |
| Dickenson's Landing, | Wednesday, .. | — 20, do |
| Charlottesville, | Thursday, .. | — 21, do |
| Mariatown, | Friday, .. | — 22, do |
| Matilda, | Saturday, .. | — 23, do |
| Matilda, | Sabbath, .. | — 24, preaching. |
| Edwardsburgh, | Monday, .. | — 25, at 7 p.m. |
| Prescot, | Tuesday, .. | — 26, do |
| Brookville, | Wednesday, .. | — 27, do |
| Gananoque, | Friday, .. | — 29, do |

The friends of the cause are earnestly requested to exert themselves in securing a large attendance at the above meetings, and especially to invite those whose case is doubtful or almost hopeless.
Montreal, 15th December, 1848.

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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.