

and introduced a *prohibitory clause* in his general rules, against the use of spirituous liquors. As a Methodist minister, therefore, my advocacy of the temperance cause, is no heresy; and I can only regret that I have not been more zealous—more consistent—more persevering. I rejoice, moreover, that there are no ecclesiastical restrictions which prevent me or any of my brethren from taking a public and prominent place in the temperance movement. Some may withhold their services, but they need not do so. We enjoy a gospel liberty, and those who have availed themselves of their freedom, have been blessed in their philanthropic decision. If the whole brotherhood of the Protestant ministry were actuated by the feelings and zeal of a Mathew and a Chiniquy, the churches under our care, would flourish as the garden of the Lord, and great would be the peace of Jerusalem.

In this letter of reply to your invitation, I cannot enlarge on any of the topics thus cursorily introduced, but I could not refrain from recording briefly a few thoughts, which in a public meeting might have been dwelt on more largely. You are at liberty to make what use you please of my views thus expressed. To your noble society, and all kindred institutions, I wish, heartily wish success. I trust you will have a good Annual Meeting, and more efficient aid than could have been given by your cordial coadjutor and friend,

WILLIAM SCOTT.

The Rev. H. Wilkes moved the fourth resolution, as follows.—

Inasmuch as young men are declared by Scripture to be strong, and as the Temperance cause requires strong men to take hold of and help it forward, therefore, Resolved, that an earnest invitation be given to young men to organize a Montreal Young Men's Temperance Society forthwith.

—Young men, he observed, are often spoken of as the hope of the church and of the world. He earnestly desired to see them come forward in this great work. The old are characteristically cautious. We want zeal, enterprise, and devotedness—and these are to be found in the young. Identified with this cause, young men will not be in danger from those evils by which so many have fallen; and they will have the satisfaction of being engaged in an undertaking which is worthy of their energies, and adapted to render eminent service to mankind.

The Rev. J. Girdwood seconded the resolution. He expressed his full confidence in the success of this movement, and his conviction that the young, both male and female, would enter zealously into it. Referring to his own experience, he said that it completely exposed the fallaciousness of the arguments commonly employed by the enemies of total abstinence. He had travelled for twenty-one days successively, in the coldest part of the winter, preaching and addressing public meetings every day, and drinking cold water, but never found it necessary to take alcoholic drink. He was satisfied that he was better without it. Mr. G. concluded with an earnest appeal to the young men present to found the proposed Society.

On the close of Mr. Girdwood's remarks, several names were given in of those willing to form the society alluded to, and a preliminary meeting was agreed upon to be held in the Temperance Hall on Monday evening.

A vote of thanks was then unanimously passed to the trustees of the Wesleyan Church, for the use of so suitable a place for the Anniversary Meetings, on behalf of the different societies.

The doxology was then sung, the benediction pronounced, and the meeting terminated at half past 10 o'clock. Collection, £13 10s. 3d.

#### YOUNG MEN'S TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

In accordance with the suggestion made at the close of the proceedings of our annual meeting, on Friday evening, the 25th ult., a large number of young men assembled in the Temperance Hall for the purpose of carrying into effect the fourth resolution, presented on the occasion above referred to. We had the satisfaction of being present, and were highly delighted with the spirit manifested. The Rev. H. Cox was called to the Chair, and Mr. C. P. Watson appointed to act as Secretary. The Chairman addressed the meeting at considerable length, in a manner well calculated to urge on the movement; and we were glad to

observe that the feeling of his audience went with him. He made several suggestions, by which the proposed Association would not only do much to forward the Temperance cause, but also in improving, and developing the intellectual faculties of the members. For instance, at the periodical meetings of the Association the members in their turn, or by appointment, might write essays on the subject of total abstinence, to be read at the meetings; and every three months, or as often as their funds would permit, a prize could be awarded for the best; the funds could be raised by voluntary contributions or the proceeds of tea-meetings, got up in a cheap way.

Mr. Le Sueur gave a very interesting account of the wide spread of the Temperance movement in the city of St. John, New Brunswick. Not a grocer is to be found in the city who trades in intoxicating liquors; and were it known that a man were in the habit of taking intoxicating drinks, he would in all probability be rejected by any Evangelical church, should he become a candidate for church membership. It is asked how has this great change been produced? I would say, principally through the instrumentality of Young Men's Temperance Societies, as well as that of the sons of Temperance; and surely Montreal must not be behind St. John. What they have done there, can we not do here? We want energy and combined efforts—we must be resolved and determined to succeed. Let us avoid abusing our neighbours, and proceed kindly and energetically.

Mr. Adams expressed his deep interest in the Temperance movement: he was, twenty-one years ago, a member of a Young Men's Temperance Association, and wished much to see the youth of this city united in such an association. He hoped soon to be able to offer to the association, about being formed, the use of a large and convenient room in which to hold their meetings. Let all the youth present join the society, and carry out the principles—there must be no half-way work.

C. P. Watson addressed the meeting, urging upon all present the importance of joining in this great and good cause. As there were probably several persons present who had not yet identified themselves with the temperance movement, but were beginning to think more seriously about the matter, he would ask such, Have Temperance Societies been productive of good to the community at large? He thought every considerate and unprejudiced mind must answer Yes. Do they not then deserve to be encouraged? And is it not the duty of all, as philanthropists, as patriots, and above all, as Christians, to come forward at once, and assist to the utmost in this great reformation? The Temperance cause must go on—whether we, who are present, help it or not, it must triumph, for it is based on benevolence and truth. But shame on us, if we refuse to give our aid to so noble a cause, and so have no part or lot in the ultimate triumph of total abstinence principles.

The following Resolutions were passed unanimously, every one voting by standing up—

Moved by Mr. J. Adams Mathewson, and seconded by Mr. Peter Wood—

1. That it is expedient to establish a Society, to be called "The Montreal Young Men's Total Abstinence Association."

Moved by Mr. J. C. Becket, and seconded by Mr. Adams:—

2. That a Provisional Committee be now appointed, whose duty it shall be to procure such information as will be conducive to the establishment of this Association upon a safe basis—such Committee to consist of the following gentlemen:—Rev. H. Cox, Messrs. Charles P. Watson, P. Le Sueur, George Pearson, J. Adams Mathewson, Peter Wood, William Gilmour, D. A. Poe, John McIntosh, John M. Waters, junr., D. McGregor, Edward Green;—and that said Committee be requested to report on Monday evening, 4th February.

Moved by Mr. P. Le Sueur, and seconded by Mr. Charles P. Watson:—

3. That all persons friendly to the formation of such an Association be requested to give in their names; and if any have not yet signed the pledge, they are invited to do so at once.

After these proceedings twenty-eight persons came forward and