

Joining the Society daily—the whole number being, at the date of our last information, 232. A room has been appropriated to the use of the Society, where coffee can be procured; and the officers, with enlightened and praiseworthy liberality, have supplied it with British and Colonial newspapers. To W. Wakefield, Esq., Quarter-Master of the Regiment, is chiefly to be attributed, under Providence, this great and cheering reformation.

J. Brooks, of the 66th Regiment, writes, that the Society is not increasing rapidly in that Regiment. Nevertheless, some additions are made to it.

We learn from Embro', U. C., that the circulation of the *Advocate* is rapidly extending. We have also received a melancholy account of the fate of a respectable and generally esteemed tavern-keeper, in one of the villages of the Huron Tract, who fell a victim to his own liquor, lost his reason, and was conveyed to the New York Lunatic Asylum. Tavern-keepers in serving the public, (as they imagine,) place themselves and families in fearful jeopardy.

The Roman Catholic Temperance Society of this city is still making progress, chiefly through the indefatigable exertions of the Rev. Mr. Phelan, who is receiving members residing as far off as Kingston, because, we presume, they have no similar association with which to connect themselves at home.

Mr. Phelan has lately received letters from several priests in the district of Quebec, who are desirous of forming societies in their respective parishes.

We are gratified to see by the New York papers that the Company to whom the steam ships *British Queen* and *President* belong, has reduced the price of passage twenty dollars, in lieu of supplying liquors, which are only to be paid for when furnished.

A Judge has lately taken the teetotal pledge from Father Mathew in Ireland.

PUBLIC MEETINGS IN MONTREAL.

On Saturday evening, the 5th September, there was a public temperance meeting held in front of Mr. Connolly's farm; when were present about 150 persons, who were addressed by Rev. H. O. Crofts, Messrs. Wilson, and Dougall. At the close twelve persons joined the Society.

On Thursday evening, the 24th September, a meeting was published to be held in the St. Lawrence Suburbs, but, in consequence of only a few persons attending, no addresses were delivered. Four individuals out of the small company came forward and signed the pledge.

POETRY.

From the London Metropolitan.

THE TREE OF DEATH.

Let the king of the grave be asked to tell
The plant he loveth best;
And it will not be the cypress tree,
Though 'tis ever the churchyard guest;
He will not mark the hemlock dark,
Nor stay where the nightshade spreads;
He will not say 'tis the sombre yew,
Though it springs o'er skeleton's heads;
He will not point to the willow branch,
Where breaking spirits pine beneath,
For a brighter leaf sheds deeper grief.
And a fairer tree is the tree of Death.

But where the green rice stalks are seen,
Where ripe fruits gush and shine,
"This, this," cries he, "is the tree for me—
The vine, the beautiful vine;"

I crouch among the emerald leaves,
Gemmed with the ruby grapes;
I dip my spear in the poison here,
And he is strong that escapes.
Crowds dance round with satyr bound,
Till my dart is hurled from its traitor sheath;
When I shriek with glee, no friend to me
Is so true as the vine, the Tree of Death.

O, the glossy vine has a serpent charm,
It bears an unblest fruit;
There's a taint about each tendrilled arm,
And a curse upon its root;
Its juice may flow to warm the brow,
And wildly lighten the eye,
But the frenzied mirth of a revelling crew
Will make the wise man sigh;
For the maniac laugh, the trembling frame,
The idiot speech, and pestilent breath,
The shattered mind and blasted fame,
Are wrought by the vine, the Tree of Death.

Fill, fill the glass, and let it pass;
But ye who quaff, O think
That even the heart which loves must loath
The lips that deeply drink;
The breast may mourn o'er a close link torn,
And the scalding drops may roll;
But 'tis better to mourn o'er a pulseless form,
Than the wreck of a living soul.
Then a health to the hemlock the cypress and yew,
The worm hiding grass and the willow wreath,
For though shading the tomb, they fling not a gloom
So dark as the vine, the Tree of Death.

ELIZA COOK.

List of monies received from the country, by mail and otherwise, for the *Canada Temperance Advocate*, during the last month, viz :

M. Campbell, Kenyon, vol. V. 1s. 8d.; VI. 6s. 3d.; R. Leslie, Kemptville, 1s. 9d.; A. Boa, Lachute, 3s.; H. Lloyd, New Glasgow, £1 5s.; W. Haggerty, Petite Nation, 1s. 8d.; William Murray, Huntingdon, 1s. 8d.; J. D. Bryce & Co., Kingston, 10s.; J. M. Tupper, Brantford, 3s. 4d.; J. Gamble, Three Rivers, 1s. 6d.; D. Cattenach, Lochiel, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Duff, Lachine, 1s. 8d.; C. Peking, London, 15s.; S. J. Lyman, Quebec, 18s. 9d.; S. Blackstone, Barton, £1 2s. 6d.

CANADA SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

THE COMMITTEE of the CANADA SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION beg to intimate to the Teachers of Sabbath Schools, Country Merchants, and the public in general, that in addition to their former stock of WORKS, suited for Sabbath School and Congregational Libraries, as well as for general reading—they have just received from the London Religious Tract Society an additional supply, among which are some of the latest publications of that excellent Institution—all of which will be sold at cost and charges. They have also on hand a few of the Tract Society's Libraries, selected expressly for Sunday Schools, which, for the present, will be furnished under the usual regulations to Sabbath Schools only, for £3 10s. Currency, (although valued at £6 15s. Sterling, and consisting of 101 volumes.) Bibles and Testaments of the British and Foreign Bible Society furnished as follows, viz. :—Bible 2s., Testament 7½d.; and the Elementary Works of the London Sunday School Union, supplied at very reduced rates.

The Canada Sunday School Union holds no supervision over any School, further than that a Report from such School is required annually. (See *Circular*.) Applications to be made (if by letter, post paid.) to Mr. J. C. BECKET, Recording Secretary and Depository, Place d'Armes Hill.

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