

Moved by Mr. A. CAMERON, seconded by Mr. R. MORTON.

8. *Resolved*.—That the following gentlemen be the Officers and Committee of the Society for the ensuing year:—

JOHN DOUGALL, *President*.

REV. W. TAYLOR, REV. H. O. CROFTS, AND J. E. MILLS, *Vice-Pres.*

JAMES R. ORR, *Treasurer*.

JAMES COURT, *Cor. Secretary*.

R. D. WADSWORTH, *Rec. Secretary*.

Joseph Fraser,
William Greig,
John M'Watters,
James Milne,
Robert Morton,
William Morton,
Richard Yates,
J. C. Becket,
Henry Lyman,

S. Mathewson,
Wm. Whiteford,
Alfred Savage,
Wm. M'Master,
John Holland,
S. H. May,
James Wilson,
Theodore Lyman,
Samuel Hedge,

D. P. Janes,
Thomas Gaibreath,
John Brodie,
John Keller,
J. C. Beers,
William Bain,
Robert Campbell,
John White.

It is only necessary to add, that the interest excited produced a double collection, and detained the willing audience from 7 till half-past 10 o'clock. The thanks of our members and the friends of the cause are justly due to the ministers from the country and others, for their able and effective addresses. Towards the close of the meeting, the Committee went round and obtained 61 probationary members. An excellent Temperance Hymn was sung by the choir, accompanied by the organ; the whole concluded with a Doxology, and benediction by Rev. W. Squire.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MONTREAL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

The Past.

1.—Another year of active exertion and signal success in the temperance cause has expired, and we again desire to ascribe all that has been effected to the blessing of God.

2.—In our last report three objects were specially contemplated. *First*, to hold a temperance Convention. *Second*, to supply the standard temperance work, *Anti-Bacchus*, at a low price; and *third*, to employ a travelling Temperance Lecturer.

3.—The Convention was held in Montreal, in the month of June last, and 91 societies sent in their reports, the aggregate of whose members (tee-totallers) was 13,618. Nearly 60 societies omitted to report.

4.—Two thousand copies of *Anti-Bacchus* were sold by the Society last season, at the very low price of 1s. 3d. per copy, and the demand for the work was not nearly supplied. A second edition of 3000 copies has been published in a better form, which will no doubt sell rapidly. To MESSRS. CAMBELL & BECKET, who have published these two editions of *Anti-Bacchus* in a superior style, and at a remarkably low price, the thanks of the Temperance public are due. The Committee hope that every Minister, Magistrate, and School-master in Canada, is, or will be supplied with this work, and they anticipate an abundant, though not immediate harvest, from the seed thus profusely scattered.

5.—The Committee could not for some time procure the services of a suitable Travelling Agent, but about the month of September last, three gentlemen (Mr. R. D. WADSWORTH, Montreal; Mr. JAMES M'DONALD, Picton; and Mr. WM. BLACK, Eastern Townships) were engaged for the winter season, and have since been labouring with great zeal and success. Their united efforts have added about 1000 members monthly to the temperance ranks, and the Committee take this opportunity of publicly expressing their satisfaction at the manner in which they have conducted their operations. The Rev. WILLIAM CLARKE, London, Rev. R. SAUL, Adelaide, and several other ministers in different parts of the country, have also laboured with distinguished success in strengthening old and forming new societies. And although not connected with the operations of this society, we may add that several priests of the Church of Rome, both Irish and Canadian, have taken a decided stand in favour of temperance principles, and raised up large societies in connexion with their congregations.

6.—Taking these different accessions into consideration, the Committee believe they are warranted in estimating the number of pledged tee-totallers in the Province of Canada at not less than 30,000; a number which appears large, but which is only about one fortieth part of the population, and not so great as Father MATHEW has sometimes received in a single day. We hope the time may soon come, when instead of one tee-totaller in 40 persons, there will not be a greater proportion of drinkers in the community.

7.—Besides the three objects referred to, the accomplishment of which has, so far, been more complete than was anticipated, the Committee after mature deliberation, determined to double the size of the *Advocate*, and devote a portion of it to Agriculture, Education, and a Summary of Intelligence, the whole being stitched in a cover, which affords a widely circulated advertising medium. The price was of course also doubled. This measure appears to have met with universal approbation, the best proof of which is, that the paid circulation has increased from 4300 to 6000 copies monthly, since this time last year. The Committee have also distributed gratuitously about 2100 copies a month, a considerable part of which, during the summer months, were to immigrants; and latterly our Agents have scattered them freely wherever they went. Reckoning the *Advocate*, *Anti-Bacchus*, and Tracts, the Montreal Society has been instrumental in distributing over the country, within the year, about 155,000 publications, containing nearly 2,500,000 pages of temperance matter.

8.—A large supply of Temperance Medals was imported last summer, and sold almost immediately. A more extensive assortment has been ordered for the coming season.

9.—In the various modes alluded to, a sum of not less than £1028 has been expended within the year by the Montreal Society for the advancement of the temperance cause, part of which, the Agency Fund, does not appear in the subjoined Treasurer's Report, as it can only be made up in April next.

10.—The Temperance Cause in Montreal, received an impetus in the early part of the year from the eloquent and judicious appeals of the Rev. JAMES CAUGHNEY, which will not soon be forgotten. In the course of a series of crowded meetings addressed by that gentleman, in the American Presbyterian Church, about 1000 probationary members were added to the society. A Temperance Soiree about the same time was given by the Ladies of the Montreal Society, which produced an excellent impression, and resulted in a subscription of about £120 for the support of a Travelling Agent. A Temperance Pleasure Trip and two Pic-Nic parties upon the Montreal Mountain, took place during the summer, and were the means of affording innocent recreation to many, and of keeping our principles prominently before the public. Few meetings have since been held by the Montreal Society, the need for them being in a great degree superseded by the exertions of the Victoria Society.

11.—No means have yet been taken to ascertain the number of members in good standing connected with the Society. The number of members enrolled since the beginning is 3488, of which 1662 have been added during the past year; 2500 may probably be considered as the present strength of the Society. Plans for ascertaining this important point correctly, will presently be suggested.

12.—The Committee have witnessed with great satisfaction the continued progress of temperance principles in Ireland, and amongst Irishmen throughout the world, a progress which, to all appearances, will only stop when every individual of that generous nation has joined the tee-total standard.

13.—The recent extraordinary movement in the United States, has also attracted our admiration, and called forth devout feelings of gratitude to God. The spectacle of 75,000 drunkards reformed in one year by the exertions of their former companions in debauchery, is one, which for moral grandeur, yields to none in the history of the world. And the fact, that soul-stirring revivals of religion have often succeeded the triumph of the temperance cause, is an additional proof that God owns and blesses this reformation as a handmaid of the gospel.

14.—We are happy to state that a similar good work has commenced here, through the instrumentality of the Victoria Temperance Society, an institution which does honor to our city, and of whose operations we subjoin a Report.