

are never benefited by the use of ardent spirits," &c.; but, on the contrary, that the use of them is a frequent cause of *disease* and *death*." Similar declarations have been signed by nearly 2,000 physicians and surgeons of the first respectability in different parts of the union.

LOWER CANADA.

Montreal.—“We, the undersigned physicians of the city of Montreal are *unanimously* of opinion, that *ardent spirits* cannot be regarded as a necessary, suitable, or *nourishing* article of diet; but, on the contrary, are to be considered as the *fruitful source* of numerous and formidable diseases, and the *principal cause* of the poverty, crime and misery which abounds in this city; that the *entire disuse* of them, except under medical direction, would *materially* tend to *improve* the health, *amend* and *augment* the comfort of the community.”—Signed by W. Robertson, M.D., J. Stephenson, M.D., G. J. Vallée, M.D., B. Berthelet, M.D., John Racey, M.D., A. F. Holmes, M.D., Henry M'Dowall, J. B. Lebourdais, P. Buchanan, Surgeon, M. M'ulloch, E. B. O'Callaghan, J. R. Spooner, Henry Porter, C. Bloomfield, P. Brosseau, Henry Munro, Surgeon, F. Cushing, M.D., Jas. B. Johnston, M.D., Thos. Walter Jones, M.D., J. H. Ferris, M.D., Jos. Breadon, Surgeon.

(To be continued.)

Extract of a LETTER from the Roman Catholic Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, to Dr. HARVEY, Secretary of the Dublin Temperance Society.

CARLOW, March 8, 1830.

DEAR SIR,—I am greatly indebted to the committee of the Dublin Temperance Society, for the very beautiful copy of the pamphlets published for them, which you have had the goodness, in a most obliging manner, to convey to me. Will you be pleased to offer for me to the respected gentlemen forming the committee, my best thanks; and to accept for yourself, not my acknowledgements only of the marks of your attention which I have received, but what you seem to set some value upon—the expression of my full and entire approval of the good work you are promoting, and of my earnest hope that it may proceed and prosper to the utmost extent of your desires.

The Society may calculate on my zealous co-operation with them, in seeking to check, if not to put an end to the intemperate use of ardent spirits; for how could I, or any Clergyman employed in sowing

the Gospel-seed, be truly solicitous for its growth and increase, unless we be anxious also to prepare the ground wherein it is sown? To us, above all others, it should be a subject of gratulation and thanksgiving to find numerous bodies of intelligent, virtuous, and influential men, united, as the Temperance Societies are, in a league of brotherly love, against a vice, which at this day is the greatest obstacle to the propagation, in Ireland, of Gospel truth and of pure and undefiled Religion.

Clergymen, of whatsoever creed, labour to enforce the divine morality of the Gospel; they often complain, and justly that their labours in the pulpit are not seconded abroad by heads of families—even by those whose own lives are blameless; but here are Societies, whose active members are cordially united, without danger of jealousy or division, in seeking to stem a torrent of iniquity, which, like the mountain flood, is gradually covering this portion of the Lord's vineyard. No person whose attention is directed to public morals can fail to see, and almost touch the evils of drunkenness. Disease, poverty, crime, and even death in its most ignominious shape, grow naturally and quickly out of drunkenness; this vice enters like oil into the bones of a man, and is transmitted with his blood as an inheritance of woe to his children: it wastes his property, enfeebles his mind, breaks down his frame, exposes his soul to almost certain perdition, and ruins his posterity;—how, therefore, can any Clergyman, who labours to establish the kingdom of God in the hearts of the people, fail to rejoice when he sees good men of all classes come forward, zealously and disinterestedly to assist him in turning away their less fortunate brethren from the most absorbing vice—*excessive drinking*

I am not competent to judge—I do not stop to inquire—whether the means employed by the Temperance Societies are those of all others best calculated to promote the end in view—most probably they are the very best of all the means which are at present practicable; but even if they were not, and if these Societies did not present to us, as a proof of their efficacy, a great portion of the American people, and not a few of our own, reclaimed from drunkenness, yet in my opinion, they deserve, on their own merits, our best support;—for your rules are good: they are unmingled with any evil—their excellence and perfection are their only reputed faults; but certainly we who believe that “the kingdom of heaven is taken by violence, and that the violent bear it away,”

should not lightly reject a mode of reforming public morals, whose only imputed fault is, that it offers violence to passion or guilt, or proposes to men the perfection of living soberly and justly in this world: the imputed fault of the too great rigour or perfection of your rules is a mark of their wisdom, and a presage of their future efficacy.

What you want is *publicity*. Few persons could read your admirable little tracts and not be more or less reformed: they have increased and sharpened even my habitual horror of drunkenness. Would to God, that the PRESS, with its mighty power, could be engaged to give to your publications the place which is sometimes allotted in its pages to extracts of those light and frivolous works, which are impairing the character and vitiating the literature of our age. The introduction of many of your pamphlets into those establishments which supply books to country schools would be another easy mode of propagating widely much useful knowledge, free from every taint. But I have trespassed exceedingly on your time, and, with great respect, have the honour to be, my dear Sir,

Your faithful humble servant,

In Christ,

† J. DOYLE.

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