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ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE MONTREAL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

The Anniversary Meeting of the Montreal Temperance Society was held according to appointment on the 2d instant, on which occasion the President, occupied the Chair. After prayer, the Ninth Annual Report was read by the Secretary, and the first seven of the following resolutions were adopted. The meeting was then adjourned to the 4th instant, when the Rev. H. O. CROFTS, Vice President, acted as Chairman. After the usual preliminary business the remaining resolutions were adopted. The collections amounted to £10 9s. 6d.

Moved by Mr. J. R. ORR, and seconded by Mr. A. SAVAGE,

1. *Resolved*,—That the Report now read be adopted, and printed under the superintendance of the Committee.

Moved by Rev. C. STRONG, and seconded by Mr. JAMES COURT,

2. *Resolved*,—That Christians, or Christian bodies, who sanction the drinking usages of society, and thereby place themselves in opposition to the Temperance Reformation, are inflicting a deeper injury on the cause than any or all other classes of opponents.

Moved by Rev. W. TAYLOR, and seconded by Mr. C. M'KAY,

3. *Resolved*,—That those who admit, that the principle of total abstinence from intoxicating liquors is one which Christians ought to practice on the ground of moral expediency, and who do not come openly forward, and give their active support to the Temperance Reformation, are, in the opinion of this meeting, chargeable with a dereliction of duty.

Moved by Rev. H. WILKES, and seconded by Rev. F. BOSWORTH,

4. *Resolved*,—That the chief strength of the Temperance cause must necessarily lie in the amount of religious principle enlisted in its favor, and, therefore, it is to the churches that we should mainly look for countenance and aid.

Moved by Rev. T. T. HOWARD, and seconded by Mr. J. C. BEERS,

5. *Resolved*,—That whilst it is our duty to do all in our power to procure wholesome and well administered laws from the rulers of the earth it is only to the Ruler of the Universe that we can look for any real good, and, therefore, whilst we recognize the duty of thanking him for all past success, we, in like manner, recognize the duty of earnest prayer for future blessings.

Moved by Rev. J. FISK, and seconded by Mr. J. KELLER,

6. *Resolved*,—That whilst God alone can add the blessing, yet the duty of using the means rests with us, and, therefore, the two great instruments for the enlightenment of the world, viz: the living voice and the press should be diligently employed, until the strongholds of intemperance shall be utterly overthrown.

Moved by Rev. R. COONEY, and seconded by Mr. ALEX. GEMMIL,

7. *Resolved*,—That the rapidly augmenting population, and more especially the increased influence and responsibility of Montreal as the Seat of Government, call for much more strenuous and persevering efforts to purify the city from intemperance than have ever yet been put forth.

Moved by Mr. A. GEMMIL, seconded by Mr. JOHN HOLLAND,

8. *Resolved*,—That although the recent effort to diminish the Tavern Licenses has been rendered abortive, we highly approve of that effort, and strongly recommend a simultaneous movement on the part of this society, and all kindred societies, to diminish as far as possible the traffic in intoxicating drinks.

Moved by Mr. JOHN DOUGALL, seconded by Rev. W. THURSTON and supported by Rev. W. M'KILLICAN.

9. *Resolved*,—That the constituted authorities being appointed for the welfare of society—and the traffic in intoxicating drinks being proved to be opposed to that welfare—therefore they are unfaithful to their trust in as far as they license that traffic, and ought to be considered responsible for its disastrous effects.

AMENDMENT.—Moved by Mr. R. COOK, seconded by Dr. BERNARD, and carried unanimously,

That this resolution be postponed for decision at a future meeting to be called for the purpose; and that all persons who may choose to do so, be permitted to take part in the discussion, as this meeting being small, is not a fair criterion of the views of the inhabitants of the city of Montreal.

Moved by Rev. Mr. FIFE, and seconded by Rev. W. M'KILLICAN,

10. *Resolved*,—That the Gratuitous Distribution of the *Canada Temperance Advocate* be discontinued, in consequence of the present embarrassed state of the funds, and in accordance with the generally expressed wishes of the various societies throughout the Province.

Moved by Mr. R. D. WADSWORTH, seconded by Mr. C. M'KAY, and supported by Mr. H. LYMAN.

11. *Resolved*,—That efforts to organize Juvenile Temperance Societies, have our cordial approbation, and we rejoice that a strong reinforcement of tee-totallers are coming forward to take our places, and bear our responsibilities, when we have finished our course.

Moved by Mr. WM. GREIG, and seconded by Mr. SAMUEL MATHEWSON,

12. *Resolved*,—That the Committee for the ensuing year be composed of the following gentlemen, with power to add to their number:—

JOHN DOUGALL, *President.*

Vice-Presidents.

*Rev. W. TAYLOR,	Rev. H. O. CROFTS,
C. STRONG,	M. LANG,
H. WILKES,	F. BOSWORTH.

JAMES R. ORR, *Treasurer.*

JAMES COURT. *Corresponding Secretary,*
R. D. WADSWORTH, *Recording Secretary.*

Committee.

D. P. Janes,	John Holland,
Joseph Fraser,	S. H. May,
John M'Watters,	Samuel Hedge,
Robert Morton,	Charles M'Kay,
John C. Becket,	A. Gemmil,
Henry Lyman,	Joseph Mackay,
Robert Campbell,	William M'Intosh.

* The Rev. W. Taylor has since requested his name to be withdrawn.