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Temperance is the moderate use of things beneficial, and abstinence from things hurtful.

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RUM IN THE NURSERY.

Child. See that little boy, mother, how he holds up his hands; he seems to be asking for something. I wonder what he wants.
Mother. You see his mother is preparing to give him something. It is rum and water sweetened. You remember the little boy in the other picture?
Child. Yes, mother; and I remember too that nurse was feeding him with some rum and sugar.
Mother. Well, must you see, he loves sweetened rum, and he has seen his father drink it, and he thinks it good.
Child. Will he be a drunkard, mother?
Mother. I cannot tell; but I should think he is in a fair way to that end. He has the appetite of a



drunkard, in the same proportion as he has the size of a man.
Child. Will his mother give him some rum and sugar, does mother think?
Mother. A very likely; for a great many parents thoughtlessly indulge their children in their foolish and envious demands, in addition to setting them a bad example.
Child. Why, mother, is it wrong to drink rum? I have seen a great many people drink it, and they are not drunkards.
Mother. Yes, my child, it is wrong for any body to drink rum or any kind of ardent spirit; for it does them no good and in one case out of every forty it makes them drunkards.

MONTREAL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

The Second Anniversary Meeting was held on the evening of Tuesday, the 6th instant, in the Congregational Chapel. Mr. Joseph Fraser in the Chair. After prayer by the Rev. William Brunton of Lachute, the Annual Report and the Treasurer's Account were presented, when the following Resolutions were unanimously passed:—

Moved by Mr. ALEX. CAMERON, seconded by Mr. R. CAMPBELL.
1. *Resolved.*—That the Report now read be accepted, and printed, and circulated under the direction of the Committee.

Moved by Mr. J. COURT, seconded by Mr. P. CHRISTIE.

2. *Resolved.*—That it is expedient to amend the Constitution of this Society, and that the following be now adopted:—

CONSTITUTION OF THE MONTREAL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

Preamble.—Whereas the use of intoxicating drinks having of late years fearfully increased among all classes of the community, and led to a corruption of the social habits, to the ruin of personal and family comfort, to the commission of the most flagrant crimes, and in numerous instances to the entire overthrow of moral and religious principles; while the means employed to counteract the growing evils have in many places failed of success, rendering it evident that some determined and systematic efforts are incumbent on the friends of morality and religion to stem the torrent of intemperance that is laying waste in its deadly progress all that is noble in our nature; dear to us as Christians, and valuable as members of society. For this purpose, in dependence on Divine aid, we resolve to form ourselves into a Society for the suppression of intemperance in this city and neighbourhood.

Article I.—That this Society shall be called the Montreal Temperance Society.

Article II.—That the requisites of membership shall be, conformity to the rules of the Society, an annual contribution of 2s. 6d.

(except in such cases as the Committee may deem proper) and signing the following declaration:—

"We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, agree to abstain entirely from using, giving, or trafficking in intoxicating drinks, except for medicinal purposes, and wine on Sacramental occasions; and to promote generally the objects of the Society."

Article III.—That the Officers of this Society shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, and Committee of not less than twelve in number, to whom shall be intrusted the direction of the Society, and who shall have power to add to their number; four to form a quorum.

Article IV.—That the Officers shall be chosen at an Annual Meeting, at which a Report of the proceedings of the Committee and the Treasurer's Account shall be presented.

Article V.—That the Committee shall meet every fortnight for the transaction of business, and that public meetings for the purpose of hearing addresses, shall be held at least monthly.

Article VI.—That any member may withdraw from the Society on notifying the Secretary of his intention.

Article VII.—That no alterations in this Constitution shall be made but at the annual meeting, and with the sanction of two-thirds of the members present.

Moved by Rev. W. TAYLOR, seconded by Mr. R. MORTON.

3. *Resolved.*—That this Society recognises with great pleasure the decided advance of temperance principles, and great increase of members practising total abstinence, the past year, and would urge the continued diligent use of the press and of public meetings, already productive of such gratifying results.

Moved by Rev. Wm. BRUNTON, seconded by Mr. A. CAMERON.

4. *Resolved.*—That the employment of the press and of Agents for the diffusion of temperance information, will require great expenditures and consequent liberality on the part of the friends of the Society.

Moved by Rev. W. F. CURRY, seconded by Mr. T. D. BIGELOW.

5. *Resolved.*—That while we urge the practice of total abstinence