

Poetry.

THE STREAM OF INTEMPERANCE.

Canadians! look on this stream,
And read your country's woe!
What thousands madly dream
Where its foul waters flow!
Disease, and crime, and death, abide
This river's all-polluting tide!

They tell of Java's tree—
Of Etna's raving mount—
Of Hecla's misery—
Of Lethe's chilly fount:
But this dark Canadian river shows
A thousand, thousand deeper woes!

Unlike the stream of life,
That cheers this beautiful land,
Where no unholy strife
Can raise the battle brand!—
Is this wild flood, whose water rolls,
To mar our peace and blight our souls!

Canadians! will ye combine
To stop this stream of death?
Ye see, on all the line,
How chilling is its breath!—
'Tis reason calls, and heavenly truth,
To all—but loud to Canadian youth!

Shall not the orphan's tears,
The widow's heavy sigh,
The griefs that strike your ears,
The crimes that meet your eye;
Quick rouse you to this holy war—
For battle, then, let all prepare.

Oh! when the battle's won,
And Temperance shall prevail,
And her celestial sun
Shall gild the hill and vale!
The Rose shall then new fragrance shed,
The thistle proudly raise its head.

Then o'er Canadian soil,
In log-hut, hall and cot,
Truth, virtue, peace, shall smile—
Our woes shall be forgot:
And he who doth the sparrows feed
Will guard us in the hour of need.

The above verses are a little altered to suit this country.

Miscellaneous.

EVIL OF TEMPERANCE SOCIETIES.

The following extract of a letter written by a physician to his friend, who had solicited him to assist the formation of a Temperance Society:—

MY DEAR DOCTOR,—How could you suppose me so great a simpleton as your letter would imply? To enlist in a crusade against intemperance, indeed! Why, if an end were put to the drinking of port, punch and porter, there would be an end to my worldly prosperity. I should be obliged to sell my house in — square, pay off my coachman, and once more be-

come a pedestrian. Nay, the whole professions, physicians, surgeons and apothecaries, would be ruined. Poverty among the labouring classes being diminished—and disease becoming comparatively rare, simple, and manageable, the clinical physician would lose the benefits of teaching, and the student the opportunity of learning his profession in our flourishing hospitals.

Can you, my dear doctor, forget the sweets of a prolonged attendance upon a nervous hypochondriacal debauchee, with a well-lined purse? Can you be so lost to your own interest as to dry up this fertilising stream? Have you no *esprit du corps*? Why, this would seem to be a case in which our college of physicians, in their capacity as guardians of the interest of the medical profession, might with propriety interfere, and put a stop to your rash proceedings.

And lawyers are interested in this matter as well as doctors. A writer has attempted to show that a large portion of the crimes committed in our country is to be traced to intemperance. Whence it is evident that if your measures succeed, the profession of the law would be as much injured as that of physic.

I cannot conclude without once more beseeching you to weigh this matter more carefully before you mount your Rosinante. Those who are interested in the prosperity of the liberal professions ought not to overlook the importance of intemperance as a source of disease and crime.

It would seem to me, indeed, that all the evils and distress, anticipated by a certain class of politicians, are nothing in comparison with the revolution you are endeavouring to bring about.

I remain, my dear Doctor,
Your sincere friend.

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