

TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE,

DEVOTED TO

TEMPERANCE, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE, NEWS, &c.

VOL. XV.

MONTREAL, FEBRUARY 15, 1849.

No. 4.

CONTENTS.

	PAGE
Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Montreal Temperance Society.....	43
Report of Proceedings at the Meeting.....	53
Rehabite Meeting.....	55
Questions respecting the use of Beer.....	57
1 he Cholera.....	58
Anti-Bacchus.....	59
Public Meetings.....	60
Rehabite Meetings.....	61
List of Agents.....	62
Notices.....	63
Food for Fattening Cattle, &c.....	63
News.....	63
Monies Received, &c.....	63

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MONTREAL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Montreal Temperance Society was held in Zion Church on the evening of Friday, the 2nd instant. The meeting was one of the most interesting that the Society has held for a length of time, and the church, which is estimated to hold over 1000, was crowded. John Dougall, Esq., was in the chair. The Rev. John McLoud having opened the meeting with prayer, the chairman introduced the business of the evening with a few suitable remarks, after which the following resolutions were passed unanimously:—

Moved by the Hon. Malcolm Cameron, and seconded by the Rev. William Taylor.

Resolved 1st—That the Report be adopted and published, and that the following gentlemen be the Committee for the ensuing year:—

President,
JAMES COURT, Esq.
Vice-Presidents,

Revs. W. Taylor, Henry Wilkes, J. Girdwood, J. McLoud, L. Taylor, and Dr. Cramp; James R. Orr, and Henry Lyman, Esquires.

JOHN DOUGALL, *Treasurer.*
JOHN C. BECKETT, *Secretary.*

Honorary and Corresponding Members,

Rev. J. Marsh, New York; John Fraser, Esq., London, C. W.; Hon. Malcolm Cameron, Port Sarria; Rev. R. H. Thornton, Whitty; R. D. Wadsworth, Hamilton; R. J. T. Byrne, Bytown; Rev. Mr. Scott, Philipshburgh; Hon. A. Christie, Toronto; and Jeffery Hall, Esq., Quebec.

Committee,

Samuel Hedge, John McWatters, D. P. Janes, Charles Alexander, Samuel Mathewson, J. Cooper, Henry Vennor, H. E. Benson, T. M. Taylor, C. P. Watson, Robert Campbell, and F. F. Blackadder, Esquires.

Moved by the Rev. F. H. Marling, and seconded by Mr. James Court.

Resolved 2d—That devout thanksgivings are due to Almighty God for the success which has attended the efforts of this Society, as well as for the zealous and emicent labours of other associations and individuals in the Temperance Cause in this province; and especially for the great movement which has been going on throughout the past year among our French Canadian neighbors.

Moved by the Rev. J. McLoud, and seconded by the Rev. William Scott.

Resolved 3d—That the living voice, and the press, are the agencies by which light and truth are diffused, concerning the Temperance question, and both ought to be called into action in this cause, in all suitable ways, until the baneful drinking usages of Society be overthrown.

Moved by the Rev. J. Girdwood, and seconded by the Rev. Mr. Wilkes.

Resolved 4th—That inasmuch as poverty, disease, and crime, are in a great measure caused by intoxicating drinks, and inasmuch as all may with perfect safety abstain from their use as a beverage: therefore, total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks, would greatly promote the health, prosperity, and morality, of the human race.

Moved by W. G. Mack, Esq., Advocate, and seconded by the Rev. Dr. Cramp.

Resolved 5th—That inasmuch as the difficulties which the Temperance Cause encounters among those whose habits are formed, cannot oftentimes be surmounted, it is to the rising generation we must look to carry out the principle of abstinence from all that can intoxicate, to its legitimate extent.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

It is now, by the gracious permission of Divine Providence, our duty to present the thirteenth annual report of the Montreal Temperance Society, which, as the last Anniversary Meeting took place on the 24th February, embraces a period of about eleven months.

At the outset, it should be remarked, that the year has been one of comparatively little effort, owing to the load of debt that pressed upon the Committee, and in a great measure paralyzed its activity; but what has been done may be recapitulated under the following heads:—

I. PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Regular weekly meetings were kept up in the Temperance Hall for the discussion of important topics concerning the Temperance cause, until the interest and attendance diminished so far, that it was deemed advisable to discontinue them for the summer, and the Committee cannot, generally speaking, report favourably, either as to the