

fended on the ground of expediency, and here it stands invulnerable. The arguments derived from expediency are perfectly sufficient for our purpose—as strong and convincing as any reasonable person can desire; and we have no doubt that they will soon render the cause of Temperance triumphant throughout the civilized world. But, as Mr. D. observes, there may be minds that would be more influenced by arguments taken from higher ground, and, if such arguments can be obtained, let them be employed.

There is one point, however, on which we beg leave to differ from Mr. D.—namely, what has been called “the wine question;” but more properly, the right of using fermented wine in the celebration of the Lord’s supper. We do not think that this question belongs to Temperance Societies. There can be no doubt that the wine employed by the Saviour at the institution of this ordinance was very different from that which is used by the church in the observance of it now. They did not use *branded* wines in those days. And, as the Jews were peremptorily forbidden to have any *leaven*, or any thing fermented, in all their dwellings at the time of the Passover, it is not probable that the Saviour would use fermented wine on that occasion. But this is a question which, in our opinion, belongs to the church, and with which Temperance Societies have nothing to do. The object of these Societies is to put down those “drinking usages,” which are the cause of the intemperance that now abounds; but as it cannot be pretended that the use of fermented wine at the Lord’s table is one of these “usages,” we think it a matter which does not belong to them.

CLERGY RESERVES.—To those who were offended by an article which appeared under this title in a former number, we owe an apology. Our informant was mistaken, when he stated that the *distillery* was erected on *clergy-reserve land*—on further inquiry we find that the land is the personal property of the clergyman. We have likewise the satisfaction to hear, that, owing as it is said, to some misunderstanding between the tenant and the reverend proprietor, the building stands unoccupied. We trust it may yet be devoted to a better purpose than distillation.

A LITTLE TEETOTALER, about six years old, was overheard to use the following words in his prayers. “Oh Lord! I thank Thee, that my papa is not a rum-seller.”

The little fellow had heard of the evils that rum-selling inflicts upon the community, and no doubt has witnessed some of them, and he rejoiced that no one connected

with him had any share in the guilty traffic. He knew he ought to be thankful, but he knew not—no infant mind could know—half his cause for thankfulness.

The only useful part of the Trade.

A boy, in passing a grocer’s shop, said to his father, “If I had that shop, father, I would turn all the rum and gin out into the street; but I would save the casks. I would not throw them away.”

PROGRESS OF

The Temperance Reform.

Montreal Society for the Promotion of Temperance.

The addition to the members has been considerable since the annual meeting, being equal to what took place during the five preceding months (the members from the House of Industry not included), a proof that opposition is doing good to the cause.

The number stands thus:—

After Ordinary pledge . . .	238	increase 14
.. Total Abstinence do.	467	.. 34
Total	705	.. 48

Bathurst District Temperance Society.

The annual meeting of this Society was held at the Court House in Perth, on Tuesday the 24th February last, the Rev. William Bell, President, in the chair. This Society was formed on the 23d of February, 1835, and is at present constituted of eight auxiliary local Societies, all within the District of Bathurst, three of these having become auxiliary this year.

The following is the substance of the Report read at the meeting.—The aggregate number of members is 1122, there having been an increase of 354 during the year. The number of members pledged to abstain from all that will intoxicate is 310, but it is believed that a great majority of the whole would, if an opportunity were given them, subscribe this pledge. There is annually spent in the District upon intoxicating liquors the sum of £30,000.

Thirteen deaths are reported as having occurred during the year, from the use of intoxicating drink. The following is a specimen of these.—In the month of August last, a man named Drummond was sent to a logging bee. In the forenoon he called repeatedly for grog, which he thought was not circulated freely enough, more grog was given, and the consequence was, he became intemperate early in the day, and instead of going to dinner with the rest of the party, he sat down upon a log. Some of the men being sent out to look for him, found him lying upon the burning remains of a log pile, his clothes burnt off his body, which from his right knee half way up his side was burnt black as charcoal, while he lay unconscious of his awful situation. He lingered in great agony for two weeks and then died. Before death the burnt side of his body was in such a state of putrefaction, that pieces of flesh were dropping from it as large as a man’s head, in eggs were swarming in the wound, and the smell was so intolerable as to render it scarcely possible to approach where he lay. It is said that after coming to his senses, when found upon the pile, the first thing he did was to cry for more grog.

The number of tavern licenses granted in the District for the present year is 58, for shops 36, still licenses 4. The number of beer and unlicensed grog shops has not been ascertained, but is known to be very great. Notwithstanding a considerable diminution in the amount of intoxicating liquors sold, there is still as much money thrown away upon it yearly, as

would, even at the present high price of flour, purchase two barrels to every family in the District.

The sum up of annually for intoxicating drink would, if divided, give as follows:—

To 80 common schools £50 each	£4000	0	0
To a minister in every Township £100	1800	0	0
To build a church in every Township £233	1914	0	0
To build 80 school houses £50 each	4000	0	0
To buy 2000 barrels of flour at 8 dollars	16000	0	0
To buy 200 yoke of oxen at £20 each	4000	0	0
To buy 2000 yards of cloth at 10s	1000	0	0
To buy 8000 barrels of pork at 10 dollars	2000	0	0
To buy 1000 tons of hay at 8 dollars	2000	0	0
To buy 8000 bushels of oats at 2s 6d	1000	0	0
To buy 8000 bushels of potatoes at 2s 6d	1000	0	0
To buy 4000 bushels of corn at 5s	1000	0	0

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Leaving £5 to pay 18 copies of the “Temperance Advocate,” for a year.

The friends of Temperance have still evidently much to do, in order to the success of the cause, for though much reformation and improvement have taken place since our different Societies were formed, still such an extensive traffic cannot be carrying on without producing its natural fruits, crime, cruelty, poverty, irreligion, ruin, bloodshed and death.

The following resolutions, among others, were unanimously passed:—

Resolved, That the success which has hitherto attended the efforts made for the promotion of Temperance, call for gratitude to God, and for renewed exertions on our part, for the final triumph of the cause.

Resolved, That while we rejoice at the success of the efforts which have hitherto been made to abolish the use of ardent spirits, yet in our estimation, the complete success of the Temperance cause must depend upon the entire disuse as a beverage, of all intoxicating liquors.

Resolved, That this meeting recommend to the Societies throughout the District, the pledge of total abstinence from all intoxicating drink.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and publish, in behalf of this Society, an address to the people of the District, which shall embody such facts as shall in their opinion promote the Temperance reformation. The President and Secretary to form this Committee.

The Rev. John Fairburn, of Ramsay, was elected President of the Society; the Rev. William Bell, of Perth, and Mr. James Dick, of Lanark, Vice-Presidents; and the Rev. T. C. Wilson, of Perth, Secretary and Treasurer.

Next meeting to be held in Lanark, on the last Tuesday in February, 1838.

THOMAS C. WILSON,
Sec. B. D. Tem. Society

A meeting of the St. John’s Temperance Society was held on the 18th January, at which the following spirited resolution was passed:—

“Whereas it is the opinion of this Society, that the period has arrived when additional efforts should be made for the extension of the principles of Total Abstinence—and for the purpose of accomplishing this desirable object, *Resolved*, that a subscription list be now opened for the purpose of providing funds to pay the expenses of a suitable person, who shall deliver lectures upon the subject of Total Abstinence, in the principal places in this Province. And when a sufficient sum shall have been obtained, a correspondence be opened with E. C. Dolavan, Esq., for the purpose of obtaining the services of such an individual.”

Towards carrying the above resolution into effect, the sum of *thirty-eight pounds* was immediately subscribed. The amount proposed to be raised is *one hundred pounds*, i. e. four hundred dollars;—those persons who feel a desire to assist in carrying the proposed measure into effect, may leave their donations or subscriptions with Mr. Z. Estey, with whom the subscription list is deposited.