

### The Trial of Alcohol

has been published, and though from the crowded state of our columns we cannot notice it at length to day, yet we must omit to assure our readers that it is cheap at the advertised price, 4d. each; 3s. 6d. per dozen; or 22s. 6d. per 100.

### The Vote of the People of Vermont.

The returns from 158 towns of the vote upon the question of accepting the new liquor law, stands—yeas 13,529; nays 10,783; majority in favor of the law 2,746.

### To Correspondents.

Several communications that deserve a place in our columns came to late for our present issue, others are crowded out, and some are still under consideration.

*Amicitia*.—We can easily answer that question. We have so many pressing engagements and duties at this season of the year that we have not time to write the articles on Sanitary and Social Economy. They will be continued, but we wish to have more leisure for them than we can now command. In the mean time we suggest that *Amicitia* and other friends should obtain a few more subscribers for us in that neighborhood and county. Every number of the *Canada Temperance Advocate* will be worth more than it costs.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### Canadian Temperance League.

DUNDAS, 5th March, 1853.

DEAR SIR,—It is with no ordinary feelings of pleasure, that I learn the announcement of a Canadian Temperance League, which has emanated from some of the energetic Temperance men of London, C. W., and for which they merit the thanks of our entire community. A similar plan was proposed to me last November by one of our Sons here, but the idea has been fully carried out by others, in the prospectus which I send you, and to them belongs the honor.

The objects are clearly stated, viz:—

- 1st. For the suppression of intemperance.
- 2nd. For using constitutional means to procure the enactment of a prohibitory liquor law.

The project is most feasible, and must merit the approbation of every well wisher of his country's prosperity, as it is the only system by which all such great and important movements have been carried out in Great Britain. It invites not only the cooperation of every temperance man in the community, but also all who are favorable to a prohibitory liquor law, and who may not feel disposed to sign what is called the total pledge themselves.

I shall now make a few remarks upon the prospectus, for the purpose of eliciting the opinions of others, and in order to suggest some improvements.

The first period named for a general convention of delegates is entirely too soon, the document is dated 21st February, but was not promulgated in this section of the country until last Friday, the 4th inst., when it appeared in the columns of the "Spirit of the Age." Now if it is the intention of the projectors to obtain a large and influential assemblage of delegates from every part of the two Canadas, a much later period should have been named, sometime in the month of May, when the roads are good and the

navigation open. If you folks in Canada East are to be included, which I presume you are or ought to be, the postponement of the time will be absolutely necessary, and a more central spot than London should have been selected, as Kingston, for example. I would also recommend, that like the annual meetings of religious bodys, synods, conferences, &c., and the Grand Division sessions, the yearly meetings should take place at various points of the two Provinces.

The monetary department in the constitution next claims my notice. It would appear that all the monies except a small proportion requisite for incidental expenses are to be transmitted to head quarters. With all due deference to the concoctors of the constitution, the branch Leagues will require and expect to use the larger proportion of the amounts collected in their respective localities, and only transmit a per centage or smaller part to the Executive Committee for general purposes. I trust that none of the originators will imagine these remarks are written with any captious or adverse feelings, but solely with the intention of having as far as practicable the entire Canadas represented, for if the meeting takes place on the 21st inst., the half of the inhabitants will not have heard of it, and if they had, could not consequently send delegates at that period. Besides, by delaying the convention for a longer time, the conductors of various Temperance journals and other contributors will have been enabled to discuss the different sections of the constitution, and the Temperance public to call meetings in their different localities—to choose their delegates and arrange and digest instructions for them, as well as adopt a more clear and definite plan for the monetary department. Hoping to learn your more experienced opinion on this important matter, which requires mature consideration previous to the general convention, as *C'est le premier pas qui coute*.

I remain your friend and subscriber,

A PROHIBITORY LAW ADVOCATE.

[The above communication was too late for our last publication, and although, in some respects may be thought rather late for our present number, yet the suggestions should not be lost sight of.—ED.]

### To the Sons of Temperance of the City of Montreal.

BROTHERS,—“To cheer the Widow in Affliction's strait” is a prominent feature in our Organization. You have therefore now an opportunity presented to you to carry out that principle, in aiding and assisting the Widow of our much esteemed and lamented Brother, the late R. W. Lay, of this city; who, during his life time, was esteemed by all for his courteous conduct, integrity, honor, as a good Christian, and as a Son of Temperance for his being irreproachable in his demeanour. The deceased Brother, during the latter part of his life, and at the time of his death, was busily engaged throughout Canada in obtaining subscriptions to a small monthly periodical, entitled the “Maple Leaf,” the only legacy that he had to leave to his bereaved Widow, and on that alone has she now to depend for her and her family's support. I therefore appeal on behalf of Mrs. Lay to all the Sons to come forward and lay at the footstool of affliction their mite by subscribing to this Periodical. A subscription list is now open for the Sons and