

the great hurt of the digestive organs; in addition to which, the food being preserved in spirits, becomes harder of digestion, and consequently affording little or no nutrition. In this state, it is evident there can be no appetite, no relish, no desire for food; and the poor victim is supported only by that artificial excitement which he vainly reckons on as his natural strength, until eventually the system has accumulated such a load of corruption, as must arrest the organs of life.

Alcohol is a subtle fluid as you may perceive by the rapidity of its evaporation. It is then perceptible, that, mix it as you may with water, it will speedily be absorbed and mingled with the blood. You are aware, that to carry on the process of life, a certain quantity of blood is propelled throughout the system, within a certain limited time. Thus to support life, the consumption and the restoration ought to balance; and if that balance is destroyed, health is injured. Now this is done by the too rapid excitement of the blood, and that poisonous fluid produces that excitement. Who has not felt the liquid fire running through his veins the instant it enters his stomach? And if he only puts his finger on his temple, or feels his pulse, he must be convinced of the impulse given to the vital fluid. Some suppose that every constitution can bear just so many pulsations. Be that as it may, we know that pulsations are increased, and fevers excited, by the application of alcoholic stimulants. You may form some idea of the process of self consumption, by reflecting that the pulsation of the heart, and the motion of blood, in a healthy person, takes place 100,000 times every day. What care should be taken that this main spring of life should not be oppressed by unnatural excitement! But alcohol is taken—the pulsations are increased—the excretion is too great for the secretion; and it requires no great strength of intellect to know, that in such cases, the system cannot long subsist.

From this stage of the disease, the frame work of the system is soon attacked; and the palsied knees and trembling hand prove the ravages of this subtle destroyer. The nerves are those fibres, which help to keep together and sustain the whole machinery of man; they all converge in the brain; and hence arises the relaxation of the nervous system. The rapid pulsation of the blood causes the tremulous motion of the nerves, hence the drunkard sees what a sober man cannot see; and in that dreadful state, called the delirium tremens, the sight of the victim himself is truly melancholy. And for what! for what is all this wasteful destruction of Heaven's best earthly gifts! what, my friends, but the momentary sense of a subtle poison curling through the veins; and the pleasure of becoming a voluntary idiot! Quench thirst it will not, it cannot—it must increase it—it gives a greater action to the fluid by rarifying the blood, and increasing the perspiration, which every rational man knows is the very cause of thirst."

We trust that the labors of the Rev. gentleman will abound more and more. Such addresses cannot fail to do good.

At a recent meeting of the Council of Montreal, a petition was presented from the tavern-keepers, claiming exemption from taxes, on account of the failure of their business, which they attributed to the operations of Temperance Societies. Their prayer was denied after some discussion, in the course of which, one of the Council, a large rum dealer stated that the wholesale merchants might with equal justice present such a petition, as their cellars were full, and no sales effecting. Such may be the fact; but how can these statements be reconciled with the enormous consumption of liquor and intemperance in this city? If the declarations of the tavern-keepers be true, in what a miserable position do they stand. Engaged in a traffic they know to be wrong, and which must draw down the vengeance of God as it does the disapproval of all good men—they yet meet with disappointment in realizing its soul-stained gains. Why not quit the business? "They have no other," it will be said. Has any one ever made a sincere and vigorous effort to obtain a livelihood in some other way and failed, we fearlessly ask? Oh no, on our fellow citizens

who are engaged in the liquor trade, brethren, however erring, we earnestly urge the attempt to change their business. Let them act in the fear of God in the matter, and in dependence on His direction, and that almighty power which controls all things, which fed the prophet Elijah—that God who has promised to those who serve Him that their bread and water will be sure, will assuredly bless the exertions made by them to gain a livelihood in accordance with right principles.

Mr. M'DONALD, Agent of the Montreal Temperance Society, proposes to hold meetings in the following order, viz:

From the 1st to the 5th September, in the vicinity of Guelph, in the Wellington District. Between that time and the 9th, in Dumfries, &c. The friends in the several places will please make arrangements.

Paris	Friday	Septem. 9
Mount Pleasant	Saturday	" 10
Brantford	Monday	" 12
Grand River Mission	Tuesday	" 13
Jersey Settlement	Wednesday	" 14
Cape Town	Thursday	" 15
Dundas	Friday	" 16
Waterdown	Saturday	" 17
Barton Church	Monday	" 19
Seneca, on Grand River	Tuesday	" 20
Glandford, Methodist Chapel	Wednesday	" 21
Benbrook, Hall's School-house	Thursday	" 22
Taplestown	Friday	" 23
Hamilton, or such other place as the friends may appoint	Saturday	" 24
Hamilton	Monday	" 26

The Agent will have with him a small still, with which to analyze wine or malt liquors; Dr. SEWALL's plates of the stomach; unfermented wine, &c. He is authorised to receive subscriptions for the *Temperance Advocate*, and orders for the publications published and sold by the Society. We trust that the friends of the cause will not forget our Agency Fund.

JUVENILE TEMPERANCE CELEBRATION.

On Tuesday evening the 23d ult., a public meeting was held in the Baptist Chapel, Montreal, to consider the subject of getting up a Juvenile Temperance Celebration, Mr. H. LYMAN in the Chair. The meeting was addressed from the Chair, and also by the Rev. C. STRONG, MESSRS. WHITE, WADESWORTH, and others, to the effect that such a celebration was necessary and practicable. In the remarks offered, some interesting details were brought forward, from which it appeared that Juvenile Tee-totalers had been instrumental in numerous instances of reclaiming intemperate persons—that Juvenile Processions had exerted a beneficial influence in large communities—that the Temperance youth of Montreal, numbering about 3,500, were zealous in the cause, and anxious for the measure being carried; and one old tee-totaler went so far as to say *the girls should turn-out* as well as the boys, for he thought they had been as active if not more so. It was therefore unanimously agreed upon to get up a Juvenile Temperance Pic-Nic and Procession to come off early in this month. A sub-committee was nominated to take up subscriptions, and to make all necessary arrangements. This sub-committee have been to work and have collected a handsome sum, and we hope the children of all denominations and classes, who have joined the society, will ask leave from their parents to attend and come:

"With bib and tucker neat and clean,
And medal dangling bright."