

lation will be that the blame must rest with others, and not on them. With respect to the future supplies of temperance publications from Great Britain, the Committee have availed themselves of the President's offer to purchase a considerable quantity on his arrival there, so that a large shipment may be expected by the spring arrivals. On the subject of AGENCY, the Committee have to state that they employed a member of the Society for some weeks, whose labours were directed to a considerable extent among the soldiers in the barracks, and it is hoped not without good effects. An extract from his journal is to be found in the number of the Temperance Advocate for October. After they were deprived of his services, the Committee were for some time unable to find a suitable agent. They have much satisfaction, however, in stating that Mr. Wm. Morton, already well known to you as a zealous and consistent advocate of total abstinence, has been engaged for one year from the 1st inst., his time to be employed principally in this city, making occasional visits, however, to the country. Mr. Morton's services will be wholly devoted to furthering the objects of the Society: in particular, to increasing its funds and extending the circulation of the Temperance Advocate. A regular system of tract distribution throughout the city, and furnishing Immigrants on their arrival with tracts, accompanied with suitable advice, cannot fail, with the Divine blessing, of accomplishing much to prevent the evils of intemperance. This appointment will be attended with increased outlay, but the Committee throw themselves on your liberality to enable them to meet the additional expense.

In connection with this subject, it may be well to remark that several applications have been made to that distinguished advocate of Total Abstinence Mr. Buckingham, to visit this city, and give that cause the benefit of his powerful eloquence; pre-existing engagements, however, prevented his coming, at those times, although it is his intention to visit this part of the world before leaving the American continent.

The PUBLIC MEETINGS of the Society were continued weekly, with but one or two exceptions, from May last till the commencement of the recent troubles, when the impossibility of obtaining proper attendance, caused them to be given up. As a substitute to the want of this important means of promoting the temperance cause, a larger distribution of the Advocate has been made. Some attempts were made to call a CONVENTION, but the excited state of things prevented the accomplishment of our desires. It is to be hoped that the political condition of the country this summer will allow of this measure being carried into effect.

The establishment of a COFFEE ROOM or INN on total abstinence principles has been remarked on in the two former Reports, and yet on this occasion the Committee are unable to speak respecting them in any other terms, than regret that such places are not yet to be found in this city. The Committee have constantly held out promises of what assistance lay in their power, to any person undertaking such establishments, and they are sorry that as yet no opportunity has been afforded them of fulfilling their engagements.

Respecting the NUMBER OF MEMBERS, the Committee confess themselves unable to make a correct statement, owing to the constant removals of the members and to the backslidings formerly alluded to. They have, however, instructed the Agent, as one of his first duties, to visit the whole of the members, and personally to ascertain their standing; so that the Committee who succeed will be able to make a full, if not a satisfactory, report at the next anniversary.

The TREASURER'S ACCOUNT shows a balance due by him of £31 1s. 4d. As a set off against this, however, the sum of £79 14s. 8d. has been advanced on account of the Temperance Advocate, so that actually the Society is in debt £48 13s. 4d. To make up this deficiency and enable the Society to carry on its operations in the extended scale which its situation as the centre of temperance effort in the two Provinces, requires, the Agent will immediately go round the members and collect the annual subscriptions. The income of the Society for the past year has been almost wholly derived from one source, a fact which, however much the modesty of the individual himself would conceal, the rest of the Committee cannot in justice, permit to be passed unnoticed. To depend on this exercise of munificence and close our own purses, would be absurd; an example, from which we should but draw a lesson of liberality. During the past year the collection of Annual Subscrip-

tions has been neglected for want of a suitable Agent; the Committee hope, therefore, that this circumstance will operate favourably in the receipts of the present season.

In conclusion, the Committee cannot bring this brief Report to a close more appropriately than in acknowledging, with deep gratitude, the goodness of God, in upholding this Society, amidst the shocks it has received from the demoralising scenes through which we are passing, when numbers of other Societies are in a state of prostration. Our only dependance is on the arm of Jehovah, which has hitherto directed and supported us. Our opponents are many, our friends few; but God is with us, and He is more than all that can be against us.

*The Montreal Temperance Society in Account Current with
James R. Orr, Treasurer.*

1838.		Dr.
Feb. 14.	To paid balance due former Treasurer	£24 13 1
1839.		
Jan. 31.	„ „ Expenses of Public Meetings, Advertising, &c	31 14 7
„	„ Rent and fitting up of Temperance Rooms	21 11 6
„	„ For Publications	21 7 8
„	„ Allowance to Secretary, travelling expenses of Agent, &c.	32 15 8
	To Balance due by Treasurer	31 1 4
		£163 3 10
1838.		Cr.
March 6.	By received Collection at Public Meeting	£1 11 9
1839.		
Jan. 31.	„ „ Donations this year	149 4 11
„	„ Rent of Rooms	8 0 0
„	„ Publications Sold	4 7 2
		£163 3 10
	By Balance brought down	£31 1 4
	E. E. JAMES R. ORR, TREASURER.	
Montreal, Jan. 31, 1839.		
Examined and found correct.		
	JAMES COURT.	
	JOHN C. BECKET.	

Letters to the Editor.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

SIR,—In a recent journey which I made in Upper Canada, some facts of a cheering nature came under my observation.

In many places a sense of the necessity of making some effort to stop the further progress of intemperance, is beginning to prevail. In Port Hope, for instance, where I am informed there are nine Distilleries in active operation (enough to make a place a hell upon earth), the Rev. Mr. Short, who has long been a zealous and able advocate of Temperance principles, and some other friends of the cause, are labouring to remedy the grievous evils, growing out of the use of intoxicating drinks, by which they are on all sides surrounded. In Cobourg a good influence emanates from the Upper Canada Academy, as many of the Teachers and Students in that Institution, act upon total abstinence principles. In Toronto, the Rev. Mr. Roaf, an early and unflinching teetotaler, is anxious to raise up among the conflicting parties that wreck the peace of Upper Canada, "a Temperance party," which it is to be hoped will one day swallow up all others. For this purpose, he asks for a supply of Temperance documents from the American Temperance Union. As we have now a large number of English teetotal tracts, and expect a larger supply in the spring, I think the Committee could not do better than request him to accept the half of them, as he pledges himself that they will be faithfully distributed. Many other gentlemen in Toronto take a warm interest in the cause, and only wait for a favorable opportunity to exert themselves in its favor.

In London, which is another centre of influence, one of the principal stores abstains from the liquor trade from conscientious motives; and several individuals take an interest in the Temperance Reformation. I must say, however, that I saw more drinking here, both among high and low, than in any other place of Canada that I visited; which is partly to be accounted for by the fact, that both the Church of England clergymen, and the Scotch Minister of the United Secession Church, openly condemn Temperance Societies of all kinds.