

as to be unable to ascertain whether he was dead or alive. At last his lethargic state so alarmed his wife that she sent for a physician, who, on his arrival, found that he was dead, but at what moment he died it was difficult to ascertain. His clothing was found to have been perfectly drenched with sweat, so powerful were the efforts of nature to overcome the foul poison with which she had been overloaded.—On Sunday week, a coloured woman was found in a field in Worcester, Mass., frozen to death. A tin pail with rum in it was found near her.—Mr. Josiah D. Elder, from Westbrook, Me., attempted to cut his throat on Tuesday week, in the store of Mr. James Campbell, of Lowell. He was about 38 years of age, and has left a wife and four children. It is supposed he will not recover.—On Sunday week, a young man by the name of Rankin, killed a Mr. Miller, his own nephew, by cutting his throat. Both the murderer and his victim were under the influence of ardent spirits when the bloody deed was committed. Rankin made his escape.—Lewis Cummings is now under trial at Baltimore for the murder of Le Platt Carter, on the 4th of July, 1846, by stabbing. Drink was the prime cause.—About midnight on Sunday week, some sort of a momentary collision occurred between Jacob Garret and a young man named Bertach, in the street in Pottsville, Pa. It was but an instant, and Garret was mortally stabbed at the head of the spinal column or base of the brain. It was done so quickly that two persons in company could not observe the act. The wounded man ran about one hundred yards and fell, and in a few minutes expired. Rum and the beer shops had something to do with this tragedy.

MURDER.—On Saturday night last, a coloured man, named Lewis Johnson, a native of Maryland, who resided in the Ninth Avenue, New York, left his house to purchase rum, he being already intoxicated. Not returning as soon as might be expected, his sister went in search of him, and found him lying in a sleigh, which was standing in the street, moaning as if in great pain. On being asked what ailed him, he replied that some person had stabbed him. He was then removed to his house, and died soon after reaching it. On examining his person, it was found that he had been stabbed in several places with some sharp instrument.

TEMPERANCE AMONG THE YOUNG.—A Temperance Society, called the Youths' Temperance Ark of Safety, composed of youths from 10 to 18 years of age, some of whom, strange as it may appear, are reformed drunkards, held a meeting on Wednesday week, at the Corner of Catharine and Henry Streets, New York.

Poetry.

THE DOINGS OF STRONG DRINK.

BY MRS. SIGOURNEY.

I saw a little girl,
With half uncovered form,
And wondered why she wandered thus
Amid the winter storm,
They said her mother drank of that
Which took her sense away,
And so she let her children go
Hungry and cold all day.

I saw them lead a man
To prison for his crime.
Where solitude, and punishment,
And toil, divide the time.
And as they forced him thro' the gate,
Unwillingly along,
They told me 'twas intemperance
That made him do the wrong.

I saw a woman weep
As if her heart would break;
They said her husband drank too much
Of what he should not take.
I saw an unfrequented mound
Where weeds and branches wave—
They said no tear had fallen there—
It was the drunkard's grave.

They said these were not all
The risks the intemperate run;
For there was danger lest the soul
Be evermore undone.
Since WARR then is pure and sweet,
And beautiful to see,
And since it cannot do us harm,
It is the drink for me.

Canada Temperance Advocate.

"It is good neither to eat flesh, nor drink wine, nor do any thing by which thy brother is made to stumble, or to fall, or is weakened."—Rom. xiv. 21.—*Macnight's Translation.*

PLEDGE OF THE MONTREAL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO AGREE, THAT WE WILL NOT USE INTOXICATING LIQUORS AS A BEVERAGE, NOR TRAFFIC IN THEM; THAT WE WILL NOT PROVIDE THEM AS AN ARTICLE OF ENTERTAINMENT, NOR FOR PRISONS IN OUR EMPLOYMENT; AND THAT IN ALL SUITABLE WAYS WE WILL DISCOURTEGE THEIR USE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.

MONTREAL, MARCH 1, 1848.

THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Montreal Temperance Society was held on the evening of the 24th ultimo, in the Temperance Hall, St. Maurice Street. The chair was taken at seven o'clock by the President of the Society, J. Dougall, Esq. After prayer by the Rev. Mr. Girdwood, Mr. F. F. Blackader read the Report for the past year as follows.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MONTREAL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY, BEING FOR THE YEAR 1847-8.

This society has existed on its present basis since 1835, and although there is much uncertainty as regards the number and present standing of its membership, there cannot be a question that it has exerted a great and salutary influence over the public mind, not only in Montreal, but throughout Canada. And they who have been engaged in it since the beginning feel more and more convinced, by the experience of each additional year, that the path of total abstinence from intoxicating drinks as a beverage, is not only the right path, but the path of pleasantness and peace.

The committee will now advert separately to the different efforts of the society.

TRACT EFFORT.

Soon after their appointment, your Committee resolved on an attempt at a thorough distribution of tracts in the city; their first intention being, to have this done by the members, but on further consideration, they resolved to employ an agent who might also act as a missionary of the cause. Subscriptions for this special object, were accordingly taken up, and Mr. John McCallum, who was eminently qualified for the work, was engaged as agent. The cost of this effort, including agent's salary of £60, and about 80,000 tracts, was so great, that to undertake it demanded an exercise of faith, but the Committee have reason to rejoice that they were not induced from fear to give it up, as they have met with no small encouragement in the amount of good accomplished.

The Committee could make interesting extracts from the monthly reports of their agent, but as some of these have already appeared in the pages of the *Advocate*, they forbear at present, although their publication might operate as an inducement to other societies to adopt this mode of promoting the cause.

The regular series of tracts headed, "Monthly Visitor of the