

Tuesday the 5th of September, for the purpose of organizing a Society.

Thus ground has been broken in Quebec, through the exertions of Captain Hudson, a gentleman who has truly laid Canada under very great obligations.

### *Progress of the Temperance Reform.*

**VISIT OF CAPTAIN HUDSON.**—Never did the cause of Temperance make such rapid progress in Montreal, as it has done since the publication of our last number. This has been chiefly owing to Captain Hudson, of the *Hartlepool*, the first Temperance Ship that has arrived at our port. Many went to see what sort of appearance a teetotal ship would present, and were gratified to see sailors that were quite pleased with their work, and at peace with one another. Captain Hudson was soon waited on by some members of the Committee of this Society, and requested to give his testimony in behalf of total abstinence. To this he cheerfully assented, and promised to bring some of his crew along with him. A lecture on Temperance from the crew of a merchant ship was a novelty, it promised much entertainment, and a large audience was consequently assembled in expectation of it. Nor were they disappointed. The Captain and his men did their duty well; they showed to the satisfaction of the audience that the "vile drug" was not necessary, neither on sea nor land, nor in storm nor calm. We shall not attempt an outline of Captain Hudson's address; suffice it to say, it was of such a nature that, though he kept the audience an hour later than usual, they would willingly have remained two longer. At the conclusion *forty-seven* signed the pledge. This was on the first of August. A second meeting was held on the tenth, which was still more numerous, and at which the fervid eloquence of the captain did still more execution, for, at the close, *sixty-two* new members subscribed. A third meeting was held on the fifteenth, which exceeded the former ones still, and at the conclusion **ONE HUNDRED** joined the Society! We may here add that *seventeen* joined the society in the intervals between the meetings, making a total of *two hundred and twenty-six* added to the Society by means of Captain Hudson.

The Society was not insensible of its obligations to him, for, at the last meeting, a handsome silver medal was presented to him by Mr. Court, the chairman, in name of the Society, amid thunders of applause. It bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to Captain Henry Hudson, of the *Hartlepool*, by the Teetotallers of Montreal, in grateful acknowledgment of his exertions in the cause of Total Abstinence. Montreal, August 15, 1837."

And on the reverse:—

"The *Hartlepool* arrived 29th of July, 1837, being the first Temperance vessel and crew which have entered the Port of Montreal."

This public mark of esteem, on the part of the Teetotallers of Montreal, is honourable both to themselves and to Captain Hudson, and to the cause which both of them have espoused, and which the latter has advocated with so much zeal and success in this city. Captain Hudson has left our port, carrying along with him the best regards, not only of the teetotallers, but of all

classes in Montreal (except tavern-keepers, &c.); and the merchants have honoured him, and given an expression of their opinions respecting Temperance at sea, by loading the *Hartlepool* with the most valuable cargo that has left the harbour this season. May he long continue to deserve and receive these honours: may he advocate teetotalism, in every port, as zealously and effectually as he has done in this—and may he soon return to enliven us again with his eloquence and wit!

**MONTREAL SOCIETY FOR PROMOTION OF TEMPERANCE.**—The second quarterly meeting of this Society, took place in the Free Chapel, St. Ann Market, on Tuesday evening, 3d ult. After prayer for the success of the cause, the minutes of the meeting of the Society held 10th July last, were read by the Secretary, who stated that the Superintendants of the tract distributors had been supplied with books, and that the "Teetotal Ledger" was also ready, for the insertion of the names of members in good standing. The Sub-Committee appointed for that purpose, reported having established two Temperance prayer meetings in addition to the one formerly held in Mr. Grafton's School-room, St. Lawrence Suburbs. The evenings and hours at which these should be held were then appointed as formerly advertised. From the Superintendants, already appointed, reports were received, which, however, embodied few facts worthy of notice. It appeared that several persons had been induced to join the Society through the means of tracts left with them. One distributor had gained access to the Barracks, in which tracts were left by him, with the prospect of good being done. The Secretary then read a statement of the number of members belonging to the Society, by which it appeared that a great addition had been made.

The number reported at the Annual Meeting, 14th February last, was	Ordinary.	T. Ab.	Total.
To which had since been added	27	134	657
	16	209	239
	240	672	912
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Members dead, removed and taken off, (among the latter being 103 names from the House of Industry, obtained last winter, the Society having no means of ascertaining their standing.)	4	122	126
	236	550	786

He remarked that since Mr. Williams had addressed the meeting on 15th June, 185 signatures had been obtained to the total abstinence pledge, while only one was added to the other, and that one privately.

The public meetings held since the annual meeting were 16.

The cash book of the Temperance Advocate, showed a balance due the Treasurer of £16 8 1; his account current with the Society, however, showed an amount on hand of £2 13 5.

After considerable discussion on the propriety of making this Society Auxiliary to the Lower Canada Total Abstinence Society, it was finally agreed that the following resolution be adopted:—

"That after the first September next, this Society shall become Auxiliary to the Lower Canada Total Abstinence Society, (possessing the Total Abstinence pledge only); and that in the mean time, those members who have signed the pledge against spirituous liquors only, be respectfully and earnestly requested to sign the other previous to the above named period."

After singing a hymn, the meeting was closed.