

'Tis sweeter far to conjure up  
Such visions of the brain.  
Than drain the noisy drunkard's cup,  
Or mix in folly's train!

Kennoway, December, 1848.

TICKET.

## Canada Temperance Advocate.

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### THE DISTILLERIES.

We have been told that all the Distilleries in the city, if not all in the District, have been obliged to suspend operations; and we believe it. We are glad to have this piece of good news to announce to the readers of the *Advocate*; and we are delighted also with the cause which has led to it; for this step has not been taken by the proprietors of these establishments from any doubts, respecting the morality of the traffic, in their mind; but because they can get no sale for their liquor—people won't buy it any longer. This shows that there is a change in public opinion on the subject of using intoxicating drinks, and it therefore affords good grounds to presume, that the above reform will not be temporary but permanent. Scores of punchcons have been returned from merchants in the country, because they can get no one to buy, and are now reposing in harmless inactivity in the Distillery vaults. "There let them lie."

We do not rejoice over this change in a spirit of uncharitableness towards the distillers: we have no sympathy with those who would hold them all up to execration as a race of "bloodsuckers" that seek to enrich themselves knowingly and intentionally at the expense of all the dearest interests of the community; we believe them to be labouring still under those mistaken views of the properties of intoxicating drink, which were held by every one previous to the Temperance Reformation. Yet we cannot conceal the pleasure it gives us to remind them, and likewise tavern-keepers, and all engaged in the traffic, in whatsoever manner, that their "occupation's gone"; that it will be necessary for them to turn their capital and industry into some other channel; and, in short, to seek out a more honest way of living.

Connected with this, we have been amused with a puffing advertisement of "Begg and Buyers, Distillers by special appointment to Her Majesty and His Royal Highness Prince Albert, at Lochnagar Royal Distillery, near Balmoral," stating that they are desirous of selling their celebrated whisky throughout the *Canadas*, and inviting some respectable House to act as their agent. These gentlemen know nothing of Canada; they might have saved themselves the trouble and expense of this notice; they have sent it to beg, but it will procure no buyers; the people throughout the *Canadas* are too wise to spend their money for that which is not bread. There are hundreds of punchcons stored up in this city because they can find no buyers; and we have no doubt that what they contain will prove, upon trial, equal to the "celebrated whisky" of Balmoral in the celerity with which it can dissipate alk, break down characters, fill the gaols, and plunge families into ruin. If the Canadians had a mind to use the article, they would not need to go so far as Lochnagar for it. Indeed! these men propose to send their whisky to Canada! We fancy they will attempt next to send their celebrated turf to Newcastle, where the poor people have nothing but coals.

Our exchange papers in the mother country will please address "Via Halifax"; unless so addressed, they are sent through the United States, and are charged with postage.

The Rev. J. Green is informed that the *Advocate* for Mr. Manson, Barnston, is despatched regularly from this office. We would be happy to discover the cause of the irregular receipt of his paper.

### REV. C. CHINIQUEY.

The Rev. C. Chiniquey perseveres in his useful labors, as the subjoined list will shew. It states the number of persons to whom he administered the Temperance Pledge from April 27 to May 8, both inclusive:—

Rigaud, . . . . .	2000
Ste Marthe, . . . . .	900
St. Polcarpe, . . . . .	1800
St Ignace, . . . . .	1700
Cedres, . . . . .	1400

Total, . . . . . 7800

—*Melanges Religieux*

### FATHER MATHEW'S FAREWELL MEETING.

In the *Cork Examiner* of the 11th April we find an account of the farewell service given to Father Mathew in anticipation of his departure for America. The attendance was unusually large.—In responding to a complimentary sentiment, he said, "It has been announced that this is a festival on the eve of my departure,—it is certainly the eve of my departure, but circumstances will not allow me to leave the country until the middle of May, and I trust I shall return again at the end of autumn."

The Rev. Mr. O'Regan responded.—Their Reverend President was going to another land, where he would extend the Temperance Cause through the whole world, because in that land—the land of the brave and the free,—he would find representatives of the entire world. He would find amongst them exiles from his own country—numbers of which would have sunk into their graves in degradation and misery in their own land; but who, having adopted the glorious principles he advocated, were enabled to go to another land where they could live in peace and comfort. He felt no doubt he would receive in America the reception which had been long prepared for him and which he deserved. His going there would confer incalculable benefits on the cause throughout the earth, and he trusted that God Almighty would send back their leader and apostle in renovated strength and energy to the Green Isle.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

OAKVILLE, April 9, 1849.

SIR,—We avail ourselves of the present opportunity of communicating a little information from this quarter, which may not be unworthy of a place in the columns of your excellent *Temperance Advocate*. In contrasting the present aspect of the Total Abstinence Reformation Society in this place, with six or seven years ago, we can see that a mighty change has been effected. The opponents of our good cause were continually pouring upon us their foul slander, contemptible frowns, and abuse of an almost indescribable character, which, however, only tended to facilitate and advance the interest of the Temperance cause. At present, we have reason to congratulate ourselves, and to rejoice that a happier day has dawned. We can now meet quietly and peaceably in our splendid Temperance Hall, discuss and investigate the Temperance enterprise, in its diversity of bearing upon society and individuals, and not a dissenting voice is to be heard within its spacious walls; while, on the other hand, scarcely a vestige of our opponents is to be found. Several of them, by continuing to indulge in the use of strong drinks, have been brought to a premature grave, and are now numbered among the silent dead, and perhaps reaping the reward of the drunkard's doom; while some of the more intelligent have united with our society, and with us are endeavoring to arrest and check the progress of