

made in Temperance Journals, and as frequently denied by the advocates of moderation, that *two-thirds* of the crimes committed against the order and well-being of society, are to be ascribed to the use of intoxicating drinks. Out of a total of 3524, we have 2106 crimes arising from this cause; this gives a very little under two-thirds. And to this there is to be added one murder, happily the only one which the Report contains; but every one who remembers the case must be aware that drink, as usual, was one of the chief agencies that caused it. It ought to be recollected also, that the instances of intemperance mentioned here, are only those that came out to public view, in a manner so offensive and disorderly as to call for the strong arm of the law; and that, as this sin generally skulks under concealment, its real strength is much greater than its apparent strength. We fear that the true number of acts of intemperance is nearly double those that have been exposed and punished by the vigilance of the police,—that, if there have been five cases of open drunkenness daily throughout the past year, there have been ten cases of *real* drunkenness,—that, if every thirteenth person has been found “drunk or disorderly on the streets,” every sixth person has been really chargeable with this crime in the sight of God. These may seem sweeping conclusions, but are we not led to them by the “facts and figures” contained in the Report? Indeed, it would seem that, but for intemperance, our city would be comparatively quiet, and our policemen comparatively idle.

It is evident, then, that there is a state of things in this city, which produces this dreadful harvest of crime every year; which puts forth daily *five* acts of intemperance, and renders every *eighth* adult person of the population an offender, on the average! By whom is it supported? who are chargeable with the guilt of keeping the machinery in operation which secures these painful results? We answer, *the moderate drinkers*. They render the custom of using intoxicating drink *respectable and genteel*; and were not this the case, it would be almost in vain for distillers to prepare it, and retailers to exhibit it in its most tempting attitudes. The *respectability* of the custom is its strength; it is this which renders it so difficult to be overcome; and it derives its respectability, ye moderate drinkers, from you. If persons of respectable character like you did not support and sanctify the custom, it would soon cease, and we would no longer have to bewail its effects. But since you do it, and you are so regular, and sober, and exemplary, others must follow; and hence, multitudes are ensnared and ruined; and the kingdom of intemperance is still replenished with subjects. It is through you, therefore, that the city of Montreal is burdened with the expense of a large police establishment, and that a state of things is kept up amongst us, which produces all the crime and woe, developed in this Report. Will you still continue to support this system with all your influence? Will you aid in causing five cases of open intemperance every day, in the streets, and in rendering every thirteenth person guilty of drunkenness? Will the Magistrates, who have the power of granting licenses, lend their aid? God, and your country, look to you for a reply.

ENCOURAGING.

It gives us much pleasure to insert the following extract of a letter from the Rev. Mr. Chiniquy. Who can calculate the amount of good he has accomplished, and evil he has prevented, by persuading these 80,000 to become Teetotallers!

“ I am happy to have got these new subscribers to the *Advocate*, and I hope this useful publication will be more honourably sustained by the public than it has hitherto been.

Temperance continues to make rapid progress, and to enter deeply into the habits and manners of my dear and good Canadians. Between the 10th and 20th December, I had the consolation to see, again, more than 1500 in Montreal make the generous sacrifice.

I believe I do not exaggerate when I say, that during eight months, not less than 80,000 Canadians have enrolled themselves under the glorious and Christian banner of Temperance; and nothing is more admirable than to see the firmness with which they persevere in their good resolution.

Accept Sir, &c.,

C. CHINIQUEY.”

Longueuil, 1st January, 1849.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We deem it necessary to advise our Subscribers not to send silver enclosed in their letters by post. On more than one occasion we have had to pay to the post-office, for postage, a larger sum than the letter contained. Of course, we can only credit the net amount realised, except in the case of agents communicating with us. In the above cases the amount owing was left larger than it was before the receipt of the letters.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

We have sent the last and the present number of the *Advocate* to those who were subscribers to the paper for the past year, as well as some others who have not ordered it for the present year, with instructions to return the paper if they do not wish it continued. A few have sent it back as we directed, but the greater number have not done so. We will consider all who retain the present number as subscribers, and will continue to send the *Advocate* accordingly.

TO AGENTS.

We have several letters with lists of subscribers to the *Advocate*, enclosing so much on account, without its being stated for which of the subscribers it was intended to pay. In all such cases we will be obliged to open an account for the Agent, and credit amounts sent, without being able to specify the individuals for whom it was intended to pay. All monies received up to the 27th instant, will be acknowledged in our next.

MR. WADSWORTH'S APPOINTMENTS.

We would direct attention to the additional list of appointments for Mr. Wadsworth, which will be found in our