

That we view with deep gratitude to the Giver of all good, the recent extraordinary movements amongst the inhabitants of the United States; and that we earnestly pray for a similar outpouring of the Divine favor in Canada.

That the formation and success of the *Victoria Temperance Society* for the reformation of drunkards, is a matter of deep thankfulness with us; and we fervently wish God speed to the men who have devoted themselves to the god-like labor of reclaiming the lost.

It is only necessary to add, that the interest excited, produced a double collection, and detained the willing audience from 7 till half past 10 o'clock.

Extracts from Seventh Annual Report of the Montreal Temperance Society.

In our last report three objects were specially contemplated. *First*, to hold a temperance Convention. *Second*, to supply the standard temperance work, *Anti-Bacchus*, at a low price; and *third*, to employ a travelling Temperance Lecturer.

The Convention was held in Montreal, in the month of June last, and 91 Societies sent in their reports, the aggregate of whose members (tee-totallers) was 13,618. Nearly 60 Societies omitted to report.

Two thousand copies of *Anti-Bacchus* were sold by the Society last season, at the very low price of 1s. 3d. per copy, and the demand for the work was not nearly supplied. A second edition of 3009 copies has been published in a better form.

The Committee could not for some time procure the services of a suitable Travelling Agent, but about the month of September last, three gentlemen were engaged for the winter season, and have since been labouring with great zeal and success. Their united efforts have added about 1000 members monthly to the temperance ranks. Although not connected with the operations of this Society, we may add that several priests of the Church of Rome, both Irish and Canadian, have taken a decided stand in favour of temperance principles, and raised up large Societies in connexion with their congregations.

Taking these different accessions into consideration, the Committee believe they are warranted in estimating the number of pledged tee-totallers in the Province of Canada at not less than 30,000; a number which appears large, but which is only about *one fortieth* part of the population, and not so great as Father Mathew has sometimes received in a single day. We hope the time may soon come, when instead of one tee-totaller in 40 persons, there will not be a greater proportion of drinkers in the community.

The paid circulation of the *Advocate* has increased from 4300 to 6000 copies monthly, since this time last year. The Committee have also distributed gratuitously about 2100 copies a month. Reckoning the *Advocate*, *Anti-Bacchus*, and Tracts, the Montreal Society has been instrumental in distributing over the country, within the year, about 155,000 publications.

In the various modes alluded to, a sum of not less than £1028 has been expended within the year by the Montreal Society for the advancement of the temperance cause.

The temperance cause in Montreal, received an impetus in the early part of the year from the eloquent and judicious appeals of the Rev. John Caughey, which will not soon be forgotten. In the course of a series of crowded meetings

addressed by that gentleman, in the American Presbyterian Church, about 1000 probationary members were added to the Society. A Temperance Soirée about the same time was given by the Ladies of the Montreal Society, which produced an excellent impression, and resulted in a subscription of about £120, for the support of a Travelling Agent. A Temperance Pleasure Trip and two Pic-Nic parties upon the Montreal Mountain, took place during the summer, and were the means of affording innocent recreation to many, and of keeping our principles prominently before the public.

The Committee have witnessed with great satisfaction the continued progress of temperance principles in Ireland, and amongst Irishmen throughout the world, a progress which, to all appearances, will only stop when every individual of that generous nation has joined the tee-total standard.

The recent extraordinary movement in the United States has also attracted our admiration, and called forth devout feelings of gratitude to God.—The spectacle of 75,000 drunkards reformed in one year by the exertions of their former companions in debauchery, is one, which for moral grandeur, yields to none in the history of the world.

Flourishing Temperance Societies have been established in at least three Sabbath Schools in this city, and we earnestly recommend superintendents and teachers throughout the land to lose no time in enlisting the youth committed to their charge, upon the side of the great moral reformation of the age.

Report of the Victoria Temperance Society, Montreal.

This Society was formed on the 14th of July, 1841, with nine members. Since then we have held 44 meetings, besides sending two of our members to Chambly, two to St. John's, two to Laprairie, and two to the 70th Regiment lying at Laprairie Barracks, which were all attended with excellent results. We have also held in the 74th Regt. Barracks in this city, 13 meetings, two of this Society attended on them; and with the permission and kindness of Col Maunsell, commanding the 85th Regiment, we have held 7 meetings, and been able to establish a flourishing Society in that Regiment. Also with the permission of Col. Elliot, commanding the Colonial Rifles, we commenced to hold meetings in that corps on Monday, the 27th instant. Col. Elliot and Newton exerted themselves to have the meeting properly arranged for us; at the close of the meeting 41 came forward and signed the pledge.

The Victoria Society numbers 247 standing members; 136 of these were a burden to themselves and to society. They are now living happy with their families, and providing for them.

We subjoin the form of a Petition to the Legislature, which, if approved, may be engrossed and signed by the friends of temperance in every part of the country.—There is nothing to hinder us to send in 500 such petitions at the next session of the Legislature, with, say from 50, to 500 names to each. Let every member of Parliament have a bundle of them to present from his district; and should this be the case, depend upon it something important will be done.

To the Honorable the Commons of the Province of Canada in Parliament assembled, the Petition of the undersigned

Inhabitants of

Respectfully Sheweth,

That Intemperance, resulting from the use of intoxicating