

last summer. For this occasion, the grounds of JOHN REDPATH, Esq., on the Mountain, were kindly thrown open, and the masters of vessels in port, very handsomely, lent about sixty flags.

A Provincial Temperance Convention, called by the Montreal Society, was held in this city in June last, but the number of Societies that reported was only 116 out of nearly 500, and the Delegates were very few. We give the results of these partial reports in the first column below; and in the second, the results as it was estimated they would have stood had all reported full.

Result of Reports.

Estimated results for the whole Province.

Number of Teetotalers.....	37,838	150,000
Voters.....	5,175	15,000
Drunkards.....	6,262	50,000
Deaths from intemperance in a year.....	219	2,000
Amount of pledges to a Provincial Union, if formed.....	£227	£900

One of the chief objects in holding this convention, was the formation of a Canada Temperance Union; but so great was the difference of opinion on several important points, that the consideration of this business was indefinitely postponed.

This society having for some years laboured under a load of debt amounting to between five and six hundred pounds, a special effort was made this autumn for its liquidation, and several circumstances combined to facilitate this object. For instance a legacy from the late W. L. COIT, Esq. was handsomely settled by his widow, now Mrs. PARKER, of New York, and his executor W. LYMAN, Esq., amounting to £200, and the Governor General with characteristic liberality and kindness gave £100, to which several friends contributed £150 more, so that there is now only a small sum owing for which there are stock and debts to four times the amount.

In these circumstances—placed by the fostering care of Providence once more in an independent position, it becomes our duty again to consider plans of usefulness for the future, and with this view it has appeared desirable, that the Committee now to be appointed should be in two divisions, one for the provincial efforts of the society, including the *Advocate*, and the other for the city which has not had a due share of attention; by this means responsibility will be more concentrated, and the active members of Committee probably doubled.

With a view to organize these committees in good time to make their own arrangements for the campaign of 1845, the annual meeting is called thus early.

We subjoin three tables the first being the financial report for 1844, the second a condensed financial report since the beginning, and the third a statement of the circulation of the *Advocate* for the ten years of its existence.

It only remains for us now in taking a general retrospect of the past to confess our apathy and unfaithfulness in this great cause. Something by the blessing of God has been done, but who can estimate what might have been accomplished had there been more prayer and self-denial. We have also to confess much weakness and want of wisdom, in conducting the enterprise, and to ask the forgiveness of all whom we have offended. In the prosecution of a public and important duty we have considered it obligatory upon us neither to show fear nor favour, and we have in consequence come into collision with many influential individuals and classes. We earnestly hope however that all bitterness will be buried in oblivion seeing that we have always desired to love the individuals in question even when strongly reprobating their conduct. Our concluding prayer is that the Lord of Hosts may utterly overthrow the system of intemperance in all its ramifications and especially that he may stir up his own people to engage heartily in the conflict which we have been feebly waging for ten years.

No. 1.

Financial Report for 1844.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Montreal Temperance Society and Canada Temperance Advocate in Account with James R. Orr, Treasurer.

	Dr.		Cr.
1844.			
April 1. To balance.....	£ 14	3	1
Dec. 12. — Cash received on account of Canada Temperance Advocate since last report.....	201	5	0
— Cash received for Stock.....	32	16	4
— Cash received in free gifts, being Legacy, Donations, Subscriptions, and Collections at public meetings.....	459	11	3
	£707	15	8
To balance.....	£39	6	11
— Subscription not yet paid.....	11	5	0
	£50	11	11

	Dr.		Cr.
1844.			
Dec. 12. By Cash paid on account of Canada Temperance Advocate since last report.....	£556	2	8
— Cash paid Agencies, Tracts, Meetings, and general expenses.....	112	6	1
— Balance.....	39	6	11
	£707	15	8

JAMES R. ORR,
Treasurer.

Montreal, December 12, 1844.

No. 2.

Statement of receipts and expenditures of the Montreal Temperance Society, from 1835 to 1845, viz.:

	Receipts.	Expenditures.
1836	£186 12 3	£209 6 8
1837	119 10 9	121 9 5
1838	163 3 10	138 10 9
1839	71 0 2	68 16 8
1840	418 4 10	463 13 4
1841	833 2 5	902 6 6
1842	1715 4 4	1866 15 8
1843	1019 8 2	1005 18 9
1844	693 12 7	543 8 9
Total	5219 19 4	5320 6 6

It is to be remarked that previous to 1840 the accounts for the *Advocate* were kept separately, and after that date included in the general accounts of the society. We may also note that a large portion of the expenditures of the past year, has been in liquidation of debts.

No. 3.

Statement of the cost, size, and circulation of the *Advocate* since its commencement.

	Issues Monthly.	Pages.	Price.	Circulation..
1835-6	1	8	5s.	500
1836-7	1	8	2s. 6d.	1900
1837-8	1	8	2s. 6d.	1850
1838-9	1	8	1s. 3d.	3000
1839-40	1	8	1s. 3d.	5500
1840-1	1	16	2s. 6d.	8100
1841-2	1	16	2s. 6d.	6000
1842-3	2	32	5s.	4500
1843	2	32	2s. 6d.	4560
1844	2	32	2s. 6d.	3000

Note.—The gratuitous distribution commenced in 1838, and terminated early in 1844. The price at present will be seen to be