

and believing that these effects will be produced by making, vending and using intoxicating drinks, expresses its cordial approbation of the Total Abstinence principle, and earnestly recommends it as a philanthropic duty to the consideration and practice of every individual connected with the Congregational interest."

We esteem these documents of exceeding great value, and look anxiously for similar testimonies from all other religious bodies in the Province.

Besides the two denominations above mentioned the Baptist churches have several excellent labourers in the temperance cause—the United Secession church has some zealous and able temperance Ministers—the Methodist New Connexion church has at least two indefatigable advocates—the Methodist Episcopal church, as far as its ministry is concerned, and we hope its members also, is purified from alcohol. And the Wesleyan Methodists have done more for the temperance reformation in Upper Canada than perhaps all other denominations put together. Add to these cheering facts, that the church of Rome in this Province has already made considerable progress in temperance principles, and that the church of England is beginning to move, (at least two of its clergymen in the western part of the Province being ~~total~~ teetotallers in practice), and we shall see great reason to look forward with hope and rejoicing.

VICTORIA TEMPERANCE SOCIETY FOR THE REFORMATION OF DRUNKARDS.—The progress of this association is one of the most delightful circumstances which duty requires us to record. Their meetings have been kept up twice a week during the past month, and they have already 72 names on their book, of whom 38 at least were amongst the hardest drinkers in Montreal.

Some of these individuals were five and even seven years without going to church, their Sabbaths having been chiefly spent in drinking, and they seldom or never heard any thing about temperance meetings till this Society was formed. But now, they are plucked as brands from the burning—now, their earnings, instead of going into the till of the rum-seller, are devoted to the maintenance of their own families, and marvellous indeed is the change. Members of the Visiting Committee inform us, that these heretofore lost characters are fast replenishing their empty houses, clothing their naked children, and procuring suitable habiliments for themselves *to enable them to attend Divine Service.*

The confessions and relations of experience made by these men are most interesting, and have an extraordinary influence in inducing others to join them; and we fully expect to see their labours crowned by as large a measure of success, as those of the Washington Societies in the United States. Let them have a fair field for their exertions, and the prayers of all good men for their success, and the 1200 drunkards of Montreal may yet be martialled in a tee-total procession.

Ministers of the Gospel! Can you withhold your countenance from a cause like this?

VICTORIA SOCIETY TO THE RESCUE.—Our citizens are fast falling victims to the ravages of intemperance, and great numbers continue to court destruction with all the assiduity of monomania. Besides the miserable inebriates who in the lower ranks of life are almost daily sinking unknown and unhonored into the drunkard's grave, two citizens in highly respectable stations life, generally and we may add favorably known, have suddenly "passed that bourne from which no traveller returns," and by their death given a shock to the public mind, which we hope will prove a salutary one.

In one of the cases alluded to, there is very little doubt that the disease was *delirium tremens*; and in the other, the miserable victim returned from the races on the day previous to his death, in a state of helpless intoxication, and perished through the course of the night. He has left a family of orphans.

Society is bleeding at every pore, and men who would otherwise be eminently useful and respected, are hurried out of the world by a death to which no one would condemn a dog, and sent into eternity in a state which the soul shudders to contemplate. Yet the rum-sellers continue relentlessly to pursue their blood-stained and desolating traffic, and probably call themselves Christians all the while, nay perhaps they are members or office-bearers of churches. How long will these things last?

Ministers of the Gospel! Can you continue to sanction the use of the intoxicating drinks, which produce these effects? Can you see one member after another of your congregations cut down by alcohol, and lift no warning voice against the destroyer. The time of inquisition for blood will come, when an account of these things will be required at your hands. Hear what the Lord saith:—

"Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand."—Ezekiel iii. 17, 18.

Victoria Men! Bestir yourselves—save the drunkards who are yet left. In a few weeks, perhaps days, it may be too late.

Since writing the above, we have heard of the sudden death of an officer in Quebec, from the same cause.

We state these things not to wound the feelings of surviving friends, but in discharge of a solemn and imperative duty which we owe to the community.

The great American Temperance Convention held at Saratoga in the last week of July, was a very interesting and important meeting. Upwards of 500 delegates assembled, representing nearly all the states and territories of the Union, and some foreign countries.

The proceedings were marked with great harmony, and the speeches, which we regret we cannot lay before our readers for want of room, were filled with an unusual variety of interesting facts and arguments. The resolutions passed upon the occasion, constitute the most comprehensive body of temperance principles that we have yet seen. We can only, however, give three of them, viz. the 9th, 10th, and 12th, which we think peculiarly interesting at the present stage of the temperance reformation. The 10th we are perfectly satisfied declares the true principle with regard to legislative action, and the 12th with regard to the extent to which the obligations of temperance men should be carried.

9. *Resolved*,—That this Convention rejoice in every development of truth which shall remove existing obstacles to the cause of temperance; and as there is a difference among wise and good men in relation to the nature of ancient wines supposed to be sanctioned by the word of God, that that subject be commended to the careful examination of the friends of temperance, with a request that they would present to the public the result of their investigations.

10. *Resolved*,—That the true principle of legislation with regard to the sale of intoxicating liquor to be used as a beverage, is *not* to license this immorality; but, so far as the public good shall require, to defend the community from its evils.