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FOR MASTERS, AND FRIENDS OF THE CAUSE, THROUGHOUT
THE PROVINCE.

MONTREAL, March 25.

Sir.—As the change contemplated in the following Prospectus will take place on the 1st May next, no time is to be lost in announcing it; we have, therefore, taken the liberty of sending you a Prospectus, which we request you to make as public as possible, either by placing it in some conspicuous place, or by handing it to the person in your vicinity most likely to circulate it, and obtain subscribers.

The Committee of the Montreal Society, in making this change, have assumed great pecuniary responsibility, and they trust that the interest which the public of Canada take in Temperance, Agriculture and Education, will sustain and justify them.

I am, Sir, your very obedient servant,

R. D. WADSWORTH, Rec. Sec. and Agent.

PROSPECTUS

FOR THE EIGHTH VOLUME OF THE CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

In publishing the *Advocate*, the Montreal Society have always had two prominent objects in view: first, to provide a medium for the publication of reports from the various societies in Canada, and to chronicle the progress of the temperance reformation; and second, to disseminate temperance principles in order to convince and bring over those who oppose or stand aloof.

In order to afford more space for the first department, which had greatly increased, and to add a department for Agriculture and Education, as likely to make the *Advocate* more generally acceptable, the Committee last year resolved to double its size, a measure, which as far as they know, has given universal satisfaction. Communications from societies, however, have again increased so rapidly, that with the journals of Agents (although all condensed as much as possible) they fill an undue portion of the *Advocate*, to the exclusion, in a great measure, of matter more interesting to the general reader, and at least equally important.

To avoid this defect, the only alternatives which present themselves are, to exclude in a great measure the reports of societies, or to issue the *Advocate* semi-monthly. To the first of these alternatives the Committee see insuperable objections, for unless societies can look upon the *Advocate* as their organ, as well as that of the cause generally, they will naturally lose a portion of their interest in it. And a society which takes 10, 50, or 100 copies, and sends a report once or twice a year, has a right, in the opinion of the Committee, to have, at least, the important parts of that report published.

No objection, except to the necessary increase of price, can, however, be urged against the second alternative, and when we consider the increased numbers, zeal, and enlightenment of the temperance portion of the community, that objection will not appear to possess much weight. Indeed, from many quarters, especially country districts, the committee have already been urged to publish the *Advocate* oftener, and assured that more subscribers could be obtained for it if issued semi-monthly at the present price.

These assurances, together with the conviction that in order to keep interest in the cause alive, it is necessary to diminish the intervals between the issues of the *Advocate*, and the absolute necessity of increasing its space, if they would publish a generally interesting paper, induce the Committee to resolve upon publishing twice a month in future, a resolution which they hope will not be considered as premature or uncalled for in the circumstances.

The plan will be much the same as that sketched out for the seventh volume, with the following alterations, viz:—

1. Considerably more space will be devoted to Education, Popular information on the Sciences, and Miscellaneous articles of interest, and more pains will be taken to procure good original articles for the Agricultural Department.

2. There will be added a department for Children, and a small space will be allotted to Poetry.

3. A carefully revised Price Current will be inserted, giving the Montreal prices of Agricultural produce, and the most important articles of Commerce, as well as the rates of Exchange.

4. The most important items of News by each Atlantic Steamer will be given, as well as a summary of general intelligence.

Terms.—As a difference of terms appears invidious, and causes confusion, the price will henceforth be uniform, viz: 5s. per annum, (i. e. for 24 numbers of 16 pages each besides covers) payable in advance, and to induce societies and individuals to make exertions to procure subscribers, one copy additional will be sent with every ten copies paid for. Ministers of religion, School Teachers, and Sabbath School Superintendants will be supplied, as heretofore, free of charge.

FOR THE ADVOCATE.

MR. EDITOR.—The remarks in your paper some time since, on the use of alcoholic drinks by mothers, recalled to my mind some scenes of my youth which I have hastily penned. Should they induce one mother to substitute milk, or gruel for porter, or ale, the retrospection, however painful, will not have been made in vain.

AN AGED WOMAN.

It was an evening to be remembered in the city of S——, the Bachelor's ball was the gayest of the season, and many a young heart beat happily, as group after group of the gay and lovely entered the splendidly decorated room. At last a pair approached who fixed all eyes, and a murmur of admiration went round the apartment. The taller of the two was a young man of perfect figure, his full black eyes—his high forehead, his air—his manner—all spoke him to be one, *comme il y a peu*. Upon his arm leaned his sister Caroline, who captivated one hardly knew why. Not truly beautiful, and yet so graceful, so fascinating, so witty, that she was the reigning belle of the season. A proud and happy being was young Henry Willington, as he marked the triumph of his idolized sister.

"And which of her many suitors does Carry W. honour by accepting," asked a young lady of her companion, "I suppose it will be Corning, now he has received an appointment to the court of ———. She will like to figure in a royal saloon."

"You are mistaken Adeline," was the reply. "Cousin Carry is engaged to Mr. Camlen, he is a business man, without fortune. Papa does not admire the taste of his niece, but as Mr. Camlen is of good family, and has fine manners and good morals, why, if my pretty Coz. prefers love in a cottage to the same sentiment in a palace, she must e'en have her own way." * * * * *

Eighteen years passed away, and the pleasant May had strown the earth with loveliness and beauty. But it was a rainy evening, and as we sat around the tea table we amused ourselves by conjectures as to the probable cause of the detention of our eloquent and accomplished hostess. She came at last, and announced that her sister-in-law, Mrs. Camlen, was taken suddenly ill, and the youngsters of the party were forbidden to enter her room, or make any noise. We rose from the table, and Mrs. Willington taking my arm led me to the sick room. We entered, and never will my memory lose the picture there presented. Upon a chair were carelessly thrown the bonnet and shawl, I remembered to have seen worn by Mrs. Camlen, and on the bed lay the wretched