

would certainly rejoice in the reformation of the intemperate—in seeing them restored to reason, to religion, and usefulness. These are the very ends which our association is fitted to secure, and if *you would give us more of your assistance* we would show more instances of such reformation. We *claim your assistance*, therefore, on this ground; and on the same ground we venture to ask you to give no credit to the slanderous representations of our assailants, and suffer them to give us no annoyance in our labours of benevolence. What are they doing, but railing against us, and instead of saving, contributing to ruin the drunkard. We bear their railing, and at the same time *save the drunkard*.

We are happy to be able to show such evidence of the advance of the cause in this city, as is to be found, under "Progress of Temperance Reformation." But what are our friends in the country doing? Have they entirely forgot the request we presented to them a short time ago, soliciting an account of such cases of reformation, as have occurred within their bounds? The life of a society depends much upon its *secretary*.

Our opponents seem to be struck dumb, by the rapid progress which the cause has been making of late in this city.—They have not a single objection.—We pity them—and in evidence of our sincerity, we shall kindly furnish them with the four following objections, which we recommend to them as containing more *truth*, and being therefore far better, than any they have yet presented. They are taken from the Rev. Dr. Kirk's address:—

After delivering a Temperance Address in Duchess County, an individual known by the *soubriquet* of "Uncle John," got up, and said he had four objections to bring against Temperance Societies. The first was—the use of ardent spirits promotes religion, for there are many who show no symptoms of it till they are half drunk; the second—it promotes business, for were it not for the drinking of Rum, the Doctor and the Lawyer would be almost idle; the third—it strengthens family government, for when a man comes home drunk, he is sure to make himself obeyed; and the fourth—it

promotes humility, for who is so low as the prostrate drunkard.

We have given two Temperance songs in this number, which we recommend to the members of the Society in preference to the Bacchanalian rants which are so common. In our next we shall give some Temperance Hymns.

Two of the members of the Executive Committee have lately visited Sorel, Three Rivers, and Quebec. Addresses were delivered at each of these places, and many tracts distributed—and from the manner in which the subject was received, we would hope that some permanent result will follow.

PROGRESS OF The Temperance Reform.

Lower Canada

MONTREAL.—The Anniversary Meeting of the St. James' Street Total Abstinence Society took place at the American Church, on Wednesday evening, July 20th.

The assembly convened upon this occasion was very respectable, both as to numbers and appearance.

Jacob Dewitt, Esq. being called to the Chair, the business of the meeting was introduced by a few appropriate preliminary remarks by that gentleman. The Secretary's report was then read, by which it appears that the Society "has more than tripled its number during the past year;" though its means are limited, it has steadily circulated about 720 periodicals devoted to "the cause," during that period. And though all the good resulting from "their" exertions and influence, is probably by no means apparent, yet two at least, it is hoped, have been led to dash forever from their lips the poisonous draught, and give most pleasing practical evidence of the beneficial effect of *total abstinence*.

The Committee are extremely sorry to be compelled to state, that they have been under the necessity of erasing three names from their Constitution, two for commencing the traffic, and one for indulgence.

Dr. Henry, the Rev. W. Taylor, Mr. James Rumbold, and John Dougall, Jr. Esq., offered some appropriate Resolutions, which want of room compels us to omit.

Mr. J. Sheldrac having been introduced by the Secretary, related in a very brief, but interesting manner, his experience, as one who, during a part of his life, embracing a residence of some years in the East Indies, England, and latterly in Canada, had been addicted to habits of intemperance of the lowest and most degrading character, in the excess of which he had superinduced upon himself a most excruciating disease, which in consequence of his clinging to that indulgence, which was to a great degree the aggravating cause, had well nigh proved his ruin, both mental and physical. Being compelled, however, as a "dernier resort" to try the abstinence regimen, the effect was most wonderful, and as gratifying as unexpected; and he stood before them a reformed man, and a living monument of the happy fruits of Temperance principles.

The speeches of the gentlemen who spoke in support of the several resolutions, were received

in most cases, with marked favour, and listened to evidently with deep interest.

The relation of Mr. Sheldrac's story, though a simple one perhaps, and told with the utmost plainness, had a most thrilling effect upon the audience; which was plainly evinced by the applause which spontaneously burst forth as Mr. S. resumed his seat.

MONTREAL.—A very interesting meeting was held in the Free Church, on the 18th of last month. Mr. Rumbold opened the proceedings, and advocated very happily, and with much originality, the cause which he once opposed. He was followed by *four reformed drunkards*, who voluntarily came forward and exhibited to the audience, in their own experience, convincing proof of the blessings of *tee-totalism*. We regret that we have not been able to obtain copies of their addresses, but we hope to lay them before our readers next month. The respectability of their appearance, their dress, and the cheerfulness of their look, strongly contrasted in our mind with the spectacle which they must once have presented. They were all, according to their own acknowledgment, drunkards of a very degraded kind; but by adopting the total pledge, they have now been restored to plenty, to character, to contentment, and, which is of greater importance still—to God. Three of them are members of the Church, and we would suppose the fourth is connected with some Church also. How delightful to contemplate such a reformation! Such facts are worth a volume of arguments. We sincerely hope that others who have experienced the benefits of abstinence, will come forward and declare it, for the sake of those who are still "following strong drink."

Another meeting was held in the American Presbyterian Church, on the 23d. The Rev. Mr. Kirk, of Albany, being on a visit to this city, embraced the opportunity of addressing *young men* on the subject of Temperance. His address was listened to with deep interest by a large and respectable audience.

NEW GLASGOW, July 23, 1836.

To the Secretary of the Temperance Society, Montreal.

DEAR SIR,—On behalf of our Temperance Society here, I beg leave to acknowledge with thanks, the liberal supply of the *Advocate* sent us from time to time, which I have no doubt, is producing good effects.

You will receive herewith, inclosed, Five Dollars towards paying the *Advocate*. And so soon as we can collect more it will be punctually sent.

Your Committee very properly wishes to know how their auxiliaries in the virtuous cause of Temperance are making progress. As regards us here, we have to acknowledge our obligations to be thankful to Him who has the hearts of all men in his hands, who rules the passions and overcomes the prejudices of men.

Our Society is gradually increasing, and what is more, steady consistency with very little exception, decidedly marks the character of our Members. We give no quarter to half measures, knowing well that using even the more diluted kinds of intoxicating drinks, is at best, keeping alive an itch in the palate and stomach for an exciting stimulant, that necessarily demands repetition.

We lately united our good friends in Paisley with us, and we have a meeting every month alternately, in Paisley and in Glasgow, so that there is a meeting every fortnight, either in the one place or the other. We find frequent meetings very beneficial, as it is with mankind, as