

Keep up a Good Heart.

Keep up a good heart ! and look forth to the morrow.

Don't turn to the past it may serve to depress :

The ills of to-day, for the future will borrow

A summer of gladness to strengthen and bless.

Be firm as the rock that in ocean is planted ;

Be brave as the tempest that faces the storm ;

Go forth, with the step of a hero undaunted,

Keep home for thy compass, and life beating warm.

Keep up a good heart ! it is useless repining,

See glimpses of light on the track of life yet ;

Be hoping and striving, not always divining

A pathway to sorrow, with thorns ill beset.

'Tis better to watch for the rainbow that shineth

In beauty beyond, where the winds are at rest ;

"Each cloud had a fragment of silver that lineth,"

To temper misfortune and maketh us blest.

Keep up a good heart ! never sluggardly wasting

The rich gems of thought and of feeling away ;

Go forward to duty, press on, and be tasting

This produce of action, nor longer delay.

'Tis true, we must travel o'er many a mountain,

And pant with the life-load of wearisome care ;

Yet deep in the valley there gushes a fountain ;

Its waters are living—ho ! never despair.

Keep up a good heart ! 'tis the best way to lighten

The yoke of existence, whatever thy lot ;

Ere daybreak 'tis darkest—the morning will brighten,

Fear not, and for all there's a sunshiny spot.

Hold fast the assurance, and firmly relying,

Fear not, thou wilt reap the reward of the just ;

There's peace and there's pleasure—a comfort undying,

Who true to their conscience, make heaven their trust.

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Montreal Intemperance ! !

It surely is plain to the observation of every citizen, that drunkenness is fearfully increased, and increasing. And no wonder,—the places for the sale of liquor, in the city, have been multiplied with and without license,—both with the permission of the city authorities. To say nothing just now about unlicensed houses, let any one pass through our streets, and observe the disgusting and disgraceful sign boards—"Licensed to retail spirituous liquors"—and, after counting their number, let him no longer wonder at the increase of vice and profligacy. The heart of man is corrupt and inclined to evil. Many, in early life, acquired an appetite for intoxicants, and with the horrible fountain of death flowing through a thousand rills, is it wonderful that intemperance should increase, and drunkards multiply. Many of our reputable citizens do not see the results of the traffic in liquor, and would scarcely credit the extent of the misery inflicted by this dreadful plague. After the business of the day they quietly retire to their homes, and luxuriate in the comforts of some delightful villa. Perhaps some of them have been, as they think, honestly engaged in selling those vast cargoes of fiery death which arrive here to desolate the city and the country. And now the shades of evening have set in—the retailer expects his victims, and

they come—soon the liquor works its way through the brain, and under the power of rum, our young men and others, reel through the streets, to their homes, or to worse places. Citizens of Montreal, open your eyes ! If these liquor sellers did not make a remunerative profit, they would close their shops—that's clear. They cannot make their business profitable but by the ruin of your sons and daughters. That drunkenness, so much to be lamented, must increase while the business of liquor selling is tolerated. But, had as our laws here are in respect to the traffic, there is no need for the multiplication of liquor shops. There is a discretionary power in the city authorities,—that power has been shamefully abused, not merely has power been abused, but we fearlessly declare, that, in numberless instances, the authorities have acted illegally,—both without law, and contrary to law. Their measures have been high handed, indiscriminately mischievous, and murderously insane. The citizens who are grieved in this particular, and would seek redress, cannot venture to do so. The power of rum is great, and without great watchfulness will be greater. What's to be done ? Some kind hearted, easy going, quiet, amiable people may say to us,—go on with your *Advocate*, circulate your tracts, let us have lectures,—that is, go on with your efforts by moral suasion, and urge the people not to drink. Thank you dear friends, your advice is good as far as it goes, but we have tried that, and know exactly what it is worth. The number of good sound temperance people in the city and country shows the value of moral suasion ; but the number of grog-shops, and their victims, shows what it is not worth. It may mitigate and partially diminish the natural effect of a bad business ; but knowing that the business is a bad one in itself, and that its natural fruits are ruin and death, what right has any body to ask us to continue the incessant toil of moral suasion, when there is a better and more excellent way ? Are we to be asked to use our best exertions to render the law of the land nugatory ? Does it not seem more rational to sweep a bad law from the statute book, and put in its stead a prohibitory one ? Make the law itself accordant with the rights and duties of the moral suasionist, then we will and can go successfully to work. We preach against stealing, and the law of God and man says, thou shalt not steal ! We preach against murder, and the law of God and man says, thou shalt not kill ! We preach against lying, and the law of God and man seizes hold of the perjured one, and holds him responsible for his falsehood. Our ethical teaching corresponds with the law in these cases of social morality. Our moral suasion would lead us to say to the seller, thou shalt not sell, as well as to the drinker, thou shalt not drink. God's law is the basis of our persuasion to both. We say—don't sell. God's law saith, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also ;" but man's law, that beautiful chapter 100, more than once referred to, stands forth and says, you may make, sell, give, or do anything you like with liquor, only let us have a small piece of the profit for revenue. We say again, make the law of the land accordant with God's law, and the rights