

convenient, the amount of each card, with the name of the Society and collector should be specified, that they may be separately acknowledged in the *Advocate*.

The collectors are to ask no more than a penny, but to receive whatever is tendered, and each sum should be entered on the card at the time of receiving it.

#### TO SUBSCRIBERS.

The small number of *Advocates* yet subscribed for, this season, not more than 1000 copies, convinces us, that unless the friends of the cause make a vigorous effort in every part of the country, there will be a great loss in publishing the ninth volume at the low price announced. The Committee has done its part to furnish a paper at the cheapest rate, and it now rests with the friends throughout the country to do theirs. When the *Advocate* was published at 1s. 3d., it had only eight pages, once a month—now, it has sixteen pages, twice a month, for 2s. 6d., or, including postage, for 3s. 6d.—and the Montreal Temperance Society still incurs the responsibility of supplying ministers and teachers gratis, in the hope of being sustained by the public. Will the country sustain their efforts? If so, strenuous exertions must be made in every locality to obtain subscribers, paying in advance. If subscribers cannot pay for a year, they will surely be able to pay for half a year, or three months, in advance, and send the balance before the half-year or three months expire.

According to previous announcement, this number of the *Advocate* is only sent to subscribers who have paid in advance, as the only means that can be adopted to secure payment. We trust no one will feel aggrieved at the measure, seeing that all difficulty may be obviated by remitting before the first of June.

If the *Advocate* be not sustained this year, efforts to supply the *Canadas* with a cheap paper, will, necessarily, be paralyzed hereafter.

#### SECTARIANISM.

In reply to some letters from the country, we have to state that adherence to the pledge is the only condition of membership in the Montreal Temperance Society; and that no one, whatever his nation, creed, color, or character, who was willing to sign and keep the pledge has ever been excluded.

We have farther to state, that, so far as we know, members belonging to every religious denomination in Montreal, who are willing to unite with the Society, are or have been on the Committee, and the only denomination which has complained of being excluded had a leading member on the Committee at the time the complaints were made.

#### MEMORIAL TO BRITISH UNDERWRITERS SHIP-OWNERS AND SHIP-MASTERS.

The document which was signed in this city, in February last, by nearly all our merchants, recommending Temperance principles on ship-board, has excited more attention than could have been anticipated.

In the British Provinces, the Toronto and Halifax Boards of Trade, have sent similar Memorials, signed by nearly all the merchants in these cities, and the Montreal and Toronto Memorials have been published in a circular, with a copy of which each ship-master, visiting the St. Lawrence, is to be furnished.

In the United States, the *Journal of the American Temperance Union*, and *Sailor's Magazine*, which, probably, find their way to every commercial city of the world, have published the Montreal Memorial entire, the former with all the names. In Great Britain it has been posted at Lloyd's, and other Underwriter's Rooms, and copied with favorable mention in the prospectus of a new company, formed to insure vessels conducted on Temper-

ance principles, which prospectus has, doubtless, had a very wide circulation amongst the business public. It has also been copied into the *Glasgow Courier*, and, we believe, other papers, so that, including those published in this country, probably not less than 100,000 copies of this Memorial have been printed and circulated in the quarters where they are most likely to do good.

If the new Assurance Company, above alluded to, make its terms such as to secure the business of Temperance vessels, the other companies must, we think, follow—so that it will become the interest of all vessels to sail on Temperance principles, and the object in view will be gained.

#### Alms-Giving, Visiting the Sick, &c.

Concerning Alms-giving, if it be a duty to relieve distress, it must certainly be a duty, at least, equally binding, to prevent distress; and if the same sum expended in temperance efforts is believed to prevent one hundred persons from becoming paupers, which would otherwise be required to relieve ten of these persons after they had become paupers, then is money given to the temperance cause Alms-giving in the most positive and extensive sense of the term. Again, it is a duty to visit such as are sick and in prison, but, if by previous visits, and inducing them to abandon the use of intoxicating drinks, we can, in numberless instances, prevent their sickness and imprisonment, will it not be even more acceptable service in the sight of God? The same mode of reasoning will apply to the case of the widow and the fatherless.

Reader, have you made your gifts and exertions in the Temperance cause a conscientious religious duty? If not, will you do it hereafter?

The *Journal of the American Temperance Union*, published in New York, is, in many respects, the most important Temperance paper in the world, as it records the progress of the Reformation, not only in America, but in Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Isles of the sea—and its circulation, we believe, extends, by means of missionaries and others, to all those countries. Price \$1 per annum, or ten copies for \$5. Postage to Canada 2d. per number.

The *British American Cultivator*, published monthly at Toronto, by G. W. EDMUNSON, at 5s. per annum, including postage, is one of the best agricultural papers that we receive, and we are sorry to see that its enterprising proprietor has hitherto lost money by it. We trust the agriculturists of Canada will shew a sufficient regard to their own interests to support him in this most laudable undertaking in future.

We beg to refer our readers to Mr. WADSWORTH'S advertisement of terms for his Temperance Hymn Book, and Roll Book for Temperance Societies.

It is in contemplation to hold a series of open air Temperance meetings, in Montreal, throughout the summer.

#### EDUCATION.

##### What is Education.

"WHAT is education?" asked a teacher of a class of girls. Young persons, when asked such general questions, do not reply promptly. They have no thoughts on the subject, and therefore have nothing to say, or, their thoughts not being arranged, they are not ready to answer, or, they may be too diffident to answer at all. On this occasion half the girls were silent, and the rest replied, "I don't know, sir."

"Oblige me, girls, by saying something," urged the teacher. "The word is not Greek—surely you have some ideas about it. What is your notion of education, Mary Bliss?"