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In penning the announcement of the *Eighteenth Volume* of the *Advocate*, we feel called upon again to thank our subscribers for their support during the past year—we have spared neither time nor money to deserve it, and would hope that we have not altogether been unsuccessful; it has been our study to keep before us the great object for which the *Advocate* was at first commenced, and from the frequent favorable notices of our contemporaries, we see cause to indulge the hope, that in this also we have not failed.

We have contracted with our paper maker to furnish a good quality of paper; and the illustrations of that interesting tale, **THE SEQUEL TO THE BOTTLE**, are now being engraved on wood for our next volume. Continued care will be exercised in the selection of good pieces of Music, and additional assistance in the Editorial department has also been secured. Under these circumstances, we hope that strenuous efforts will be made to extend our circulation, and that Subscribers will do us the justice to make their payments in advance. We hope that agents and friends, in different parts, will make it a point to canvass their different localities, not only to ascertain who are willing to continue, but also for the purpose of adding new names to our list, and communicate the result to us before the close of the present volume.

We have no change to announce in the future conduct of the *Advocate*. As heretofore, it will be the uncompromising defender of our cause, and will faithfully note its progress throughout the world, wherever the standard of temperance has been raised, as well as in these Provinces, whether that progress be effected through the instrumentality of the Rechabites, the Sons of Temperance, or the ordinary temperance societies. We have no object to gain beyond the advancement of the cause of total abstinence, and to this every other consideration shall be made to yield.

THE LITERARY DEPARTMENT

As heretofore, will be carefully selected from the best publications of the day; and well written original articles, either of prose, or poetry, will from time to time find place in its columns.

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT.

The above is not altogether a new feature in the *Advocate*, but in future we intend that more attention will be paid to it—and great care will be taken to furnish the farmer, and others who are interested, with a full and correct report of the market. It shall in a great measure take the place of the news department, as well as that of the births, marriages, and deaths, except those that may be sent us for insertion in our columns.

THE EDUCATIONAL AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

Will comprise carefully selected articles of practical value, both to the parent and teacher, as well as the farmer, that our friends in the country who may wish to take but one paper, may find the *Advocate* all they want for a family paper, at a very small price.

We make this early announcement of our next volume that all may be apprized in good time, that we cannot continue to send

the *Eighteenth Volume* of the *Advocate* to any but those who make payment in advance, or send us definite orders for their paper. Hitherto, heavy loss has been incurred by sending to all previous Subscribers the succeeding volume without order, we think the friends of the cause should not expose us to this loss.

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The Quebec Morning Chronicle and the License Law.

This paper, in its issue of the 20th current, contains an extract from a review, by the *Edinburgh Scotsman* newspaper, of the late work of Dr. Guthrie, on Drunkenness, which was copied into the *Advocate* in our number for March 15, and credits the article to the *Canada Temperance Advocate*, in such a manner as might lead some to suppose, that the sentiments which it contains are really our own. Now, we complain, that in this he has done us an injustice. Does he hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed in all the extracts which he copies from other publications? He is the less excusable for the error he has committed on this occasion, because the same number of the *Advocate* contains a short editorial notice of the review, in which, while we do justice to the ability with which Dr. Guthrie exposes the terrible evils of Intemperance, we dissent totally from the remedy which he proposes, and still more from that which is suggested by the *Scotsman*. Such being the case, the *Chronicle* had no right to credit the article to us, without explanation; and still less to bring it forward against Mr. Macdonald, in such a manner as to represent us as being at issue with Mr. M. in the honorable course he has taken. We applaud him highly for endeavoring, in his place as a Councillor, to suppress some of the numerous grog shops in Quebec, and it is equally surprising and painful to us that the *Chronicle* should come forward in their defence, and plead that they may be spared, at the very time when cholera is raging in the city.

The article of the *Chronicle* is as weak in logic as it is faulty in morals, and is not likely to have much influence on the public. Our readers at a distance will judge of this when we inform them that he ventures to defend *Slavery* with the same shield which he attempts to hold over the grog system; the same principle which leads him to condemn all legal attempts to suppress intemperance, leads him also to oppose the legal suppression of the Slave traffic! Whatever reception such reasoning may meet with on the South side of the line, it will only excite pity and disgust in Canada. Let Mr. Macdonald be encouraged to persevere in his laudable attempt; we are heartily with him, and we have no doubt that the victory will yet be ours.

We were of opinion that it was possible to diminish the number of taverns licensed and unlicensed, for supplying the public with the means of intemperance, by the strong arm of the law; and, we admit, that it still seems possible, and even plausible in theory, but we have come to the opinion that this is one of those cases in which we must distinguish between what is possible and what is practicable. In point of fact, no license law has ever suppressed intemperance, and we have no faith that it