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Temperance is the moderate use of things beneficial, and abstinence from things hurtful.

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CIRCULAR.

ADDRESSED TO EVERY POSTMASTER IN THE PROVINCE OF CANADA.

SIR,—A copy of the present number of the Advocate will be forwarded to you, which you are earnestly requested to read yourself, and show to as many of your friends and neighbours as possible.

The sole object of the Committee of the Montreal Temperance Society in publishing this periodical, is the advancement of the best interests of the country,—an object in the attainment of which, you will no doubt willingly co-operate.

We therefore request you to act as Agent, to obtain and forward subscriptions for the Advocate; and although the low price at which it is published precludes us from offering pecuniary recompense for your trouble, yet we doubt not you will deem yourself sufficiently rewarded in witnessing the good done to your neighbourhood by its circulation.

If you know of any Clergymen, or School Teachers who are not already supplied with the Advocate, be pleased to forward their address, and they will be furnished, gratis, and if you remit ten or more subscriptions, you will also be supplied free of expense.

All communications to be sent free to the Secretary. We are, your obedient servants.

JOHN DOUGALL, Pres.

JAMES COURT, Cor. Sec.

Montreal, March 31, 1841.

CIRCULAR.

ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY OF EVERY TEMPERANCE SOCIETY IN THE PROVINCE OF CANADA.

SIR,—It is very desirable to ascertain the strength of the temperance cause in this country, at the commencement of the new order of things consequent upon the union of the provinces. For this purpose, as well as for the purpose of determining principles and devising united plans of action, the Committee of the Montreal Temperance Society have resolved, after mature and prayerful deliberation, to call a Convention of Delegates from all the Temperance Societies in Canada, to be holden in the Congregational Chapel, Montreal, on Wednesday the ninth day of June next, and following day.

Your Society is therefore respectfully requested to send one or more Delegates to take part in the proceedings of said Convention, prepared with answers to the following queries.

1. When was your Society formed on the tee-total pledge?
2. How many members (tee-totalers) does it contain?
3. What are the names of the President and Secretary?
4. How many Distilleries are to be found within the sphere of your operations? How many Breweries?
5. How many places for the sale of intoxicating drinks, specifying stores and taverns, licensed and unlicensed?

6. How many of your Magistrates are engaged in the traffic?

7. What bad effects have been apparent from the use of intoxicating drinks, specifying accidents, deaths, &c., within the past year?

8. How many drunkards are there within your bounds?

9. What good effects have been apparent from the progress of the Temperance Reformation?

10. How many drunkards have been reclaimed?

11. Is your Society willing, if supplied with the celebrated standard temperance work, Anti-Bacchus, at 1s. 3d. per copy, to undertake that every Clergyman, Schoolmaster, and Member of Parliament residing within the sphere of your operations, shall be furnished with a copy? and how many copies will you subscribe for at the price stated?

12. Is your Society willing to co-operate in employing one or more suitable Temperance Lecturing Agents, for the purpose of, as far as possible, visiting and lecturing in every township of Canada:—and what sum will you contribute towards his or their support?

13. What number of copies of the Temperance Advocate in its new form, that is, "devoted to Temperance, Agriculture, and Education," does your Society take for the year beginning 1st May, 1841?

If you cannot send Delegates, be pleased to answer the foregoing queries on or before the 1st June next, by letter, addressed to Mr. JAMES COURT, Secretary, to whom also Delegates are requested to announce their arrival, that they may as far as possible be accommodated in the houses of the members of the Montreal Society. We are, your obedient servants,

JOHN DOUGALL, Pres.

JAMES COURT, Cor. Sec.

Montreal, March 31, 1841.

N. B.—A copy of the above circular will be sent to every Secretary, whose address is known to the Montreal Society, and at the bottom a statement of that Society's account, if in arrears for the Advocate, will be given. We, however, earnestly request all Secretaries, whether they receive a copy of the circular or not, to consider the above as addressed to them, and answer it accordingly.

THE DRUNKARD'S WIFE.

TWENTY-SEVEN years ago, and I was not what I am now. My eye was then bright; my cheek was the picture of health; and my heart was light and blithsome. I was then a stranger to care. I had then never experienced one pang of disappointment arising from hope deferred. The world was to me full of promise; and my imagination looked forward to many future years of calm and tranquil happiness.

Twenty-seven years! How often does memory carry me back to that green sunny spot in my existence! Twenty-seven years ago! There is a meaning in these words which brings to my mind a full recollection of that sweet and delightful period. Well do I remember the delicacy with