

Our intended notice of the Rev. T. C. Wilson's Sermon is necessarily postponed.

Several communications are unavoidably postponed for want of room.

Progress of the Temperance Reform.

MONTREAL.—The Second Anniversary of the Montreal Society for the Promotion of Temperance was held on Tuesday evening, the 6th ult., in the Congregational Chapel. The meeting was a good one, considering the political state of the country. It is only the *fourth* public meeting, for any moral or religious purpose, which it has been found practicable to hold this winter. An abstract of the Report, with a copy of the Resolutions passed at the meeting will be found in another page. We have no doubt that, from the general appearance of the meeting, the Committee will feel themselves at liberty to resume their stated meetings as usual. The warlike proceedings of the past winter have done our cause much injury, which, by the way, is an evidence of its excellence; and now, when a better state of things seems to be approaching, we trust the friends of Temperance, both in this city and throughout the Province generally, will consider themselves imperatively called upon to bestir themselves to put a stop to the evil.

MILITARY BRANCH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—We are glad to learn that a Society, under the above title, has been formed in the Barracks. We are especially glad to see that, from the tenor of the 2d and 9th Resolutions, the Society will necessarily be an *active* one. The conduct of the defenders of our country, in thus taking measures to protect themselves against habits of Intemperance which, we are sorry to say, the mistaken kindness of Government is calculated to foster, cannot be too highly praised. We cordially wish them success. In connection with this subject, we may take the liberty to state that at least three of the Grenadiers of the Royals, Arbuthnot, Copeland, and — used no intoxicating liquor, during the expedition against St. Charles.

Rules for the government of the Military Branch Temperance Society, established at Montreal, January 29, 1838.

RULE 1.—That this Society shall be called the "MILITARY BRANCH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY," in connection with the Montreal Temperance Society.

RULE 2.—That the Meetings of this Society shall be held every Monday Evening at Six o'clock, at such place as from time to time may be appointed.

RULE 3.—That in consequence of the uncertainty of the different Regiments remaining for any length of time in this Garrison, the Funds now in hands of the Treasurer are to remain as heretofore, subject to such arrangements as the Committee shall, from time to time, deem necessary. The Committee to consist, if possible, of a member of each Company in each Corps.

RULE 4.—That the names of persons who may be desirous of joining the Society, shall be entered in a Preparatory Book to be kept for that purpose; and at the expiration of a week, should they act consistently with the pledge, their names shall be entered on the *Books of the Society*.

RULE 5.—That the following shall be the Pledge of this Society, by which every Member shall be bound:

"We whose names are herunto annexed, agree to abstain from all Intoxicating Drinks, and to discountenance their use among our comrades, friends and families."

RULE 6.—That a Meeting of the Committee shall take place on the first Wednesday in each month to examine the Accounts of the Society, a statement of which, signed by each Member, shall be produced at the next regular Meeting.

RULE 7.—That no person be admitted a Member of this Society, unless he shall attend a Public Meeting, and there give in his name to the Secretary. And no person can be allowed to withdraw his name, except at a Meeting of the Society.

RULE 8.—That a Collection shall be taken up at the close of each Meeting, to cover the requisite expenses for Books, Paper, Fuel, Light, &c., and for procuring Temperance Publications.

RULE 9.—Any Member who shall be willfully absent from three successive Meetings, when off duty, (thereby evincing little or no interest in the cause), shall no longer be considered a Member of the Society.

UNITED STATES.

From the Journal of the American Temperance Union.

The Temperance movements of the last month have been of the most important and cheering character. The convention, at Boston—the anniversary, at Albany—the festival, at Philadelphia; the Congressional Temperance Meeting, at Washington—and the simultaneous Temperance meetings, through the length and breadth of the land—have turned the eyes of millions upon us, and enabled us to present truth more widely, and, we trust, carry conviction more deeply, than at any former period. Victory is no longer doubtful. A moral power is in motion, which it is in vain to resist. The last stronghold of Intemperance has been attacked, and a breach has been made, not to be repaired. We knew not what spot in the mighty rampart that defended the traffickers in intoxicating drinks, would first fall before the fire of public indignation. We had decreed the laurel to our friends in Maine. They were ready "a year ago;" but they have delayed and delayed, and now, while the blood of slaughtered victims is smoking on the altars, and her young men are delivered unto torments and death, they talk of delay, lest they fail to meet with public approbation. To old Massachusetts we were turning. She first broke the yoke of civil tyranny. She, in many of her counties, has long tasted the sweets of temperance freedom, and why should she delay to wipe from her statute book the plague-spot of drunkenness? She will not; she cannot. Her sons—her mothers and daughters—will demand it, with a voice that will be heard. But she has lost the honor of taking the lead in this glorious warfare. The West has gained it. The sons of Tennessee have won the prize. We have been surprised and delighted to find such a determination in the Legislature of that state to put down the horrid traffic. The act by which the license system, as it there existed, has been abolished, and the retailing of spirituous liquors has been made a misdemeanour, is one for which she deserves the thanks of the whole country. The ball is in motion, and it will not stop. If one legislature comes up to the point of duty in this matter, others will soon follow, and, ere long, we shall have no state in which this traffic, which murders the body and murders the soul, will be permitted. The