

pleased to find my esteemed friend the President, whom I have known, years ago in Montreal, a uniformly consistent teetotaler and christian man, and I promise myself that the society under him and colleagues will prosper. Seven copies of the *Advocate* are to come to his office.

I am, yours faithfully,

R. D. WADSWORTH.

Albion, Oct. 31, 1851.

Sir.—I noticed in the *Advocate* a short time ago, an editorial article introducing certain extracts from the proceedings of a meeting of the National Temperance Society, held in New York, wherein you say, "We are coming to this, we must come to this, in Canada," alluding to Legislative prohibition of the Manufacture and Traffic in Intoxicating liquors. Now, I was pleased that there were others who agreed with me, that such a law we must have in Canada. I have for some time been of opinion that the sooner we commence agitating this matter the better. I am a Canadian, Mr. Editor, and love my country, and have long earnestly desired to see her people raised from the degraded position, which the vice of intemperance has placed them in, to a more elevated one, a position calculated to distinguish them as a moral and religious people. But, I have become convinced that as long as the Government continues to countenance and protect this cursed traffic, there will be little hope for such a glorious object being attained. We must now, however, show them that we are determined to have a different state of things. We cannot, it is true, calculate with any degree of certainty, upon returning a sufficient number of members to our legislature to ensure immediate success to our prayers for a Prohibitory law; but we can commence the battle, Mr. Editor, bearing in mind that the victory is not always to the strong. We can agitate, agitate, until we get the Maine law and nothing less, for anything short of that will not do. Let the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance take the lead in this matter, get up a Petition similar to the one now submitted to the people of New York State, and let one or two copies of such Petition be forwarded to every Subordinate Division in the Province, to every Union of Daughters, every Section of Cadets, to every Rechabite Tent, and to all the old Total Abstinence Societies, and I doubt not that the enormous pressure from without, will induce the Government to yield to the wishes of so large and respectable a body of the people.

There is another class of people, too, Mr. Editor, who would support the prayers of such petitions, by affixing their signatures to them; they are people who are more or less in the habit of using strong drinks. I fancy you look surprised when I tell you so, but such will be the case, nevertheless, and I will tell you why. About eighteen months since, a few friends to the total abstinence cause, thinking then that public opinion was sufficiently ripe for their purpose, got up a petition to the Legislature, praying that a law might be passed, prohibiting entirely the manufacture and traffic in intoxicating drinks. The Petition was left with me to obtain signatures, and I succeeded without any extra troubles in getting some sixty or seventy names to it, which, in a thinly settled part of the country like this, was considered a fair number. Now, Mr. Editor, fully one half of those who signed their names to this Petition were men, whom I know, were in the habit of using strong drink, and, when signing, voluntarily acknowledged that they did use intoxicating liquors. "Yet they would be glad if there was not a drop to be had in the country; for when the temptation was out of the way, they would be a great deal better satisfied, and if they knew that they could not get them, they

would be content." Now, what do you think of that. Is it not time, then, to begin to strike the axe at the root of this great evil, the manufacture and traffic in strong drinks? Yes, cut it up entirely, that not a vestige of it be left.

In the line that these few lines may induce action in the proper quarter, I remain, &c.,

A SUBSCRIBER.

PROSPECTUS

OF THE

"CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE,"

EIGHTEENTH VOLUME.

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 nothing of 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 through out 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 former, 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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