

A new Montreal Temperance Society is about being formed, in which it is intended to unite the old Montreal Temperance Society, the Montreal Young Men's Temperance Society, and the Montreal Ladies' Temperance Society—this latter to be a branch Association.

*Temperance Principles gaining ground.*  
—We notice with much pleasure in an advertisement in the Herald of the 24th July, that at an illumination and grand display of fire-works, which was to be exhibited at Gibbault's Botanical Gardens on 29th July, that all kinds of refreshments will be had at the Garden *except liquors*. If all intoxicating liquors were banished from public exhibitions there would not be so much riot and disorder as there too often is on such occasions.

**PETITE NATION.**—The following is a short extract of a letter dated 6th July:—  
“We have a society established in this place, which has been in operation upwards of two years. We cannot boast of great numbers, but I think we hold our own, and the society has been productive of some good. We intend to send soon for a number of copies of the Advocate, to distribute gratuitously amongst those who are not able to pay for them themselves, in hopes they may be productive of leading some to refrain from the use of intoxicating drink.”

#### UPPER CANADA.

##### TEMPERANCE ON CAVAN CIRCUIT.

*Report of the Smithtown Temperance Society, formed March 14, 1830.*

T. Walton, President,  
Wm. Paulin, Vice President.  
T. Bolster, Secretary.

Committee.—John Reirson, J. Melbourn, W. Paulin, Isaac Melbourn, J. Bolster, and W. Robinson.

The society numbers fifty members; it has gradually increased since its formation. The spirit of philanthropy and enterprise are characteristic of its officers and members, and while they discover the baneful effects of alcohol, there is a zeal manifested to destroy them in the community. Another society formed at Peterboro' in December last, promises to do much; it has already accomplished much in doing away *drunkenness*, yea, what is termed “temperate drinking” by the lovers of it. It numbers upwards of one hundred members. In the town of Otonabee another society, formed of late, numbers thirty members; and although this

society was formed in the midst of prejudice from some who ought to have been its ablest advocates, yet its prospects are flattering. Also, in the town of Emily a society has existed for some time; it is gradually increasing, more than sixty have joined within the last six months. There are other towns where there are yet no Temperance Societies formed, and where the demon of vice holds his empire uncontrolled, which is a powerful barrier against the influence of the Gospel among the people. O! could the friends of temperance see the mass of human misery in some neighbourhoods, quarrelling, fighting, men falling from their horses in a state of intoxication; some committing *suicide*, others frozen to death, others beggaring their families, destroying their health, and ruining their souls forever—they would still be active; yes, all the sober part of the community would unite in putting down the *parent vice* of the land! Let all the sober, and those “temperate drinkers,” (so called) unite together in *entire abstinence*, and when the old stock of drunkards are gone the curse of drunkenness will cease to be among us, because there will no more be left to serve an apprenticeship to become drunkards. Where Temperance Societies have been formed on the circuit, peaceable congregations attend the means of grace; and some who have united with the Temperance Society, the Gospel has become the power of God to the salvation of their souls, and they have since united with the church, and bid fair to become united with the church triumphant.

Smithtown, June 6, 1835.

S. S.

Mr. Oliver Phelps, of St. Catherines, U.C., in a communication addressed to the Albany Temperance Intelligencer, under date 17th June last, states that a Total Abstinence Society from the use of distilled spirits, wine, beer, cordials, and all intoxicating liquors as a drink, was organised in that village on Monday 15th June last. The meeting house was filled, and a more orderly or respectable meeting has seldom been witnessed. They adopted their constitution with scarcely a dissenting voice on any article, and received between 40 and 50 signatures. He further states, that in that neighbourhood there are some sound temperance men, who will not sell their grain to distillers; and Mr. Phelps, who is the proprietor of extensive mills at St. Catherines, has refused to chop or grind the grain for distilling for the last three years. There is one large distillery in the village, who have to cart their grain past this mill, and go four

miles to get their chopping done for distilling.

#### UNITED STATES.

**TEMPERANCE AMONG SEAMEN.**—The reformation which has taken place among seamen within the last few years on the subject of Temperance, is far greater than any one would have dared to anticipate. Among the many gratifying proofs of such a change, we record with pleasure the facts stated in the following note.—*Journal of Commerce*.

*To the Editors of the Journal of Commerce.*  
MONDAY, June 1, 1835.

Gentlemen;—It is with much pleasure we inform you of the remarkable fact, that we have received on board of our ships the crews of each, all in a perfect state of sobriety, and, what is more worthy of note, none of them have brought a *drop of grog on board*, there being upwards of sixty men who compose the crews.

S. H. POMEROY, 1st officer packet ship Europe.

J. M. CHADWICK, 1st officer packet ship, Chas. Carroll.

The three packet ships here mentioned sailed yesterday,—one for Liverpool, one for London, and the other for Havre. The crews were shipped by Messrs. Goin, Poole, and Pentz, who, we understand, have determined hereafter to keep a register of all seamen arriving in port.

#### ENGLAND.

**PROGRESS OF TEMPERANCE.**—A very large and influential meeting of the British and Foreign Temperance Society was held in Exeter Hall, London, on the 19th of May—the Bishop of London in the chair. It was stated that 782 British medical men have signed a declaration, that distilled spirits are not only unnecessary but pernicious, that the English societies have been increased by 28,000 members during the past year, that in the town of Preston, containing 3000 members of the society, 200 drunkards have been reclaimed; and while formerly there had been 76 commitments for crime to each Quarter Sessions, the number had immediately fallen on the establishment of the Temperance Society, and at the last sessions but one there was not a single committal; while in Colne, containing 6000 inhabitants, of whom 1500 are temperate, nine spirit and beer shops, out of eleven, have already been closed. Dr. Matheson, who has lately returned from the U. States, declared that there is hardly a single minister in that country who is not a member of the Temperance Society, and that it would be almost as much as a man's religious character was worth to refuse to become a member.