

Pierce the human heart's disguise,
And track its motives to the core;
Creation's boundless beauties scan,
Observe its wonders—search its laws;
Look on the vast harmonious plan,
And learn to love the Eternal cause
Let truth illumine thy darkened soul,—
There is no wisdom in the bow!

"Man of Toil, wouldst thou be blest?
Give thy purest feelings play;
Bring all that's noble to thy breast,
Let all that's worthless pass away.
Let generous deeds bid sorrow cease.
Let gentlest words thy lips employ;
Scatter the seeds of love and peace,
And reap a harvest full of joy:
Let Truth make glad thy harassed soul—
There are no blessings in the bow!

Canada Temperance Advocate.

"It is good neither to eat flesh, nor drink wine, nor do any thing by which thy brother is made to stumble, or to fall, or is weakened."—Rom. xiv. 21—*Macnight's Translation.*

PLEDGE OF THE MONTREAL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO AGREE, THAT WE WILL NOT USE INTOXICATING LIQUORS AS A BEVERAGE, NOR TRAFFIC IN THEM; THAT WE WILL NOT PROVIDE THEM AS AN ARTICLE OF ENTERTAINMENT, NOR FOR PERSONS IN OUR EMPLOYMENT; AND THAT IN ALL SUITABLE WAYS WE WILL DISCOURTEGE THEIR USE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.

MONTREAL, AUGUST 1, 1848.

TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.

Our readers are, doubtless, aware of the fact, that the Committee of the Montreal Temperance Society deemed it requisite in the present state of the Temperance cause, to issue a circular, explaining their position, and asking the assistance of societies throughout the country to pay past debt, and carry on the *Advocate*, if the continuance of that periodical should be generally desired. This circular, with its accompanying list of queries, has been published in several numbers of the *Advocate*, and, finally, as a supplement thereto, for the convenience of returning answers on the same sheet. To this document we most earnestly call the attention of the friends of the cause throughout the Province.

But with past experience in view, the Committee have been led to doubt if there will be any general disposition to respond to the circular, unless there be a Convention to which to return the answers; and, as it is deemed of great importance that answers should be sent by every society in Canada, this was a very strong reason for calling a Convention. Indeed, the Montreal Temperance Society had their attention strongly called last winter to the desirableness of a provincial Temperance Convention this summer, but they deemed Toronto the better place for holding it. They accordingly corresponded with the society of that city, but found difficulties in the way which they had not foreseen, and the matter accordingly remained in abeyance. Seeing, however, a movement in the United States to con-

centrate the energies of all Temperance men, of whatever name or organization, into a Temperance League, based upon an exceedingly simple constitution, and hoping that some such plan might meet the wishes of those who have long desired the formation of a Provincial Temperance Union, it was deemed expedient to take the responsibility, at once, of calling a Convention, to be held in Montreal, for the double purpose of considering the propriety of forming such a League, and obtaining answers to the circular. Thus is explained the step taken by the Montreal Society of calling a

CONVENTION,

WHICH WILL MEET (D. V.)

IN THE

TEMPERANCE HALL.

ST. MAURICE STREET,

MONTREAL,

ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF OCTOBER,

(The 5th of that month.)

AT TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON.

A general attendance of Delegates is respectfully requested.

Delegates should bring answers to the circular with them, and societies which cannot send delegates, will, it is hoped, forward their answers in good time, and in all cases post free.

It will be observed that another question is now added to the list in the circular, viz:—

"Do you approve of the formation of a Provincial Temperance League? and if so upon what basis, and with whom for office-bearers?"

THE DEBT.

We are again under the painful necessity of calling attention to our debt, as a society, of £500; arrangements for paying which must be made forthwith. At last meeting of the Montreal Committee, these arrangements were made the subject of long and earnest discussion; and it was finally unanimously resolved, to propose the following plan:

Inasmuch as the debt has been contracted in an excellent cause, and the amount has been expended in doing good, it is a burden which ought to be shared by all who can appreciate the excellence of the cause, and the amount of good directly and indirectly effected;

Therefore, the debt should be divided into shares of say 200, at \$10 each, and a call should be made upon those who are identified with our cause, or friendly to it, in the city, and throughout the province, to ascertain how many of these shares each may be willing to bear. A few members of the Montreal Committee have already pledged themselves to the amount of 68 shares, so that only 132 remain for all other friends of the cause in this city and throughout Canada. We trust this call will be responded to without the necessity of waiting upon our friends personally, which, except in the city, could not be done at any rate; and let it be remembered that a gift is doubled in value which is cheerful and prompt. The debt was contracted in good faith that the public would support us, and the money has been expended carefully and usefully; it