

Poetry.

INTEMPERANCE.

BY MRS. SIGOURNEY.

Here sprang a tree of deadly name
Its poisonous breath, its baleful dew,
Seem'd the green earth like lava-flame
And every plant of mercy slew.

From clime to clime its branches spread
Their fearful fruits of sin and woe;
The Prince of Darkness lov'd its shade,
And toil'd its fiery seeds to sow.

Faith pour'd her prayer at midnight hour,
The hand of zeal at noon-day wrought;
And armor of celestial power
The children of the cross besought.

Behold! the axe its pride doth wound;
Through its cleft boughs the sun doth shine,
Its blasted blossoms strew the ground.
Give glory to the Arm Divine.

And still Jehovah's aid implore,
From isle to isle, from sea to sea,
From peopled Earth's remotest shore,
To root that deadly Upas Tree.

Miscellaneous.

WATER DRINKING.

I had once the opportunity of inquiring into the habits of the workmen of a large glass factory; they generally wrought for 24 or 36 hours at a time, according as the furnace continued in a proper state, and I found, during this time, which was technically called a "journey," that to supply the waste caused by perspiration, they drank a large quantity of water, in the quality of which they were very curious; it was the purest and the softest water in the district, and was brought from a distance of three miles. There were three men out of more than a hundred, who drank *nothing* but water, the rest drank porter or ardent spirits, as men of the lower class usually do when they are not under any religious restraint; the three water drinkers appeared to be of their proper age, while the rest with scarcely an exception, seemed ten or twelve years older than they proved to be. In short, were I to form an estimate of the effectiveness of a labourer, I would place as little reliance on the *strength* as I would on the *courage* which strong liquors gives there is no certainty, nor holding out in either; both are plants of a forced, sickly and ephemeral growth.—*A Dublin Physician.*

Notices.

The present being the Ninth number of this paper, will excuse us for pressing on such of our country subscribers as have not

remitted their subscriptions, to forward the amount as soon as possible, they being payable in advance. We need but to remind the friends of this undertaking, that its continuance requires considerable pecuniary support. No profits are sought for, whenever the returns are above the expenses, the surplus will be devoted to the promotion of the cause, or the paper will be reduced in price.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—The remainder of the address by the Rev. T. C. Wilson, is unavoidably postponed.

It is intended to send the following circular to every temperance society in the province. Should, therefore, a copy not be received by any Secretary, he will please avail himself of the present, and oblige the committee by attending to the contents.

MONTREAL, Jan. 1. 1836.

To the Secretary of the Temperance Society.

SIR,—The Executive Committee of the Montreal Society for the promotion of Temperance, having considered it advantageous to call a Convention of the different Temperance Societies in the Province, to be held at Montreal, on Tuesday, the 23d day of February next, at Ten o'clock, A.M., respectfully requests your Society to send thither one or more delegates.

The following questions are proposed for consideration, the committee requesting that should no delegate attend on the part of your society, an answer will be transmitted, in time for the meeting.

I beg to state that the services of a popular speaker from the United States have been requested for the occasion.

I am, Sir,

Yours respectfully,

JAMES COURT, Secy.

- I.—When was your Society formed?
- II.—What extent of country is included within its operations?
- III.—What are the names of the Office bearers?
- IV.—How many members does it contain, distinguishing between those who abstain from ardent spirits only, and those from all intoxicating liquors?
- V.—How frequently are your meetings held?
- VI.—Does your pledge exclude the use of fermented liquors?
- VII.—How many drunkards have been reclaimed within the limits of your society?
- VIII.—How many persons have withdrawn from your society?
- IX.—How many have been expelled for violating the pledge?
- X.—What amount of spirituous liquors

was consumed annually within the limits of your society at its formation?

XI.—What amount is now consumed annually?

XII.—How many distilleries and breweries were there at the formation of your society?

XIII.—How many now exist?

XIV.—What may be the quantity of liquor manufactured annually?

XV.—How many inns and taverns licensed within the extent of the operations of your society?

XVI.—How many taverns without licence?

XVII.—How many temperance inns and boarding houses or groceries, and where situated and the name of the keepers?

XVIII.—How many stores are there which retail spirituous liquors?

XIX.—How many buildings are erected annually without ardent spirits?

XX.—How many deaths are supposed to occur yearly from the use of ardent spirits in your neighbourhood?

XXI.—How many murders have been committed since Jan. 1835, from the same cause?

XXII.—What accidents have happened from the use of ardent spirits?

XXIII.—Has there been a perceptible improvement in the morals and happiness of your neighbours since your society commenced operations?

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JAMES COURT, Secy.

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