

THE CANADA

TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE,

DEVOTED TO TEMPERANCE, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE & NEWS.

PLEDGE.—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 discountenance their use throughout the community.

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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 neither 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 throughout 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 farmer, 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.

The *Advocate* is published on the 1st and 15th of every month, at 2s 6d per annum, payable in advance. As formerly, all orders and remittances to be forwarded to JOHN C. BECKET, Printer, No. 22, Great St. James Street, Montreal.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

We offer to all who exert themselves to increase our subscription list, for the next volume, according to the following scale, one or more copies of the work entitled "THE BOTTLE," which has been printed in tract form, on good paper, with the illustrations, and neatly stitched in a tinted cover—

For 5 New Subscribers to the <i>Advocate</i> ,	1 copy of "The Bottle,"
" 15 " " " " " " " " " "	2 " " "
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" 25 " " " " " " " " " "	4 " " "

Or one copy additional for every five additional subscribers over 20. It must be understood, however, that the subscription money must be sent with the order, or the payment guaranteed within six months, by known individuals, Divisions, or other Societies.

Parties sending 25 new subscribers, will be entitled to 4 copies of "The Bottle," or one copy of "MISCELLANEOUS MUSIC," containing 46 Temperance Glees, Duets, &c., and about 100 tunes Sacred Music.

The copies of "The Bottle," will be sent to the parties free of charge. But those preferring the volume of "Miscellaneous Music," to copies of The Bottle, will require to advise us how it is to be forwarded, as we cannot transmit it by Post.

The Pledge.—Chapter I.

After parting with his sister, as related in the last chapter of "The History of the Bottle," James Latimer walked directly to the inn for an hour, and then sought lodgings in a low tavern. He interviewed with Agnes, and the visit to his wretched father, sobbed his feelings; and when, that night, he sat alone in the small chamber to which he had been assigned, his reflections were sad and painful. Depraved as he was, a thought of the still lower deep into which the sister whose love for, and care over him during a part of his wretched childhood, had become, as year after year went by, a dearer and dearer remembrance, disturbed him deeply, and he strove, but in vain, to drive the thought from his mind. It haunted him like a spectre, and made a low shudder, at times, go thrilling to his heart.

During the night he had troubled dreams. He saw Agnes in peril, but had no power to save her. He awoke, twice, with her fearful cries ringing in his ears; and slept again, to dream of kindred horrors. Then came, too, in that night of dreaming misery, the wild, horror-stricken face of his father, and he could not turn from the blasting sight.