

In the third place, I would suggest as an altogether indispensable condition of lasting success in pledge taking, and by far the most important, that in order to secure certain and perfectly good results, he who signs must himself become the loyal servant of Him through whose grace alone we can ever hope to accomplish anything truly good and great in this world. In the history of His life and teachings, we have the counterpart of a pledge undertaken without His service, in the account of the demoniac among the tombs. His neighbours and friends were evidently fully alive to the terrible nature of his disease, as no doubt at times he was himself; and its fatal influence on his actions, and the way they took to cure him was to impose artificial restraints, "because that he had often been bound with fetters and chains." Now there is every likelihood that these did some good for a time, and prevented many acts of violence, else why should they have repeated the operation "often?" But as long as the disease remained untouched, failure was inevitable, for "the chains had been plucked asunder by him and the fetters broken in pieces."

So it seems to me with regard to the pledge as a means of curing intemperance, like those chains and fetters it may do good for a time; but unless it be sustained by prayerful dependence on Him, who alone can really cure, the time will come when like them it will be cast aside, for we read, "neither could any man tame him;" but the recognition of our Lord wrought in him a mighty and lasting change, which all else had been powerless to effect.

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EDITORIAL.

Once more the terminal clock has given that mysterious click, which warns us that it is going to strike, and our Journal will soon have completed its first year at College. Meantime there are some who will shortly have completed their full course, and will leave us, to take their places in the ranks of those who, valiant for truth, preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. Those who are thus going forth exceed in numbers any class which has graduated from the College before. Our earnest hope and prayer is that they may be found faithful, and able ministers of the new Covenant.

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The session of 1892-93, has not been without its own peculiar history, and in at least two respects we have made progress. In the early part of the present year, it was decided that in future, instead of two years of partial training at McGill, one full year of Arts should be required from