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## A NEW TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT.

We insert with great pleasure the subjoined appeal of the President and Secretary of the new Temperance organization, recently formed in connection with the church in Ottawa, and commend it most cordially to the attention of sister churches throughout the Dominion. The plan proposed appears to us to be admirably adapted to the end in view, viz., the baptizing anew of the cause of Temperance with the spirit of the Gospel, and the rekindling in the hearts of Christians, who ought above all men to be its firmest and truest friends, of a warmer love and zeal for the principle of total abstinence.

We have been greatly pained to observe, of late years, a growing apathy on this subject among the churches of all denominations. An old-fashioned temperance meeting, such as we used to delight to attend in our younger days, is now a thing almost unknown, or if still occasionally held in some places, has ceased to excite any interest either in the church or in the community around. We speak from sad experience, both in the place in which we reside, and in several of the neighbouring towns in which we have been called to lecture on the subject, when we say, that so far as any practical church effort is concerned, the temperance cause is dead. We have asked men, who years ago were regarded as standard-bearers in the cold water army, to buckle on the harness afresh, and come up with us "to the help of the Lord against the mighty," and have been mortified to find them no longer abstainers, their solemn pledge broken, their interest in the reform all gone, and their personal influence and example all helping to perpetuate the drinking usages.

Nor is it any wonder, when we see where so many christian ministers stand on this question. We speak not of our own denomination, for it