

the left RELIGION, and the right PATRIE. Resting on the cross is an oval medallion of blue and white enamel, inscribed SOCIÉTÉ DE TEMPERANCE EGLISE ST PIERRE, MONTREAL. A cross, with a spear and sponge, stands on a rock. Surrounding the medallion is a wreath of ears of wheat and maple leaves.

*Rev.* : Plain.

Although this can hardly be classed as a medal, partaking more of the nature of the badge ; yet because of the chasteness of the design I notice it here. It was manufactured in Paris about a year ago. The society which it represents is at present actively engaged in temperance work. It recognizes two distinct forms of membership,—those who promise moderation and others who give in their adhesion to total abstinence principles. Medals are given to the former in brass while the latter receive theirs in silver. Those intended for the officers of the society differ slightly from either.

When, at the last meeting, I promised a paper on this subject, I had no idea that it was half so extensive, or so interesting, as it has proved to me ; neither did I expect when I commenced writing it, that it would have occupied so much of your time. For this trespass I would ask your indulgence, as also for bringing a subject, not at all popular with many, so prominently before you. But if I shall have interested some in a series of Canadian medals, having relation to movements in the history of its people, grand and lasting in their effects, I shall be amply rewarded in this my first effort of the kind before this society.

