

"Instead of repenting of that allowance, I have ever since rejoiced in it, yea, and I do rejoice. I took the pledge, and publicly avowed it, not to bind myself (for I had long practised tee-totalism from every kind of conviction) but to employ a little influence (which I knew I had from my age, preaching, and writings) to excite and encourage others; and I am thankful, from many acknowledgments, that my wish and my hope have not been disappointed.

I am sorry so many members and ministers of various religious denominations are unfriendly to one of the most beneficial exertions the Providence of God has produced. Surely their opposition must be founded in want of information. Had they seen and heard so much only as I have seen and heard, they would be ready to come forward 'to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.' But whatever be the determination of others, let us be faithful to our convictions; and bear our verbal and practical testimony, 'which will not be in vain in the Lord.'"

The following statement of deaths is upon the authority of one of the Coroners for the District of Montreal:

In the last *twenty-one* inquisitions, it was ascertained that *fourteen* persons came to their death by the inordinate use of liquor. The list is as follows:—*Two drowned, one shot, one died in Jail, one hung, one fell over a wall, two suffocated in the mud, two found lying in the street, two found dead in bed, one found dead on a floor, one fell out of a cart.*

What would the rum-sellers who supplied these fourteen human beings with the instrument of their destruction think, if the dead bodies were laid out in their own bar-rooms? or the magistrates who license the murderous traffic which slew them, if the dreadful array of mangled and livid corpses were brought home to their own doors? Would the mute but fearful eloquence of these victims have any effect? Would their ghastly appearance awake any emotion of sympathy, or their horrible doom, of fear? Reflect, ye who are engaged in this business of death, that though your victims are hurried out of sight in this world, though you can avert your eyes now, and pass by on the other side, yet the time will come when you must see them face to face; aye, every one of them, before a tribunal where no favour will be shown on account of wealth or respectability.

The Total Abstinence Society in the 43d Regt. Amherstburgh, U. C., now numbers 92 members. The school room of the Regiment is used by the Society for their meetings and as a reading room, to which the officers lend their newspapers, and some gentlemen have made donations of books. The President of the Society, Bugle Major Smith, has been indefatigable in spreading the benefits of Teetotalism through the Regiment. He has lately procured a supply of tracts for distribution, and medals for the use of the members. The schoolmaster of the Regiment, who supplies us with the above particulars, is a zealous tee-totaller, and brings up the children in temperance principles. It would be well if every corps in the service were as highly favored. One other circumstance deserves notice in this connexion: the canteen at the Amherstburgh station has been discontinued.

A woman was burnt to death in this city on the night of the 8th ult. She had been for some time the victim of intemperate habits. On the evening of her death, about eight o'clock, she was sitting on the door-step of her house in a state of inebriety. Subsequently, about ten o'clock, she went into the yard with a lighted candle, with which (being still under the influence of liquor) she set fire to her clothes. At half-past ten o'clock, she was found by her husband lying on her right side in the yard, her clothes

still burning, and her body presenting a most horrowing spectacle from the effects of the fire. She expired a few minutes after she was carried into the house.

A public Temperance Meeting was held in the American Presbyterian Church of this city on the evening of Tuesday the 17th ult., when the following resolutions were passed unanimously:

Moved by Rev. W. TAYLOR, seconded by Rev. L. TRACY, of West Boylston, Mass.

1. *Resolved*,—That this meeting desires to record its sense of the importance of the Temperance Reformation as the means of preparing the way for the success of the Gospel, and securing the best interests of the human race.

Moved by Rev. C. STRONG, seconded by Mr. JAMES COURT.

2. *Resolved*,—That the immorality and wretchedness in this city, are in a great degree owing to the existence of distilleries, breweries, and the traffic in intoxicating drinks; and that reason, religion, benevolence, and self-interest entreat manufacturers and venders of such liquors to discontinue their present business.

Moved by Mr. JOHN DOUGALL, seconded by Rev. H. O. CROFTS.

3. *Resolved*,—That it is the duty of the religious community to investigate into the character and properties of the wines and strong drinks mentioned in Scripture, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage is, or is not, sanctioned by the Word of God.

Moved by Mr. JAMES COURT, seconded by Rev. H. O. CROFTS.

4. *Resolved*,—That this meeting cordially approves of the objects which the distinguished philanthropist, Mr. Alex. Vattemare, has had in view in his visit to this Province, and in the course of his travels in other countries, viz., the formation of institutions for the intellectual improvement of society—and earnestly recommends his plans to the attention of the friends of Temperance in this city.

At the close of the meeting, which was well attended, a collection was made, amounting to £3 2 10; and five signatures were obtained to the pledge.

The quarterly meeting of the Montreal Roman Catholic Temperance Society was held in the Recollect Church on Sunday, the 22d ult. The church was crowded to excess, and the interest manifested was intense. The sermon and address on the occasion were by the Rev. P. PHELAN, President of the Society; and, at the close of the proceedings, fifty-three persons took the pledge, and a number of medals were distributed. Since that time, upwards of 100 members have been received, of whom sixty-five are Canadians; and some are from Hinchinbrook, Norton Creek, Henryville, and other places at a distance. The whole number on the Society's books at present is 2454.

There are Societies in the following places, upon the same model, and in close connection with that of the Rev. P. PHELAN.

QUEBEC.—The Rev. Mr. BAILLARGEON, Parish Priest of Quebec, has established a Society, which was joined on the first day by seventy-eight of the most respectable men of the city, and has since increased rapidly. Great interest is manifested in it generally.

St. ROCQUE.—A flourishing Society has been established by the Priest of this parish.

L'ANGE GARDIEN.—The Society here is composed of nearly the whole parish.

St. JOACHIM.—Mr. CHENIQUY preached in this parish upon Temperance, and nothing could exceed the alacrity with which the people came forward to form a Society.

There are four other parishes in the District of Quebec where Societies are formed.