

Correspondence.

With the view of meeting the wishes of correspondents, as well as that of our readers, we shall, in future, give a synopsis of the letters received, instead of giving them in full, as heretofore. By this course, all the good that the communications can effect will be attained; and our correspondents must bear with us, though every word that they write does not appear.

The following is an extract of a letter from D Kribs, Elora, dated Dec. 29th:—

"We are not progressing so fast as I would wish to see, yet our principles are gradually gaining ground; and, through the different organizations, *i. e.*, the Temperance Society, the Sons of Temperance, and the Daughters of Temperance, which all exist in Elora, the cause is, I may say, rapidly spreading."

We are sorry to see from the close of this letter that one of the recent lecturers in that neighborhood has done harm instead of good to the cause. We could have wished our correspondent a little more specific on this point. We would regard such information as confidential; but it is well that we know how these things really are, for we may sometimes be found speaking well of a man, when he does not deserve it.

An interesting communication from "A. B." Brucefield, of date Nov. 10, 1851, conveys the gratifying intelligence, that—

"On the evening of the 14th October, a meeting was held in the Free Presbyterian Church, London Road, to organize a Total Abstinence Society in the village of Brucefield. An address was delivered by Mr Wadsworth on the evils of Alcoholic Drinks, illustrated by a still and diagrams of the Human Stomach, after which, upwards of 70 signed the pledge. A constitution was submitted and adopted. Mr. D M'Millan was chosen president, and Mr. Wm. M'Millan, Secretary."

This is an auspicious commencement; and it would seem from the following extract from the same letter, that it was much needed:—

"Long did the inhabitants of this locality groan under the mortal scourge and tyranny of intemperance. Several times did they try to stem its rapid progress; but, alas! all was vain and fruitless. They had to hurl their banners, and submit themselves to "brutal alcohol." But of late, they have made a determined and systematic effort to quell the tyrant's pride, and permit themselves to be marred no more by that grim monster, which is generally the source of all debauchery, crime, pestilence, and death, the widow's lamentation and the orphan's woe, which feeds the gallows, popes the penitentiary, and brings down the wrath of heaven. How gratifying is it to see the Temperance banner here displayed, waving its warping furls over four thriving societies, numbering 300 members, to whom the name of total abstinence, eighteen months ago, was but a phantom!"

We are glad to learn from a letter, dated Granby, Dec. 31, and signed by John B. Gibson, the corresponding secretary of the Granby Total Abstinence Society, that they have taken the lead, and thereby shewn a noble example, in endeavouring to carry out our new license law. Our correspondent says:—

"It may perhaps be satisfactory to the readers of your valuable paper to know, what the friends and advocates of temperance have been doing in this part of the country since the passing of the present license law. It having been resolved to make a bold and determined stand against the vendors of alcohol;—petitions were circulated and numerously signed, praying the Municipal Council of this county, (Shefford,) not to approve of any certificate for license to retail intoxicating liquors, to any person in the township of Granby; said petition was carried up and presented to the Council by a deputation, consisting of the Rev Mr M'Leod, Congregational minister of this place, P. Hackett, Esq., and H. Miner, Esq."

We are sorry that we cannot make room for the excellent address of the Rev Mr M'Leod in presenting the petition, which could not fail to make a deep impression on the minds of the in-

dividuals composing the Council. The rev. gentleman's address follows:—

"That a higher law than any enactment of our country sanctioned by the fiat of the Eternal—bound them to be innocent, to relieve the distressed, to elevate the dejected, to throw the broad shield of shelter and defence round the property, and the domestic felicity of our fellowmen; to prize in a high and holy sense the tie of universal brotherhood, and to do unto others as they would wish that they should do unto them. 'This, gentlemen,' he said, 'is the principle which we must all stand by, upon which we most earnestly beseech you to deliberate, as to the answer you will be pleased to give to our prayer, and we shall have no fear for the result; remember that to have been the friends of the down-trodden, the oppressed, and the avowed enemies of every principle of oppression, will be nothing against you in that day, ye gentlemen, shall stand to receive the reward of action, ye must all stand, at the bar of the great assize.'"

There was a numerous attendance of tavern-keepers, and certificates for licenses to be approved of by the Council would have had a beneficial effect upon them. After considerable discussion, the Council resolved to let the matter stand until the next meeting, when they would come to a final decision. We doubt not that this active society will fully improve the opportunity given, to have a general expression of the entire county next meeting of Council, and if they do not get what they want, it will be their own fault, for the Council, we should doubt not, will not go against the wishes of the county. Let petitions be circulated through the county, and we trust that they will be numerously signed, in order that they may so influence the Council as to prevent the granting of a single certificate for license to any person in the county; and thus pave the way for the peace, harmony and concord, as well as the advancement of the material interests of the county.

We know of no better criterion whereof to judge of the truth of the principles of Total Abstinence, than the general approval of the inhabitants, in the respective localities in which they are engaged. The different organizations now in operation for the consolidation of these principles. On the 26th November, the Chatham Fountain Division, No 216, held a public meeting, which was well attended; on which occasion the ladies of the Division presented them the honor to present the Division with a handsome Word of God, as a mark of their esteem and confidence. "The crowd," sends us a good description of the meeting, and we take the following:—

"The Bible was presented by Bro. A Campbell, on behalf of the Ladies, and Brother Wm Price returned thanks on behalf of the Division. The addresses were excellent, and delivered with great spirit. Brother Price assured the Ladies that the Bible should be highly prized by them, and perused with great care. He would again, he says, beg leave to thank you for this Bible, together with the able address delivered on your behalf. He trusts you may ever enjoy the presence of Him who is the author of this book you have now presented; and may the principles of Temperance hover round your dwellings, until all your hearts come one with us in the adoption of our principles, and you stand not a whit behind, in their admiration of the same principles we advocate. The Cadets also took an active part in the meeting, and recited several very excellent pieces which they had written, and which they had presented to their great credit on their Worthy Patron."

THE FRIENDS IN WHITBY.

The Rev. J. T. Byrne, of Whitby, sends us the gratifying intelligence that the cause, in the above village has been revived. For nearly two years past, the friends there were comparatively inactive; but the old Society has been revived by the appointment of efficient office-bearers, with good