

FATHER CHINIQUY.

We have much pleasure in giving place to the following translation of a letter we received the other day from our respected and esteemed fellow laborer, the Rev. C. Chiniquy, in transmitting his own subscription to the *Advocate*, as well as that of another of his brethren. We hope he will excuse this liberty we have taken with it, but we deem it but right if he feels that our mutual friend, Mr. Brown, has done his countrymen an injustice, that he should be heard. We cannot omit, however, to assure Mr. C. that Mr. Brown has too much respect for the Canadian apostle of temperance, and looks forward with anticipations of a very different character to the result of his labors in this field of effort, to give place in his own mind to the statement made to him, and which we are persuaded he only incidentally introduced, with the view of illustrating a point not very creditable to his own brethren in the tent, but without ever anticipating that the statement would be put down against his Canadian fellow countrymen.

Longueuil, January 11, 1850.

SIR—Pray accept my best compliments on the able and effective way in which the *Temperance Advocate* forwards the interests of the cause.

Of the 200,000 of my fellow countrymen who swell the glorious ranks of temperance, comparatively few have broken their word. A few days ago, a Montreal paper published a police report of that city, which stated that out of 45 drunken men picked up by the police, in a fortnight, eight only were French Canadians. While I am on this subject, you will allow me to make a few remarks on Mr. T. S. Brown's address to the Rechabites, delivered on the 6th of December, and inserted in your paper of the 15th of the same month, and particularly on this sentence, "I was told by a French Canadian that many of his countrymen, after taking the pledge, would remain temperate, not from any love for the cause, but from *stinginess*."

The "French Canadian," by whom Mr. Brown has been informed, has calumniated his countrymen; the French Canadians keep their engagement from far higher and purer motives, than those attributed to them in an address, otherwise very interesting, and calculated to do much good. My fellow countrymen keep the pledge. 1st—because they know it to be agreeable to God, who will reward them throughout all eternity for whatever good they may have done for his sake. 2nd—They keep the pledge, because they have given their word of honor not to touch intoxicating drinks. 3rd—They are firmly attached to their Temperance Society, because they have understood that intoxicating drinks, even when partaken of with moderation, are hurtful to the drinker's soul, body and purse. 4th—They further like the Temperance Reformation, because the saving it causes enables them to give a proper education to their children.

I am, &c.,

C. CHINIQUY.

As having some relation to the same subject, we give the following extract of a letter from the President of the Three Rivers Temperance Society, from which we are gratified to learn that the cause there has lately been revived, and that the Canadian Society is going on well, through the unceasing exertions of Rev. Mr. Cook, their priest. "A few years since, the goal used to have many inmates of both sexes, young and old; but now I am happy to state there is only one, a female, for intemperance. The Canadian Society numbers more than a thousand members. On the 14th inst., the Rev. L. Taylor gave a public lecture in favour of temperance, to a crowded and attentive audience, and did himself and the cause great honour: it was highly gratifying to see such a union of Nations; he got, I think, 15 or 20 to subscribe to the pledge. The Canadian band honored us with their company, and gave several pieces. We dispersed greatly delighted, with a promise from the Rev. Lecturer, that he would give us in the course of the winter another lecture on temperance."

TEMPERANCE HALL, OAKVILLE.

We thank J. W. Williams, Esq., President of the T. A. Society, of Oakville, for an interesting account of a Tea Meeting which took place on the 28th December, in the Temperance Hall. This Hall, which we noticed particularly at the time it was opened, and which would do honor even to this city, was well filled at an early hour, and the arrangements for the evening all that could be desired, the Committee of Arrangements having spared neither pains nor expense, so as to make the occasion worthy of the Teetotalers of that place. The Chair was ably filled by the President, who was well supported by the Rev. J. Roaf, D. D., and Mr. Harcourt, of Toronto, Rev. Mr. Denney, Messrs. R. D. Wadsworth, Magee, P. Kennedy, J. Chisholm, James Arnot, and Captain R. Wilson, who severally addressed the meeting with good effect.

An excellent choir was present, and added much to the pleasure and profit of the evening's entertainment. We are glad to observe that the choir seems now an almost indispensable part of these entertainments, and take it as evidence of advancement in moral culture. This addition to our Temperance Meetings, when the pieces are wisely selected and scientifically performed, is well calculated to elevate the moral sentiment and purify the heart. We would not, of course, attribute to it Divine power, but it has a happy effect in softening the asperities of our nature and drawing out our affections on objects worthy of our consideration. We give the following Resolutions which were passed at the Meeting:—

1st. *Resolved*.—That this Society having been organised for the express purpose of suppressing the use of intoxicating drinks, as beverages, in view of what it and similar Societies have accomplished throughout the world, against this foe of man, feels called upon to express and testify its gratitude to Almighty God, and by renewed zeal to disseminate the principles of Total Abstinence from all intoxicating drinks.

2nd. *Resolved*.—That in consequence of the alarming evils accruing to society from the use of intoxicating drinks, and the foul and heinous crimes committed while persons are under their influence, this meeting feels it a duty incumbent on parents, guardians, magistrates, and those in authority, and on all having any influence, especially on ministers of the Gospel, to lift up their voice against their use, and by their most zealous and active exertions to endeavour to banish these drinks from the country, that they no longer be a temptation to the inhabitants of our noble Province.

3rd. *Resolved*.—That the thanks of this meeting are due, and be now awarded to the Committee of Arrangement who have so bountifully and agreeably provided for the occasion, and that it is hoped that the pecuniary profit will cancel the debt on the Temperance Hall, and justify the convening of another winter assembly, at an early date, to place funds at the disposal of the Society to carry on its operations.

4th. *Resolved*.—That this meeting expresses its admiration of the praiseworthy conduct of the Captains of vessels and seafaring men arriving at this port, some of whom are resident among us, who have embraced Teetotal principles, and with exemplary diligence recommend them to others.

After the three last Resolutions, consisting of a vote of thanks to the Choir, the speakers, and the Chairman, for his services during the evening, the National Anthem was sung, and the benediction pronounced by the Rev. Dr. Roaf. Our correspondent concludes as follows:—

"I would remark, that the proceeds of the meeting have paid our debt upon the Hall, and we have a small balance on hand to enable us, with additional funds, to paint and make some farther improvements.

"I beg to observe, that although the Total Abstinence Society has accomplished much here, yet there are many among us who