

Parents cannot be too circumspect in guarding their children against debasing, corrupting papers. Large numbers of such papers are circulated. Many parents care for nothing but to see their families pleased, without inquiring what it is that pleases them. Meanwhile principles may be taking root in their children's hearts which will bring forth, ere they are aware of danger, the fruits of vice, licentiousness, shame and misery.

Notices Respecting Contemporaries.

The Christian Guardian (Toronto) has just commenced its twenty-third volume. It is much enlarged, and has always been well printed. The *Guardian* is the official paper of the Wesleyan Conference, and we are happy to perceive a portion of space devoted to temperance. On the subject of using liquor on public occasions, the Editor has spoken out clearly. We gladly subjoin his remarks.—Referring to the proceedings which took place on the occasion of commencing the road between Ontario and Lake Simcoe, the Editor says:—

"We observed with regret, that amongst the articles provided for the occasion were some bottles of ardent spirits, or wine. It seems somewhat strange that those persons who are so enterprising in forwarding the improvements of the age, cannot see the impropriety of countenancing and encouraging the use of an article which is the monster curse of every country and community where it is used. And although we are not aware that the article referred to was used on the occasion, yet its presence then and there may be regarded as an index of the tastes of at least some of those who had the arrangement of the ceremonies. It is stated in the account given of the ball, that "Champagne flowed freely." Very likely that—for when persons in the form of human beings expel common sense from their brains, something else will be used to fill a vacuum somewhere else. And the chief officer of our Province there to grace such a scene!!

It may be regarded as presumption and disloyalty in us thus to speak; but we are constrained to utter our unqualified condemnation of the drinking customs of the day, whoever may be the actors in such scenes."

The Athenaeum—(Halifax, N. S.) is respectfully informed that our Editorials, however short, cost something. "Another voice from the Bench" in the No. of Oct. 1st, had no credit.

The Witness—(Montreal) is a very valuable family paper, worthy of a large circulation. Recently the Editor has done good service to the temperance cause, by giving a fair exposition of the Saratoga Convention and various legislative movements against the traffic. In the issue of Oct. 20th, we find the following paragraph, respecting the state of feeling in Canada.

"We are surprised that the Maine Law has hitherto attracted so little attention in Canada, even from the papers engaged in the temperance cause; but we are so satisfied of its importance that we mean to continue to draw attention to it, and advocate its principles, though we should do so single-handed; nor do we despair of seeing it substantially introduced into Canada, instead of the miserable abortions about which our temperance men have hitherto been debating and petitioning."

There is too much truth in the above remarks. Perhaps, Temperance papers have been remiss. But we do not feel guilty of omission, in relation to the Maine Law, or in opposing the license system. We fear our contemporary has not read the *Temperance Advocate* lately, or he would not suspect the possibility of being "single handed."

P. S.—The *Witness*, of Oct. 27, excepts the *Temperance Advocate* from censure; and we beg now to refer him and others to the leading article of our present issue, as giving an exposition of our principles.

* *The National Temperance Magazine*.—(Philadelphia) edited by R. M. Frost, has not been received by us since February last. It was well worthy of support, and we beg to enquire whether it is still published, or why we have not received it regularly.

The Scottish Temperance Review.—(Glasgow, 30 Enoch Square) for October, is before us, containing its usual supply of sterling, useful reading. We have frequently shown our estimate of this monthly, by copious quotations from its pages.

The National Temperance Chronicle.—(London) for October has come to hand. The original and selected matter are both good, and the whole very cheap.

The Bristol Temperance Herald.—(Bristol England) is another of those cheap periodicals, which are doing so much to spread sound knowledge throughout the old country. The *Herald* is published under the superintendence of the committee of the Bristol Total Abstinence Society, and is designed for circulation in the West of England and South Wales.

Anniversaries, Demonstrations, &c.

Burford, C. W.—From the *Woodstock American* we learn that the ladies of Burford gave their promised Pic-Nic to the Sons and Cadets of Temperance, in the beautiful oak grove, South of Kirby's Hotel. The preparations for the festival were excellent, and although at the risk of using a hackneyed phrase, we must say that the tables were covered with such a profusion of the good things of this life as is seldom to be met with. The Woodstock Band had kindly consented to be present on the occasion, and arrived about 2 o'clock, p. m. A few minutes afterwards, the Cadets made their appearance in the distance, decorated with the regalia of their order. The band went forth to meet them, formed in musical order and marched at their head to the festive board, playing an appropriate tune. About 400 then sat down to the repast, while many who arrived late had to wait for the spreading of a second table. Addresses were delivered on the occasion by Mr. L. D. Marks, W. P. of the Division, Dr. Wallworth, and the Rev. Messrs. Coker, Betsell, W. Ryerson, Hay, Winterbottom and Vincent. Lawrence Daniels, Esq., supported by Colonel Whitehead, attended to the orders of the day and introduced the several speakers to the audience. The band played several pieces of music, admirably, and we are sure its members must consider that their services, on the occasion, were duly appreciated from the fact that they received the thanks of the ladies of Burford, through the President, after the entertainment was concluded.

Elora, C. W.—The first anniversary of the Elora Division of the Sons of Temperance was celebrated last month, and the Festival went off with much eclat. The Guelph and Fergus Divisions were present, together with a number of Cadets, making together a large assemblage. After partaking of a *dejeuner* at Elora, a procession was formed, and proceeded to Salem, where a large room on the premises of S. W. Siler, Esq., had been fitted up and ornamented with evergreens, for the occasion. Refreshments having been served, the Chair was taken by Geo. Pine, Esq., of the *Herald*, and the audience was addressed by the Rev. J. J. Brane, J. Waldron, G. Goodson, J. C. McGregor, and others. At the commencement of the intellectual part of the proceedings, a handsome Bible and Cushion were presented to the Elora Division, by the ladies of the Elora and Salem Total Abstinence Society. The greatest harmony and good feeling prevailed on the occasion.

The above brief statement we cut from the *Guelph Advertiser*, but the *Herald* of that town contained a very full account of the proceedings and speeches. The local papers may do a great amount of good in this way, and we shall take occasion to commend such as do so. The *Herald* is a well-conducted paper, but we should like it better if it did not advertise wines and liquors.

New York City.—The two or three items of intelligence given below, we copy from the *New York Tribune*. The formation of "Alliances" is rendered necessary by the present position of political and other parties. The final movements of Father Mathew on this side the Atlantic will also be read with interest:—

The organization of "Temperance Alliances" is going forward energetically in the various Wards. Their object is to procure