

brethren relative to the *Witness*. I have deferred writing to the present time. We all concur with brothers Kilgour and Parkinson, that the *Witness* as a monthly messenger is exceeded by no other religious periodical published by our brethren in North America—the *Harbinger* excepted. We desire *you* to continue the paper, and an exertion for its support is about being made here, concerning which you shall hear ere long from our good brother Thomas Bradt.

Last Lord's day I attended a meeting at Jordan, conducted by brother D. Stewart, and the happy privilege of baptizing a female devoted to the Lord was conferred upon myself. The Lord be honored. I find some choice spirits still at Jordan, and by prayer, zeal, and perseverance, much good may yet be done for Zion's cause.

A. CLENDENAN.

Father Barclay writes from Pickering :—" I have immersed a young man in the neighbourhood of brother D. Knowles; and we have Robert Barrie, my son-in-law, added to our number, who was formerly an Elder among the Christians. I hear of another who wishes to be baptized. To the Lord be all the praise."

THE PEOPLES ALMANAC.

WITHIN the space of 48 pages I have crowded together as large an amount of intelligence bearing upon the great interests of Society, and more particularly upon the fearful evils arising from the adulterous alliance between Church and State, as could be compressed into that space. An honest man cannot handle such an abomination, or its supporters, with silk gloves. The great interests of truth and righteousness and liberty demand that the actual cautery—the most powerful eschariotics—or the knife—should be employed to remove the moral gangrene—the foul ulcers, and alarming tumours which have thus appeared upon the body politic. The two edged swords of truth must be freely used, and, I doubt not, it is all-sufficient to meet the case. Men want however to be roused to use it, not only as a weapon of defence but of aggression. Priestcraft has taught the masses that it is dangerous to think for themselves about religious things, unless when held in the leading-strings it has manufactured for them—namely, the old stereotyped notions of good but fallible men; and that it is especially dangerous for them to handle at all such edge-tools as the Bible furnishes to test their systems. The masses want therefore to be undeceived; for the intelligence—the peace, the freedom, and the moral health of society, depend upon every man's submission to the clear light of Divine Revelation in opposition to the multifarious and discordant schemes of the Clergy of our day.

The year 1848 forms a momentous era in the history of the world. Europe has been shaken to its very foundation, and the people every-