

We hope the friends of the "good cause" will see that every advantage is taken of this gathering. It can easily be made an occasion of much interest, and consequently of great importance to the advancement of the cause of "all mankind."

Grand Division S. of T. of C. W.

The Semi-Annual Session of the G. D. of C. W., takes place at St. Catherines, on Wednesday, 25th May, at 11 A. M. We understand that a very large attendance of representatives may be expected.

Canadian Temperance League.

The first Convention of this highly popular body will be held at St. Catherines, on Tuesday, 24th May, at 10 A. M. We trust that delegates will be sent from every section of Canada.

Grand Union Daughters of Temperance.

The G. U. D. of T. hold their next Semi-Annual Session in London, on Wednesday, 27th inst., at 10 A. M. Several new Unions are to be opened after the Session, viz.: at Port Carria, Sparta, Iona and Chatham. Any other Western localities desirous of having Unions instituted at that time, are requested to communicate with the G. S. S., at Hamilton, previous to the 26th inst.

New Divisions of G. D. of C. W.

The following new Divisions have been instituted in Canada West since the last October Session.

| Divisions. | P. O. | County. |
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| 44 Jerseyville | Jerseyville | Wentworth |
| 82 Bear Creek | Lobo | Middlesex |
| 89 Magnolia | Windsor | Essex |
| 106 Enterprise | Centreville, } Camden East } | Addington |
| 118 Alderville | Alnwick | Northumberland |
| 117 Princeton | Princeton | Oxford |
| 119 White Lake | White Lake | Renfrew |
| 123 Strathroy | Strathroy | Middlesex |
| 221 Birmingham | Colchester | Essex |
| 242 Acton | Acton | Halton |
| 291 New Era | Aldboro | Middlesex |
| 348 East Augusta | North Augusta | Grenville |
| 349 Rideau | Bytown | Carlton |
| Drayton | Drayton | Wellington |

To Correspondents.

T. W., Quebec, we regret, was too late for our present issue.

The Peterboro Review will be noticed in our next.

We have to thank brother R. Burr for his information, and no doubt the 80,000 signatures to Mr. Cameron's bill will have its due weight with the Legislature.

We intend in future to notice in the Advocate all letters received during the interval between each publication, as well as all payments on account of the same. We will make it a point to acknowledge those received up to the present date privately and commence this new arrangement with the next number.

We have to thank Charles Lloyd, Dalhousie, New Brunswick for the "Temperance Melody Dismissal Hymn." It will appear in our next number.

"The Temperance Battle Cry" is unsuited to the music, if E. S. C. send in the music adapted, we will put it in.

Education.

The Series of National School Books.

We cannot do better service to the work of education in Canada, than by bringing under the notice of our readers the valuable new edition of School Books now in course of publication, by Messrs. R. & A. Miller, of Montreal. They have the "special sanction" of educational authorities in the preparation and issue of these editions, and they certainly deserve the practical sanction of parents, teachers and scholars for the very excellent manner in which they have executed the trust reposed in them. Of the interior staple of the books it is not necessary for us to say more than that they were prepared by competent persons, and have the approbations of the Provincial Boards of Public Instruction for Canada. With the Dublin Editions and those published in Upper Canada, we were acquainted, but we are sure that Miller's Editions will give greater satisfaction than any yet issued. Without increasing the size of the books, many of them, especially the "Readers," are of a much larger and clearer type, and on superior white paper. The binding is also strong—tough we might say, and therefore likely to stand the rough usage books are apt to get in schools.

In Dr. Ryerson's School Report for 1850—he says, "The books recommended by the Council of Public Instruction are gradually superseding all others." The National Readers, according to the Report of that year, were used in 2,593 schools, out of 3,059 on the Schedule. On looking into the Report of the learned Doctor for 1851, we find a still further increase—the number being 2,622, out of 3,001 schools reported. From the same report (1851) we find the "National" Arithmetic is used in 1923 schools—and the Book-Keeping in 412.

It is great advantage both to teachers and scholars when an uniform series of sound and good books are brought into use. When the navigation opens we doubt not but that Messrs. Miller will ship large quantities of their books for Upper Canada; and as to Lower Canada, we know already the demand has been great. Let them spread, and may our educational progress become superior to that of any other country!

"The Musical Review and Choral Advocate," published monthly, by F. J. Huntingdon, 23 Park Row, New York, is beautifully printed, on good paper, 16 pages royal quarto, price one dollar per annum, in advance. It is well filled with useful and interesting reading matter, as well as some very choice pieces of music; and is adapted not only to the Church Choir and Musical Societies generally, but is also an agreeable companion in the drawing-room.