

it was defended. They were also a most pious generation, for they kept the nations steadfast in the faith, as long as they lived, and it was not till after their death, that corruption of manners began to prevail.

These facts speak volumes. They shew what we ought to think of the wisdom of those who teach that men cannot be strong without "the generous wine;" that water is an enfeebling beverage, and even a dangerous one in a sultry climate, &c. &c. Has not God determined all these points, by the manner in which he provided for his people in the wilderness?

#### ENCOURAGEMENT.

We continue to receive gratifying evidence of the rapid progress of our cause. In the western part of the province, Mr. Wadsworth is laboring with unwearied assiduity and encouraging success; and in the eastern part, the Rev. Mr. Chiniquy carries everything before him. There is one qualification, however, to be made to the latter statement, which gives us equal astonishment and sorrow; namely, that the families of *Old Countrymen*, scattered throughout the French seigneuries in Lower Canada, almost universally stand aloof from the glorious reformation amongst their French neighbors, and continue to act upon the old principle. We are credibly informed that, in some parishes, not an individual can be found to keep a tavern, or recommend an application for license, but some British or American resident. We hope this will not continue long. We are aware that some excuse may be pleaded for our countrymen of British origin, from their imperfect acquaintance with the language which Mr. Chiniquy uses, in those eloquent appeals which those who understand find to be so irresistible; some difficulty may also arise from the manner in which the pledge is administered, and from differences in religion. But if these things should excuse them in any degree, for not taking the pledge, still they leave them without excuse for not acting upon the principles, much more for attempting to hinder the auspicious movement by licensing and opening taverns. It gives us pain to think that those who should be the first to take hold of this work, are, in many instances, the first to oppose it, and the most active in laboring to uphold the devil's kingdom, in the form of intemperance. And again we express our hope that this will not continue long to be the case; but that men of every creed and every origin, in Canada, will unite harmoniously in carrying to its final triumph, this great cause in which the interests of all are equally and inseparably concerned.

#### FULFILLED PROMISES.

We have much pleasure in giving the following a place in our columns. We hope to have more to make room for in our next, and that parties will not turn a deaf ear to the call made in our last, though they may have been long in fulfilling their promises, yet their fulfilment will be as acceptable now as at any previous time. There is still a large sum at the wrong side of the Treasurer's account. We will in an early number give a statement of it.

BROWN, June 19, 1849.

DEAR SIR,—The Committee of the Bytown Total Abstinence Society have instructed me to transmit to you the enclosed sum of five pounds currency, being the amount promised by them in aid of the funds of your Association. With a hope that your pecuniary difficulties may be speedily overcome, and complete success crown your efforts for the extension of our principles,

I remain, yours respectfully,

GEO. HAY, Treasurer.

#### EVIDENCE OF A CHANGE.

In noticing recently (No. 7.) the progress of the cause amongst our French Canadian fellow-subjects, we stated, in opposition to the views entertained by some that the movement among them would not be permanent, that we regarded it in a very different light, and expressed the conviction that it would be this very movement among this people, that would effectually change the customs of this country. Now, we think our prediction has in part been fulfilled, and will, we hope, soon be fully realized. We were informed the other day, by a party in the trade, that a sale of glassware, &c., had just taken place, and that wine glasses, that sold readily not more than two years since, for 3s to 3s 6d per dozen, could hardly find a purchaser at 10d per dozen, and decanters which, at no later date, brought readily 10s per dozen, could hardly be disposed of for 1s 6d per dozen; and, what is even more encouraging still, that the crockery stores are frequently visited by the representatives of families, anxious to exchange their wine glasses, decanters, and such like appendages, for more useful articles.

Ever ready to cater, intellectually, for the taste of all, we have inserted, in this number, two pieces of music, intended more especially for juvenile use; we intend, however, should it meet with the approbation of our readers, to give a piece on the 1st of each month with the different parts, so that on festive occasions our friends may never be out of a song to entertain and enliven the company; and on the 15th we will insert one piece for juveniles.

Mr. Chiniquy does not grow weary; he continues an animated war against intemperance, and everywhere he is victorious. There is this difference between him and the generals of armies: They spill (*versent*) blood,—he spills (*renverse*) only wine. We learn that he has enrolled under the standard, the protection afforded by which he has been so mainly instrumental in establishing, 2600 persons at *St. François du Lac*, 2500 at *Baie du Fohore*, and 1900 at *St. David*; in all 7000 persons.—*Mélanges Religieux*.

We learn from the same paper, that in addition to the above, the pious and indefatigable apostle of temperance, Mr. Chiniquy, has seen his efforts crowned anew; he has seen the population, following his steps, listening to his eloquent words, and ranging themselves under the standard which he has already so victoriously carried from one end of the country to the other. From the 8th to the 22d June, Mr. Chiniquy has received the engagements of 2200 persons at *St. Benoit*, 1100 at *St. Hermas*, 1720 at *St. Augustin*, 2658 at *St. Jérôme*, 430 in the Township of *Abercrombie*, 2510 at *Scholastique*, and 1315 at *St. André*. Thus, in 14 days Mr. Chiniquy has added no less than eleven thousand nine hundred and sixty-three persons to the temperance society.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

S. W. CALEDON, May 15, 1849.

SIR,—As a society we are steadily advancing, and number at present 180 members. We held a *souée* on the 1st of March last, for the benefit of a general circulating library. The occasion upon the whole, is said to have been interesting, and to those who had leisure to enjoy it, I have no doubt it was satisfactory; for the speeches, music, decorations, and viands, were in suffi-