

cause is onward, and the divisions generally prosperous. Petitions to the legislature are in circulation, involving the principle of the Maine law, and are very numerous and most respectfully signed. In the course of the worthy G. W. P.'s journalistic sayings, he refers to the mutual embarrassments of the two countries, while the laws are discordant and conflicting. The frontiers of the British Provinces, must have the appearance of regular groggeries, and our own people, by association with the gross forms of vice, will not become less vicious. We give the following quotations from the Journal:—

"Tuesday, 18th November.—Delivered a public address this evening in St. Stephen, in the Sons of Temperance Hall; and was favored with a pretty large and attentive audience; as it respects the state of the cause here, I do not wish to speak positively. The number of retail Liquor Stores and Taverns is immense in proportion to the population, but it must be borne in mind that under the operation of the *Maine Law*, this Village, as well as our whole frontier is likely to be turned into *one general rum shop* for the drinking men of that State; and when it is remembered that they have but to cross the Bridge, drink their fill, and then stagger back to Calais with their cargo,—there being no provision in the statute against the importation of liquor in *human barrels*,—it will be clearly seen that all the drunkenness observable is not attributable to the people of the British side."

Under the date of Nov. 20th, the G. W. P. makes the following sensible remarks on which we shall make no comment:—

"If our Laws regulating—or rather prohibiting the Traffic in intoxicants, were once assimilated to those of Maine, St. Stephen would be one of the first places in which its beneficial influence would be felt. In the present posture of affairs, the British and American side, mutually embarrass each other. Nevertheless the Maine Law is energetically and faithfully enforced; and in some recent cases it has proved a powerful preventive to the introduction of smuggled Liquor into the Province."

Notices Respecting Contemporaries, &c.

The *American Temperance Magazine*, edited by General Cary is again presented to the notice of our readers. The December number is laid upon our table, and its contents are, as usual, rich and racy. The portraits of J. B. Gough, and P. M. Gally are splendid embellishments, and we have, in addition, a neat engraving, which represents a view of the Industrial Temperance Home, at the Five Points, New York. The biographical sketches are good, and the zeal evinced by the subjects thereof, worthy of imitation. The article entitled, "Unequal Yoking," by Leroy M. Lee, D.D., is peculiarly excellent, and clearly shows how dangerous it is for young women to form a matrimonial alliance with men of intemperate habits, or moderate drinkers. We mention also the article of E. C. Delavan on "The Liquor Trade," as worthy of its place. We are much pleased with the sketch of the history of the rise and progress of the Industrial Temperance Home. This number closes the first volume of this valuable auxiliary. It has reached a circulation of five thousand, and is worthy to be supported by five times that number of persons, or families. We again wish success to the enterprise.

The *Young Reaper* is the title of a small monthly, published by the New England Sabbath School Union. It has hitherto been conducted by H. S. Washburn, but will hereafter be edited by Rev. Alfred Colby. It is a very interesting juvenile periodical.

The *Missionary and Sabbath School Record*, published by J. C. Becket, for the Canada S. S. Union, ought to be in the hands of all Sabbath School children who are able to read it. It is always full of well selected matter, interesting and appropriate. A pictorial number is to be issued, gratis to all those who subscribe and pay for 1852. The price is only one shilling a year, in ad-

vance, and who cannot spare that small sum, for the interest and benefit of their children? Subscribe early, and get the Pictorial number, which you will think worth the shilling.

The *Fourth Supplemental Number* of the *Montreal Witness*, has just made its appearance, and contains a great variety of very useful and interesting matter. The enterprising Editor and Proprietor promises six supplements for 1852, if the subscription list comes up to his wishes. The *Witness* is ably conducted, and true as the sun to the time of day, in reference to the temperance cause.

The British Provinces.

In consequence of the new postal arrangements between the provinces, by which newspapers pass free of postage, a favorable opportunity is presented for the circulation of the *Canada Temperance Advocate*. For the small sum of half a dollar, the friends of the cause in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward's Island, and Newfoundland, may now obtain a great amount of instruction and information. We have no desire to curtail the circulation of the excellent papers that are published in these provinces, but as we shall take pleasure in recommending them to the notice of our Canadian readers, we trust we may anticipate a large accession of subscribers from all parts of British North America. We shall be happy to receive the names of persons who are willing to act as our agents, and those who may read this notice and are not yet subscribers, may rely upon it, that while we shall be glad to receive their subscriptions, we shall strive to give them a certain recompense, in the form of sound and useful reading matter. See *Prospectus* for 1852 on first page.

N. B.—We shall send this number of the *Canada Temperance Advocate* to several ministers and gentlemen in the lower provinces, and hope to receive their orders and assistance.

A New Division.

In the present number, we can do no more than announce that a second Division of the "Sons" has been formed in Montreal. F. J. Barnard, W. P.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

At the suggestion of several friends, and in consequence of the excellent order in which the post office department is now placed, by which we are apprised by the different post masters whether or not our papers remain in the office, instead of being taken out by the subscribers, we have resolved to continue to send the two first numbers of the *Advocate* to all past subscribers, that our agents may have the better opportunity of exerting themselves in aid of the *Advocate*, and that those who may have a wish to continue, and may not have had an opportunity of informing us of the same, may not be disappointed.

Obituary.

It is our melancholy duty to record the death of one of the contributors to this Journal, Barbara Marr, wife of David Lawson, Esq., Carleton Place. She died, December 16, in the 38th year of her age, after a short but painful illness of seventeen days, which she bore with the faith and resignation of a Christian. She lately contributed the three following tales to the *Advocate*:—*The Fisherman*—*The Tavern-keeper's Family*—and, *The Evening Glass of Toddy*. These shew that she possessed talents of a high order, which she was willing to employ in advancing every benevolent and laudable enterprise. She has been removed in early life, leaving bereaved relations and friends to mourn her departure.