

PETITIONING FOR PROHIBITION.

"The Presbyterian churches in Canada, the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, and other churches, have taken action in the line of petitioning the House of Commons and Senate for a law prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of all alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes in Canada. Petitions to this end are already in circulation, and all members and adherents of churches, sixteen years of age and upwards, will be at liberty to sign them. It is requested that public meetings be held in each congregation and community, when the question of the prohibition of the liquor traffic may be discussed and information given. Rev. D. L. Brethour, Thorold, general secretary of the standing committee on temperance of the Methodist Church, and Rev. D. Stiles Fraser, Springvale, Upper Stewiacke, Nova Scotia, convenor of the permanent committee on temperance of the Presbyterian Church, have charge of the work. Over thirty thousand petitions will be sent out to the different denominations. This is the most extensive movement that has yet been inaugurated for taking the sense of the Canadian people on this vastly important question, and will result in a closer estimate of the public wish than anything yet done in the same direction. The committee have every arrangement perfected for a thorough distribution, and the petitions will be presented to parliament in such shape that it will be difficult to ignore them. It is expected that upwards of a million names will be received. Interested parties not in receipt of petitions can secure them on application to either of the above."

The above paragraph has been going the rounds of the press of Canada, and indicates a movement of considerable importance to the cause of temperance. I hope all Friends' meetings in Canada will secure these petitions, and that they will be signed without exception. Even if we cannot get just such legislation as we wish, nor just when we desire it, we should allow no opportunity to pass whereby we can make our wishes known in this matter. Interest has been renewed in the cause in Ontario by the passage of a local option clause in the Crooks Act, at the last sitting of the legislature. The indications are that a wave is rising, which will sweep the Province as generally as did the Canada Temperance Act a few years ago. We hope its effects will

be more lasting, and yet our greatest hope in these local movements is that they may indicate to the people generally and to our Governments the strength of the movement in the direction of total prohibition—a force which, we hope, in the near future will be irresistible.

Pelham Half-Yearly Meeting is held in Lobo on the 14th and 15th of 2nd mo. Norwich Monthly Meeting at same place of the 13th. The Preparative Meeting of ministers and elders is held at 9 a.m., and the Half-Yearly Meeting of ministers and elders at 3 p.m. of the 13th. Conveyances will meet the noon and evening trains at Komoka on 5th day the 12th.

Our friends are at work, and names are coming in from all quarters. We wish to retain all our former readers, and gain many new ones. Interested readers can aid in extending our circulation and influence by sending us just one *new* name when renewing their own subscription.

After the 15th of this month our *special offer* to *isolated Friends* is withdrawn. From that date our regular rates will be charged to all such. Our *interest* in them though, shall *never* cease.

Our only *special offer* after the 15th of this month will be to *literary or other organizations of Young Friends* as announced in the issue of 11th mo., which was as follows: To the young people of any such Association we offer the following special rates for 1891, viz:—

10	copies and over,	one year (each)	30c.
20	"	"	25c.

All old subscribers renewing before the end of this month will lose no numbers, as we mail this issue to all.

We ask our club-raisers to renew their endeavors to introduce the little REVIEW into every *Friendly* home, and thus largely increase its circulation. With *double* its present circulation we could improve it wonderfully.