

treat sufficient? and what, but a wish to destroy public confidence in the Society, could be the object of sending them to such places as Pictou, Amherstburgh, &c. where his name was probably never heard, and where certainly nothing was known of the speeches at the public meeting?

Last it might be said that an unfair advantage was taken of Mr. WORKMAN, the Committee have never used the *Advocate* as a vehicle, even to defend themselves against the almost incessant attacks made upon them. Yet he accuses them of a persecuting spirit, and repays their forbearance, by sending his side of the question to parties at a distance who have no means of seeing the other side. We put it to the country, if any weight should be attached to accusations made in this manner?

The whole subject was brought up and discussed at the public Anniversary meeting of the Society, in March last, on a motion to add Mr. WORKMAN to the Committee; and after explanations, and the reading of documents, the motion was lost by an almost unanimous vote. Had this motion been carried, it would, under the circumstances, have amounted to a vote of censure on the Committee. As it was, they were triumphantly sustained.

At this meeting a letter was read from an absent clergyman, giving the substance of a conversation with Mr. WORKMAN, who, in a circular, impugned the accuracy of the clergyman's memory, and accused Mr. DOUGALL, who had read the letter to the meeting, of attempting to injure his character by a charge which he had good reason to believe false. Mr. DOUGALL replied to this accusation in the newspapers, in which it appeared, showing that there was no foundation for it; and Mr. W. rejoined in a very long letter, which, from its matter and style, did not appear to Mr. D. to require a reply. Here the matter would have rested for ever but for Mr. W.'s extraordinary zeal already noticed.

Thus much in the way of explanation has been considered absolutely requisite, and is the first and last notice of the matter which we intend to take in the *Advocate*. Should any Society wish for farther explanations, they will be cheerfully given on application to the Secretary.

DONATION.—A pious and benevolent gentleman of Glasgow, Scotland, who was once partner in a mercantile house which commenced the sale of liquors in Canada West, without his knowledge or consent; has placed £30 at the disposal of some gentlemen in Montreal to repair as far as possible the damage done during the short time he was involuntarily concerned in the traffic. The store in question was in Simcoe, and it is proposed to appropriate the money to the benefit of that town and the Talbot District, by employing Agents to visit the Societies already formed, form new ones, and endeavour to unite the whole in a District Association; and also by supplying publications with a liberal hand. Mr. BUNGEY, who has laboured so efficiently in the Niagara District, will, by the kind permission of the Niagara District Association, commence labours in Simcoe about the 1st June next; and we entreat Societies to co-operate zealously with him in the great work of rescuing the District from the pollutions of Alcohol.

We would also suggest to Societies in that District the propriety of taking a census of their numbers on the 1st June, 1843, and again on the 1st June, 1844, in order that we may report the results of the donation, and see what fruits might be expected from the application of a similar sum to every District in Canada.

We are ready to receive donations from any other parties who may have been engaged in the liquor trade.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.—We find that the cost of printing, publishing and postage for the Eighth Volume of the *Advocate* has been £1,050; that the income from subscribers, advertisements, &c.

has been £600; and for gratuitous distribution in Britain £100; making the gross receipts £700, leaving a deficiency of £350, against which there are outstanding debts due to the Committee for that volume amounting to £325, of which amount we request payment.

We hope that Societies or individuals who have been in the habit of ordering papers and paying for them regularly within the year, will not be offended at our requiring from them the same payment in advance that we do from others; as they must see that if we deviate from the rule in one instance we cannot with propriety refuse to do so in others.

It is of great importance that all orders should come soon, as the quantity printed will be in accordance with the paid orders received; and persons who may wish in future to subscribe for the volume may not be able to get the back numbers.

It ought also to be borne in mind that the Committee reduced the price in the hope and expectation of a greatly increased subscription list; and that it will be doing far more good to the country to support the Committee by subscribing for the *Advocate*, than even by subscribing afterwards to relieve them from debt. Societies which cannot remit in advance for the year, may remit half, and the other half in October next.

Mr. WADSWORTH is preparing for the press a *TEMPERANCE HYMN BOOK*, similar in size and appearance to the Sunday-School Union Hymn Book; also, *ROLL BOOKS* for Temperance Societies in Canada, having a form of Constitution, with suitable headings. Prices will be announced in our next. We believe many object to the *Minstrel*, on account of the songs in it, to such the Hymn Book will, doubtless, be welcome. We would respectfully invite the public to support Mr. WADSWORTH in his News Room.

A young friend of the cause in Greenock, Scotland, has procured sixteen subscribers to the *Advocate* in that town. Will other friends not do likewise in their respective neighbourhoods? For 2s. sterling, the *Advocate* will be sent by mail for one year, to any part of Great Britain or Ireland; and as papers from the Colonies are free, it is not chargeable with postage. Subscriptions may be sent to the Secretary of the West of Scotland Temperance Union, 43 Queen Street, Glasgow.

We intend to abridge for the "Children's Department," a singularly interesting and instructive volume, issued by the London Tract Society, called the "Traveller," being a description of various wonders in nature and art. It contains thirteen chapters, one of which we intend to insert in each number, until completed.

Article respecting Rev. R. MURRAY deferred.

EDUCATION.

Brief Letters on Education.—No. 1.

Addressed principally to the Common School Teachers of Canada.

DEAR FRIENDS.—Will you allow one, who, in addition to receiving an education fitting him for the Ministry, has had peculiar advantages for becoming acquainted with a most approved system of Education, to direct your attention in a short series of letters to this vitally important subject? I attended for a considerable time the Glasgow Normal Seminary, under the superintendence of the Educational Society of that city, one of the most important institutions in Scotland; and in treating of this subject, I shall confine my view chiefly to the mode of teaching, or rather *learning*, adopted and practised there.

The term Education is one of very extensive import, it is derived from a Latin word which signifies a drawing or leading out, and