

### Rough and Ready Reading in General.

— There was a grand Temperance Convention at Boston on the 10th of March. Many of the best men of the country were present, and the meeting was one long to be remembered. The Convention approved of the World Temperance Convention which is purposed to be held on the occasion of the Industrial Exhibition in New York this next summer. We understand that a preliminary meeting is to be held in the City of New York, early in May, for the purpose of finally arranging this matter. We trust Canada will be represented at this meeting. No time is to be lost in selecting the delegates. It would be well to send one from each of the different organisations in the province.

— The Massachusetts *Cataract* has changed hands, and has also changed its name. It is now called the *Temperance Agitator*. Happening to read aloud the name when a lady was at our elbow, she thought it sounded like "Alligator." A pretty good idea, for that press has always been the fierce enemy of the rum traffic. The new editors have our best wishes.

— A new paper, the *Brighton Sentinel*, C.W., has come to hand. It is handsomely printed, and being independent in politics may be expected to express its own opinions. The recent article on the Scarcity of School Teachers is good, and we judge the editor is friendly to the Temperance Reformation. Success to all such papers.

— The Rumsellers of New Brunswick are all astir to evade the law of that Province, and keep up the worship of their god Bacchus. Their excuses are vain. The bad business must end.

— The "Journal of Education," for March, is as good as usual. We have often commended it, and cheerfully do so now.

— The "National Magazine," for April, contains a portrait and sketch of Bayard Taylor. The other engravings are numerous, and the matter rich and racy. This monthly is now fully established as a first rate periodical, and is greatly increasing its sales. Mr. Pickup is the agent for Montreal.

— We must be excused giving any opinion for the present on the matter referred to by a Correspondent in Hamilton. On the general question, our sentiments are on record, on the personal affairs in dispute we have no remarks to offer.

— Quite a heap of Correspondence must lie over awhile—perhaps we may issue an extra and give it to our readers in that way.

— "Blackwood," for March, is here. In "Lady Lee's Widowhood" there is a character brought out thus: "From his long residence at the Grapes, (Inn) his habits were so well known that he never had occasion to give an order; and being of taciturn habits this was a great comfort to him. Between breakfast and dinner he always had three glasses of rum and water; between dinner and supper six; and after supper his tumbler was replenished, till he was carried off to bed on the waiter's back." What a brutalized existence!

### Temperance Movement, County of Perth.

The following announcement must be gratifying to all the friends of the cause. We could wish it was in our power to announce a similar movement in all the other counties of the province.

TEMPERANCE AND THE MAINE LIQUOR LAW.  
The Subscriber invites his fellow settlers in the County of Perth, of which Stratford is the County Town, to aid him in promoting the circulation of information on the above important subject in the County.

He desires not any monied influence, but only that which he deems is in the power of every man and woman to afford, namely, the assistance in the distribution of printed papers, bearing on the above subjects, and the inducing all to peruse them, and to notice the facts which may be referred to.

He intends to put in the hands of every family in the county, a Temperance publication, and he only wishes and expects the assistance of its inhabitant (to nearly all of whom he is personally known,) to forward his views in the circulation, distribution, and reading of them.—The publications will be such, as he hopes, will not disturb the religious or political feelings of any person.

At the same time, as the importance of the consideration of Temperance and the Maine Liquor Law, has been referred to universally by the Press, he invites leading men and others, in other Counties, to consider whether such a movement as this should not be made in their localities. There are two publications he can refer to, as so worthy of perusal, that he hopes a mere reference to them is sufficient:

1. Dr. Guthrie of Edinburgh's "Plea against Drunkenness," [which has been copied *seriatim* in the "Spirit of the Age," Hamilton.] and 2. "Use and Abuse of Alcoholic Liquors on Health and Disease," by Dr. Carpenter, price only 1s 3d at Hamilton and other places.

J. J. E. LINTON.

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### New Agents.

Mr. James Kay, merchant tailor, Granby, has been appointed agent for that place in room of Mr. Lisford. Mr. Joel Tilden, has been appointed agent in Waterville, Compton.

We have still further comments to make in reference to our agents, which we will do in our next number. In the meantime we would be thankful to any of our friends having suggestions to make to us on this subject, if they would do so before that time.

### NOTICE!

At a Meeting of the Joint Executive Committee of the Plattsburg, Montreal and New York Railroad Companies, March 21st 1853, Resolved, That no person shall be employed in the service of these Companies, or either of them as Conductor, Engineer, Switchman, or in any other capacity connected with the running of the Road, who makes use of intoxicating drinks.

Attest, M. K. PLATT, Secretary.

We have great pleasure in giving the above a place in our columns, and would hope that all other Lines of Railroad will take the hint, and follow the example thus set them. No doubt the above Resolution of the Plattsburg, Montreal, & New York Railroad Company will tend greatly to increase the travel upon their route.

### Our Quebec Correspondence.

In calling the attention of our readers to the above correspondence in our present issue we, take the opportunity of expressing the hope that our Correspondent T. W., will favor us with the names of those members who treated the discussion of Mr. Cameron's bill with such marked indifference, and even rudeness, as he refers to, it is well not only that their constituents but that the whole country should know who they are that so trifle with the best interests of their fellows. We are quite willing to be the medium of giving such men the publicity they deserve; of course we could not hope for the patronage of these "gentlemen," by so doing, but we love the interests of our brother men more than his applause.