

CONGREGATIONAL TEMPERANCE UNION.

To the Pastors, Members, and Friends of the Congregational Churches in Canada.

OTTAWA, 18th February, 1870.

CHRISTIAN BRETHERN,—It having been suggested by our friends in the United States, that the Congregational Churches should form Local Temperance Associations, in connection with their respective congregations, for the purpose of more effectually uniting their energies in promoting sound and earnest conviction concerning the responsibility of moderate drinkers for the awful ravages of intemperance, we have formed a "Congregational Temperance Union" in Ottawa, enrolling at our organization last week forty-one names.

We have been requested, by this local union, to communicate with the pastors of the Sister Churches throughout the Dominion, inviting them to bring this subject before their several congregations at the earliest convenient opportunity, with a view to the organizing of such a Local Temperance Union in connection with every church.

It has been suggested that such of our churches as do so, should form a general "Congregational Temperance Union of Canada," and thus combine their strength in systematic efforts against the insidious evil, which is ruining many connected with our religious assemblies; and by interchange of views and reports of progress, encourage and stimulate one another in this most necessary reform. At our next annual meeting of the Congregational Union in June, such an organization might be readily effected, by each Local Temperance Union sending two delegates, to act with others similarly appointed for such purpose.

Herewith we subjoin the pledge and constitution we have adopted. The evening chosen for our monthly meeting is one of the regular week night appointments, which, by the church's consent, is thus converted once a month into a *Christian Temperance Meeting*. The churches need to take hold of this good work with religious earnestness, even for the sake of some belonging to their families and adherents, whose deliverance from this fatal delusion cannot be effected but by means of total abstinence. Moreover, the moral power of the Temperance Reformation cannot otherwise be conserved and fully developed than by *Christian* example and advocacy.

Hoping this suggestion will be favourably received, and promptly carried into effect by our churches throughout the Dominion, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we ask your prayerful co-operation.

Yours in Christian fellowship,

EDWARD EBBS,

President, Congregational Temperance Union of Ottawa.

W. H. JOHNSON,

Secretary, Congregational Temperance Union of Ottawa.

At the weekly Prayer meeting of the members and friends of the Congregational Church Ottawa, held on Wednesday, 9th February, 1870, the following resolutions were moved and seconded *seriatim*, and adopted:—