

the Minutes, and have caused to be printed, all the motions in Mr. Scott's case of which I have any knowledge. I can say no more, except this, that the Minutes as recorded, and as afterwards printed, were read at the sederunt subsequent to the disposal of the case in question and were sustained.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM FRASER,

Bond Head, Nov. 9, 1859.

*Clerk of Synod, U. P. Ch., Can.*

### TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

*To the Editor of the Canadian U. P. Magazine.*

SIR,—Will you permit me through your columns to suggest to the abstaining Ministers and Elders of our Church, the propriety of forming a personal Abstinence Society, and agreeing on some united course of action? I am persuaded a very large proportion of our Synod are abstainers, and yet we do not know each other as such. Besides, some of us, at any rate, do not see our way clear to co-operate with "Sons of Temperance," "Templars," and such secret associations; and some plan might be fallen upon to help the cause, without interfering with, or in any way injuring, agencies already in operation.

Could no means be taken, even before the meeting of Synod, to ascertain our numerical strength? The number of abstaining students could be easily ascertained. It need not be very difficult to get at the number of Preachers of that way of thinking, and if some brother would take the trouble, in each Presbytery, of counting up the number of abstaining co-presbyters, and sending a note of their names to you, I dare say you would publish them.\*

I am, &c.,

A TOTAL ABSTAINER.

### Reviews of Books.

A LETTER AND DIALOGUE ON BAPTISM. BY THE REV. JOSEPH IRONS. 24mo., pp. 57. Philadelphia Presbyterian Board of Publication.

This small treatise, we believe, is the work of a late Congregational Minister in England; and it has recommended itself to the Board at Philadelphia for re-publication. Very often persons connected with our Churches in this country come into contact, and are led into controversy, with Anti-Pædo-Baptists, who frequently come off victorious,

\* We shall be glad to render any assistance in our power. Our own name has long stood on the roll of the Personal Abstinence Society in the Church at home. If names were communicated to us before the 1st of April we should be glad to transmit them to Scotland, and they would be placed on the roll of the Society there at its meeting in May. This, of course, would not prevent the formation of a Society in Canada.—ED.