

FATHER MATHEW.

We rejoice to observe that there is every probability of the long-expected visit of Father Mathew, to this continent, being carried out during the present season. We clip the following paragraph from a New York paper. We hope the good man will extend his visit to Canada; his countrymen here will give him a hearty welcome, and, it is hoped, will prevail upon him to protract his sojourn. What may we not expect from such a visit, and the combined efforts of our Canadian Apostle, C. Chintiquy. These two distinguished advocates are almost the only individuals that can reach that portion of our population, which they respectively represent, and over which they both have all but unlimited influence:—

Father Mathew's precursor has arrived, and is at the Tremont Temperance House, No. 110 Broadway. Impelled by his sense of world-wide duty, and in compliance with the universal demand of the American friends of Temperance in the United States, Father Mathew has positively determined, *Deo volente*, to visit us. Mr. Cornelius R. Mahony, his friend and agent, comes to consult and fulfil, if possible, the will of the people of this Republic in expediting the advent of the far famed, disinterested Apostle of Temperance. With his acknowledged prudence, Father Mathew desires that America should name the most auspicious and propitious hour, the hour most potent for "the Cause," when he should exile himself in the service of humanity. His reception will be, assuredly, most worthy of our country, and of the distinguished philanthropist so long and anxiously expected to our shores.—N. Y. Tribune.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF RECHABITES.

On the 7th April a new Tent was opened at the thriving village of Georgetown, Esquimaux, by a deputation from the Guardian Tent, Cooksville, consisting of brothers R. McDonald, and Henry F. McGee. According to previous arrangement, a number of the most respectable inhabitants of the village assembled in the Wesleyan Chapel, when the deputation explained the distinguishing principles and characteristics of Rechabism, and answered such objections as were raised against the institution. After a protracted and animated debate, a number of persons enrolled their names as candidates for admission into the tents of Rechab. These were subsequently initiated by the Guardian Tent, of Cooksville, which has recently been invested with District functions, by the H. E. C., and upon a requisition to that effect, were constituted a separate Tent, under the designation of the 'Petra Tent.' There is a most favorable field of operations before the new Tent. Its members are whole-souled temperance men, and I doubt not they will bestir themselves under their new organization, and give such a stimulus to the cause in the fertile and thriving township of Esquimaux, as will speedily drive the enemy out of their bounds. Here we are gaining daily accessions of strength. Clergymen and Magistrates are coming into our ranks, and giving us the influence of their names and official status, and we look forward to the final expulsion of ardent spirits from this locality as an event not far distant. Amen! R. M.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following letter has been unintentionally overlooked:—

SPEDHAM, Owen Sound, January 25, 1849.

Dear Sir,—Knowing that you are desirous of receiving intelligence respecting the state of the Temperance cause in different parts of the country, I thought it might not, perhaps, be uninteresting to give you a short statement of how we are getting along in that respect, in this rather isolated and distant portion of the field. Our Society was formed some four years ago, since which time it has steadily progressed, amidst much opposition and diffi-

culty, and now numbers about 150 members. The office-bearers for the past year were, Mr. George McDougall, President; Mr. Ezra Brown, Vice President, and your humble servant Secretary. For the present year, Mr. Ezra Brown, President; Mr. John Carthy, Vice-President; and Mr. Thomas B. Horton Secretary. During the past year, the Society has held two Soirees—one last Spring, and one in December last—both of which were well attended, and which, it is hoped, were beneficial to the cause. Several other public meetings have been held by the Society through the year.

This is a new and rising village, situate on an arm of the Georgian Bay, known as Owen's Sound, and numbers about 350 inhabitants. Intemperance has hitherto greatly prevailed in and around this place, and, I am sorry to say, still does so, and many sad instances of its direful effects have occurred in this vicinity during the past year, resulting, in several cases, in the loss of life. But the standard of Total Abstinence raised here by the friends of the cause, at an early period of our history, has, no doubt, tended considerably to check its ravages, and, it is to be hoped, may continue to do so until it shall finally prevail.

The past year has not been without some degree of success here, and the cause still seems to be on the advance. A quantity of temperance books and tracts were ordered, last year, from Montreal, for distribution in this place and the surrounding country, which have not arrived, but which are daily expected.

We are in hopes of more success for the future, particularly as we have two societies in the field, (one formed recently) which, I think, can hardly be beat in Canada for the size of the place. We have been much concerned to hear of the difficulties respecting the publication of the *Advocate*, and were almost afraid that this old friend and ally of the Temperance cause would go down, but are glad to see that it is to be continued, which, we hope, may, for a long time, be the case, and wish it every success. I am not aware that this place has ever been visited by a regular Temperance lecturer. I assure you, should one be sent here, he would be most gladly received, and, I doubt not but the friends of the cause would be willing to contribute liberally towards his expenses. Hoping that your praiseworthy efforts to advance the good cause of Total Abstinence may receive the Divine blessing, and be abundantly successful in arresting the progress of the monster vice—intemperance, I remain, &c.,

GEORGE NEWCOMBE.

MONTREAL, April 25, 1849.

DEAR SIR,—That portion of the *Advocate* which particularly chronicles the progress of our great reform, is the most interesting to me; and, believing that there are others in Canada who are watching with intense anxiety every indication of success, I have thought that it would be wrong for me to withhold from such, a few interesting facts of which I am in possession.

In the Eastern District, the friends of Temperance have to contend with as many, and perhaps more obstacles than are to be encountered in any other part of the Province. During the last winter, however, they have been favored with the efficient labors of Messrs. Wadsworth and Hagerman, and a new energy has been infused into the comparatively slumbering mass of Teetotalers through the District. In the vicinity of Dickenson's Landing, Charlsville, and Osnabrock, these efforts, seconded by local energy, have been particularly felt.

At Osnabrock Four Corners, the only retailer of Alcohol has abandoned the traffic, and refused to sell, although his old customers offered to pay for his license. In the rear of Osnabrock,