

the intemperate use of ardent spirits."

*Rel. Intel.*

*Old Testament in Persian.*—A translation of the Old Testament into the Persian language has recently been commenced, under the auspices of the Society for the propagation of the Gospel, by Mr. Robinson, Chaplain of the Pooah station in Western India. Mr. Robinson is said to be admirably qualified for the task which he has undertaken. This work, in connexion with the New Testament of the late excellent Mr. Maitlyn, will, it is hoped, be the means of supplying the Mahomedan natives of India and Persia, with a classical and faithful version of the Scriptures in their favourite language.

*Fam. Vis.*

*A Polish Jew.*—About forty years of age, who had been in England about three months, and who was said to be connected with some of the first families on the continent, was on the first Sunday in October, baptized at the Episcopal Jews Chapel in London. A large concourse of persons was present on the occasion.—*Daily Adv.*

*Peace Societies.*—“ Since the establishment of the New-York Peace Society in 1816, the number of similar institutions in the United States has increased to thirty-six, while those in Great Britain including the Auxiliaries of the London Peace Society amount to forty. All these Societies are employing their funds and their efforts in diffusing publications calculated to enlighten the public mind in regard to the evils of war, and its inconsistency with the Christian religion, as well as to inculcate the duty and exhibit the blessings of ‘ peace on earth, and good will towards men.’ The object of these associations is one which claims the attention and co-operation of all Christians. The friends of peace have no other aim or higher ambition than to be followers of Him

“ who came not to destroy men’s lives but to save them.”—*N. Y. Obs.*

*From the Upper Canada Herald:*

*Mr. Editor.*—Please insert your next paper the following Report of the Fredericksburg Union Sabbath School.

When this School was proposed, many persons were unacquainted with its design; but became favorable to it upon an explanation being given. A few were decidedly opposed to it. The greatest harmony and unanimity, however, prevailed in the School, and among its supporters, for the first six months, until a difference of opinion arose respecting the most suitable time of day for holding the School. That occasioned some dispute, and a number of parents withdrew their support and their children discontinued their attendance. The others continue zealous and firmly united. The number of scholars at first was only twenty; it is now thirty, and at one time was nearly sixty. Six of the children are just beginning to read. There are six teachers. Twenty-four thousand six hundred and fifty four verses have been committed to memory and repeated from the New Testament.

Before the school commenced, boys were seen playing at ball on the sabbath; but afterwards no such practice was observed in this part of the Township. The scholars are attentive, and obedient to their instructors. Some of them are serious, and a few, professors of religion.

Four similar Schools were connected with this during the winter; but have been discontinued through the summer. We hope that neither the indifference of parents, nor any reluctance on the part of children will prevent the renewal of their exertions to obtain the best of all knowledge, the knowledge of the sacred scriptures and the christian religion.

Even those who look no further than this world, should nevertheless encourage Sabbath Schools for the moral effect they tend to produce upon the state of civil society. In those places where they were not introduced, children and youth and persons of various ages, are too often to be seen spending the Lord’s day in fishing and fowling, or