

OSHAWA.

Mrs. Carswell reported verbally for Oshawa Union, in which she said the number of members had not increased. A few noble hearted Christian women meet to do all they can. A petition has been circulated by them, praying the Council not to grant any licenses to Billiard Tables, and success has crowned their efforts. A fostering "Band of Hope" has been started, Mrs. Carswell as leader, and the command is "Onward to Victory."

GUELPH.

The Cor. Secretary read the following letter from Guelph :—

GUELPH, Oct. 17th, 1878.

DEAR SISTER,—Your kind letter of the 1st inst. was duly received by our sister, (Mrs. Ryan, for which please receive our thanks. I am sorry to tell you that we are not at present in a position to join the Provincial Union, or to send any delegates to your Convention, although it would give us much pleasure to do both. We have not many wealthy people in Guelph, and what there are, take no interest in our good cause. Indeed, I am sorry to say there are a very few that take sufficient interest in the cause to attend any meeting in the furtherance of the cause, and those who do have very limited time and means. Our cause, for various reasons, is just now at a very low ebb, tho' there are still a few of us who are in hopes we shall be able to do more through the winter. We have not a W. U. properly speaking, but the G. C.T. U. Committee is composed partly of ladies, who are, I may say, their best workers. We hope to get a room to hold our meetings; but as yet, since the tent was taken down, which had to be done early this year in consequence of the storms, we have had no settled habitation. Altogether, circumstances have appeared to be sadly against us. The excitement during the election, and the efforts of the liquor dealers, seem to have tended greatly to the increase of drunkenness, and we had to mourn over the fall of many whom we hoped had shaken off the chains of the evil. Still on the other hand, some have stood firm, and we have reason to believe that temperance is surely gaining ground; so we thank God and take courage, knowing that it is His cause, and He is with us: in our strength we could not think of carrying on the battle against such mighty foes. I shall watch anxiously for the reports of your meetings in the papers; our prayers will be with you, and we trust that those of our sisters who are in more favorable circumstances, and are permitted to meet and strengthen each other's hearts, will not forget to intercede for others, equally willing to do something for the Master, but at present hindered from publicly joining with you.

In the behalf of our little band of workers, I remain
Your Sister in the Lord Jesus,
ELLEN I. BOULT.