

encroached upon by the lawless and reckless, whence-soever they may come, will carefully refrain from committing unjust acts, or uttering harsh epithets against others, simply for a difference of opinion ; who, save in extreme cases, will rely for victory upon the teachings of the Bible and instructions of the Ballot-box, instead of the influence of the bottle and destructiveness of the musket ; discarding the bottle altogether, and reserving the musket as a dernier resort.

RELIGION AND EDUCATION. — At Lawrence there are several regularly constituted Religious Societies of various denominations ; viz : Congregationalists, Unitarians, Methodists, Baptists, and United Brethren. A free school is established there, in which the ordinary branches are taught, and measures are in train to found an Academy for instruction in the higher branches. An Athenæum has also been instituted ; by members of which, discussions are regularly held, and lectures delivered. Connected with this Institution is a Public Library. Sunday School Libraries also exist there.

All of these means, for securing and elevating the mental and moral condition of the community, have made considerable advancement, and will soon be in full operation at *Topeka*, and the other settlements of the Company. The powerful influence for good exerted by these, is clearly manifest. The writer met many on their way, in pursuit of a new home, who wished to be directed where they could find a *Yankee* settlement ; giving as a reason for the inquiry, that they wished to locate near one, being thus sure of a school for their children, and of religious services on the Sabbath.

*In behalf of each and all, the Secretary earnestly solicits contributions in money or books ; the former he will endeavor judiciously to convert into books ; of the latter, almost every one has more or less, which, having done their mission here, will still prove of exceeding value, for a similar purpose, in our new settlements. If the Secretary's efforts are approved and seconded by our friends here, he will be enabled to transmit to the*