

TOTAL ABSTINENCE IN BRITAIN.—It is evident that the cause of Total Abstinence is steadily advancing in the mother country. The following is but one of many illustrations of progress:

STUDENTS' TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—On Friday evening, the annual social meeting of the Temperance Association of Students connected with New College, St. John's-wood, the Baptist College, Regent's Park, and other colleges, was held at New College; Samuel Morley, Esq., in the chair. From the Report it appeared that there are at present fifty-nine students in connexion with the Society; that since its formation a few years ago, sixty-five have gone forth from the colleges, holding the temperance principle, and that the value of the Students' Temperance Union was never more appreciated than in the times in which we live. The Chairman congratulated the students on the present position and prospects of the Society. They were engaged in a great work, and they might depend upon it that if they were to be a power for good in the world, they must be prepared to go down to the very depths of moral and social evil, before they could be expected to raise fallen humanity. Intemperance and the drinking usages of society were blocking up the pathway of progress, and before they could advance in any real good they must earnestly set themselves to have those obstacles removed. No man honoured such philanthropists as the Earl of Shaftesbury more than he did (hear, hear); but if the evils of intemperance were removed, and the education of the people left to themselves, there would be no need for reformatories, and ragged schools would soon disappear. (Applause.) It was pleasing to find so much doing now to promote the great work of moral and religious improvement, and he could not but feel proud of the country which could claim as labourers in this field of effort such ladies as the authoress of "*Haste to the Rescue*," and such practical means of good as were contained in the "*Missing Link*;" but he could not but regret that the ministers of the gospel, as a body, were not forward in the cause, and that they in some instances were disposed to treat it with ridicule. Still they were improving, and perhaps if there had been less intemperance in some of the advocates of the temperance cause than they had at times shown in preaching for it, they would have had fewer opponents and more friends; for they must never forget, that while the evils of intemperance were of a character which called for the practice of self-denial and union on the ground of Christian expediency, with a view to their removal, the drinking of a glass of wine, *per se*, was not a sin, and in a right condition of society might be safely enough used. (Hear.) He was glad, however, to see that the ministers were now moving very decidedly in the right direction. Besides the earnest and practical appeal which a large number of the clergy of the Church of England had published in support of the temperance movement, their Baptist brethren had come forward on its behalf, and 212 ministers of that denomination had appended their names to a valuable document now before the public, and which could not but be attended with the happiest results. (Cheers.) He confidently hoped that the ministers of the Independent body would not be long behind their brethren of the Church and the Baptist ministers; and with such a moral power associated to promote so good a cause, they might well expect that brighter days would yet appear, and that England's future would be more glorious than her past. (Applause.) The meeting was then addressed by the Rev. J. W. Robinson, Incumbent of Christ's Church, Chelsea; Rev. Charles Sloman, Rev. Mr. Harcourt, Rev. J. H. Wilson, and Rev. Mr. Statham conducting the devotional exercises.

A DISINTERESTED BODY.—The *Freeman* has reckoned up that the members of the Lords' Committee on Church-rates are in the enjoyment of, in the aggregate, 497 Church "Livings!"

Christ "is the chief desire of all nations, the joy of angels, the delight of the Father; what solace, then, must the soul be filled with that hath the possession of him to all eternity!"

"We are not to flee from Satan, but to resist that he may flee from us."