

derstand what they are about to do,—being answered in the affirmative, he gives the pledge, they pass on, and have their names entered in the book of the Society.—*Con.*

#### TEMPERANCE MISSIONARY MEETING.

If ever an occasion offered on which the friends of this good cause could rejoice, the above named meeting which took place on the evening of the 20th ult. was one. The degree of pleasure there communicated and felt was more than ordinary meetings, however well conducted, can be expected to produce. There were two gentlemen who had been employed about four months as agents and lecturers, one in the Eastern and the other in the Western parts of our highly favoured Province. An attentive and very respectable audience was waiting a recital of the events that they had been instrumental in producing, and to hear of the state of the country generally with reference to this cause, which has of late been an object of great interest to all classes.

Beamish Murdoch, Esq. occupied his usual place in the chair, and in the choir above was a goodly number prepared to give harmonious expression to the animating and loyal songs composed for the occasion. The numerous attendance of ladies, which was aptly remarked to be a most favorable omen, with the interest which was felt and exhibited by all present, gave promise of a more extended scale of operations in the new year for the accomplishment of the objects of the institution.

The Rev. James Knowlan, whose labours had been given in the Western parts, first rose, and gave a clear and brief account of his tour, by which it appeared that the total-abstinence pledge was approved of by nearly all whom he met as friends of the cause; and by his mission, nine hundred persons were added to the several Societies which he visited. He was gladly welcomed in most places as a Messenger of Mercy, and the mission highly approved of. Of the efficacy of missionary labours in this cause, he has given convincing proof, and means for their continuance and extension may be expected from the numerous Societies which have been revived and refreshed by his unwearied labours. The friends of the cause in the Province generally, are deeply indebted to these two gentlemen, whose toils have not been remunerated by the trifling sum which they have received as Salary; and an earnest desire to do good must have prompted them to enter upon the office which they have so faithfully and profitably filled.

The younger missionary Rev. G. J. McDonald who had traversed a large portion of the Eastern parts, then gave his testimony of the esteem in which the cause is held, and its objects approved of, in most places where he journeyed. He met a friendly reception; the endeavours of the Halifax Society to extend the blessings of Temperance were highly spoken of at meetings; and by his labours upwards of six hundred were enrolled in the Army of Abstinence.

These truly encouraging accounts, given in a pleasing manner, made time pass unnoticed, and three hours and a half were occupied, without weariness or impatience being evinced by any of the numerous persons who were there congregated.

The Halifax Society has held during the year past, thirty-five public meetings, the moral tendency of which cannot

be questioned, and as a source of interest alone, these occasions are worthy the attention of all classes. Many resort to places of public amusement and pry to see performances, which frequently cause painful reflections after, for the waste of time and money they have involved; while an intellectual or moral entertainment will perhaps be neglected, which would inform and improve them, and be enjoyed at far less expense. By attending to these they would have a present benefit to themselves, and the pleasure of reflecting that their means and countenance were given to aid in the promotion of knowledge and virtue, by the extension of which alone, they with others, can expect to enjoy any comforts or privileges, either of a social or political nature.—*Communicated.*

#### EXTRACTS.

**CLOTHING.**—Let all who have cast-off garments of any description, send them to Mr. W. at the Washington Temperance Hall. No matter if coats are out at the elbow, or trousers out at the knees. The Society have a depository of second-hand garments, from which they clothe their converts taken from the gutters. Previously to being put in store for use, the Martha Washington Temperance Society, (ladies) and the wives and daughters of the members of the male associations, mend and put the garments in order. These cast-off articles are thus made as good as new for the purpose of keeping the late wretches, present steady citizens, warm.

The fact is, that the Washingtonians are absolutely reclaiming drunkards faster than they can clothe them; and the charitable must come forward, and give of their abundance in aid of the cause. The Society are taking the way to make true men out of refuse stock. It is easy enough to tell a poor miserable wretch that he is one, and he will believe it readily enough too. But what can he do about it? He can't be respectable till he is cleaned and made whole outwardly; and he can't get the means to effect these necessary reforms, while, in his debased situation, the back of every body is turned upon him, and the very dogs scorn to comfort and assist him. The Washingtonians, by dressing their customers, give them a new capital to start temperance on; and the consequence is, that eight out of ten forgotten men, kicked aside by the world to rot as rubbish, prove, when reclaimed and clothed, generally good citizens.

Another great day's work was done by the tee-totalers on the dock yesterday. Seventy men, or thereabouts, took the pledge, and the most needy of them were clothed, and are this day facing the premonitory winter blasts, with warmer and more comfortable sensations than they dreamed of upon Saturday. Nor does the good and charitable stop with merely clothing these doubly destitute and unfortunate men. The assistance of the Society, and of their own personal friends, is accorded to provide them with employment; and being relieved from the enormous tax of intemperance, they easily keep the footing they have gained. Great wreckers are the Washingtonians, and a first-rate claim for salvage they have upon society, for picking up and preserving every particle of 'flotsam and jetsam,' which drifts within their reach, on the sea of intemperance. Walk up, members of society, and pay your salvage in old clothes—men's clothes, women's clothes, children's clothes—aye, the baby's frocks—for drunkards have families—pining wives and naked children.

The more is the pity, while they are drunkards, that they have such connections—but it is all the better for the cause when they become sober men. There are no better assurances and guardians of reformed drunkards than their wives and children, and when they get the rum out of their mouths, a cherub babe's breath becomes sweeter than the zephyrs from Araby the blest. So bring along your old clothes for the Washingtonians—or, if you wish to spend dollar in aid of their funds, take tickets for the Juvenile Concert in the Mulberry Street Baptist Tabernacle, Wednesday evening.—*Abridged from the New York Times.*