

been blighted, and a broad scene of social desolation is left to darken the world of humanity.

There is something in the opening career of the inebriate far more sorrowful than the physical death. When the powerful mind begins to waver in the path of duty—when the judgment begins to topple upon the basis of expiring reason—when the moral nature becomes overrun and seared by the burning tide of inebriety and the soul bears the first blight of crime—then it is that the most horrible death should be recorded, then it is that the heart of humanity should pour out its tears. When the mind dies, and the soul is buried in the deep grave of hardened guilt, then is the death of the Man! It is upon this death that we reflect, when we stand by the drunkard's grave.

There is also another death, that bears the stamp of sorrow and anguish. 'Tis when the sacred ties of social relations are snapped asunder, when the aged parents bow down in bitter grief and weep over the death of all their fond anticipations, when the brothers and sisters gaze in deep rooted sorrow upon the wreck of the loved companion of their childhood, or more soul chilling than all else, when the heart broken wife consigns to despair all the hopes and promises of her earthly joys, and the children of her love are assailed by the misery of destitution! Here is a death that rises to our mind, when we stand by the grave of the drunkard.

And yet how few there are, who, after reading of the vast number of deaths occasioned by rum, that look back and reflect upon the drunkard's life. The cold grave covers not a moiety of the horror that lives in the memories of the past.—*Washingtonian*.

Progress of the Cause.

ENGLAND.

OPINIONS OF WESLEYAN MINISTERS RESPECTING THE IMPORTANCE OF TEETOTALISM.

"The misery inflicted on many in the Isle of Man by drunkenness, is appalling; and many of our religious people were giving too much countenance to the deadly evil. Our prospects are beginning to brighten. Many of our zealous local preachers and influential members have most heartily embarked in the cause of temperance."—*Rev. J. Catterick*.

"Temperance societies claim the countenance and support of all the friends of humanity and religion."—*Rev. Robert Young*.

"The purest devotional feeling is that which is unconnected with the excitement of any kind of alcoholic stimulants."—*Rev. C. Clay*.

"Some of my very best church members in Dundee are reformed drunkards, two of them efficient local preachers. Most of the late Scotch revivals were preceded by teetotalism."—*Rev. J. Mitchell*.

"I am more than ever convinced of the utility of the principles of teetotalism, and wish they were universally adopted."—*Rev. Theophilus Pugh*.

"In our churches in the Island of St. Kitts, comprising 3,500 members, the most pious, respectable and intelligent, including all our leaders, local preachers, stewards, &c., are all teetotalers. This mightily con-

tributes to the stability and purity of the numerous new converts. Oh, when will Christian ministers generally awake to the importance of this principle?"—*Rev. James Cox*.

"They were all convinced that there was nothing in intoxicating liquors which was useful, but, on the contrary, positively injurious."—*Rev. W. J. Shrewsbury*.

"That the hand of God is in the temperance demonstration, I am disposed to believe and maintain; because of the identity of our principle with that of the pure principle of the gospel."—*Rev. B. Carvoso*.

SCOTLAND.

NORTHERN TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.—The second annual meeting of this association, was held at Elgin, on Friday, 11th August, at which were present delegates from Inverness, Nairn, Boghole, Kintessack, Findhorn, Elgin, Edinkillie, and Forres. All the societies represented were reported to be in a healthy condition, except that of Nairn, and it was resolved that a special effort be made to revive the cause in that town. Flourishing juvenile societies had been established at most of the places connected with the convention; and an interesting discussion on the advantages of such societies took place. Mr. Fraser of Inverness, stated that a local publication, to be called the *Northern Temperance Guide*, was about to be published there, at 1d a month; and Mr. Miller, of Forres, reported the continued success of the *Temperance Cresset*. A number of other important matters were brought before the meeting: and, after office-bearers had been elected, and sundry votes of thanks given, the convention broke up. to meet again at Nairn, on the second Thursday of August, 1849.—*Scottish Temp. Review*.

EDINBURGH.—I am happy to inform you that the cause of Total Abstinence is making encouraging progress in Edinburgh. During the last twelve months more than 300 have been added to the parent Society, and its funds, though we have two missionaries employed, are more than sufficient to meet its outlay. The society never was in such a healthy, flourishing state as at this time. Union, affection, zeal, characterise all its members and active agents. Our weekly meetings are always well attended, and sometimes crowded. Not infrequently while passing along our densely populated streets—the stentorian voice of one of our voluntary advocates is heard explaining and enforcing our principles. A Christian Teetotal Society has been formed and is doing wonders. The movement among the juveniles, supported by Mr. Hope, and under the fostering care of Mr. P. Sinclair, and his assistants, prospers; and we anticipate from the recent measures adopted for prohibiting the sale of deleterious drinks during part of the sabbath-day, a vast accession to our ranks during the winter, and a paralization of the degrading influence of the lower classes of the tippling haunts which abound in the city, which has been so long unjustly praised for its spiritual wisdom and superior morality. That your efforts to benefit the race of man may be increasingly blessed is the prayer of yours, affectionately,—*J. P.—Teetotal Times*.

KIRKCALDY.—The cause was never in a more pro-