

shunned and despised, but carries with him the look and air of independence. Add to this, he is no longer dreadful as a disorderly man, or as one likely to disturb the peace of society, or as one from whom depredations may be expected to relieve his wants; but is respected by all who know of the change he has undergone. It is, then, from knowing these and other advantages which this man derives to himself and his family, from temperance, and which hundreds of thousands in the United Kingdom may, and do, derive from the same course, that I ground my patronage of tee-totalism; for it leads to the temporal comfort and welfare of the poor; and if it adds also to the security of the public, both in their property and persons, it affords a sufficient argument of itself for the encouragement of such an institution. If temperance produced sobriety and peace, and order among the poor; and, moreover, if it adds to the comforts of the poor, and guarantees public security, it affords a sufficient argument why it should be encouraged. I leave the teaching of religion to those ministers or pastors in whose parishes the drunkards may happen to be. But here I am bound to say, that though an abstinence from fermented liquors, on the plan of the society, be not a teacher of moral duties, yet it has been found to be a great auxiliary to the promotion of Christianity, and to the conversion of sinners. For it is a fact, that where drunkards have been brought into sober habits by the institution, many thousands of them have gone to different places of worship which they never frequented before. Tee-totalism, then, though it be not a teacher of the doctrines of Christianity, is constantly putting its converts into a situation to hear and to know them, and to reap the spiritual advantages which such instructors may afford. Thousands are thus reformed, whom it is found that Christianity had not yet touched.

You must excuse the interlineations made in this letter, being now in the 82d year of my age, and also much indisciplined, and also lame, and very nearly blind, so that sometimes I can scarcely see where to direct my pen. It is very painful to me to write a letter: I can sometimes a whole day, or even two in finishing it.

I am, my friend, with great regard, though you are only known to me by name, yours truly,

THOMAS CLARKSON.

Playford Hall, near Ipswich.

#### QUEBEC YOUNG MEN'S TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.

"The Court have further to congratulate you upon the extension of the principles of Temperance and its constant increase—the great benefits derived from their observance is apparent to every one and is a convincing proof of their efficacy, as a great preventive to crime and vice—of this each of us convinces us, forcing the belief that the cause of Temperance has the blessing of the Almighty. The importation of spirits this year, falls short of 186,000 gallons, and at present there is only one distillery in the District of Montreal, instead of four."

The above paragraph, from the charge delivered by H. N. Paton, Esq., J. P., to the Grand Jury at the late Quarter Sessions of the Peace held at Quebec, was considered by the Committee of the Young Men's Total Abstinence Society contain facts too important, and to be too valuable a testimony to the cause of Temperance, to be allowed to pass

unnoticed:—It was therefore resolved at a meeting held by that body, on Friday, 21st ultimo, that an expression of their feeling should be conveyed to that gentleman, as a testimony of their esteem for him as a friend to the Temperance cause.

The resolution being delivered, the following reply was received by the Secretary:—

Quebec, 25th January, 1842.

Sir,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication containing a copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of a Committee of the Quebec Young Men's Total Abstinence Society, expressive of the approbation of that part of my address to the Grand Jury at the last General Quarter Sessions, referring to the pleasing progress of Temperance principles.

The approbation of one's fellow citizens always affords peculiar satisfaction,—but, a mark of appreciation from so respectable a body as the "Young Men's Temperance Society," united for an object of the greatest importance to mankind—is to me most gratifying. The effects of total abstinence, I have no hesitation in saying, will prevent three-fourths of the crimes being committed which would otherwise have been the case where its influence is not felt. It will afford to its supporters a much larger share of happiness in this world—and will be the means under Divine Providence of turning the attention of many to the eternal welfare of their souls.

I beg you to convey to the Society my sincere thanks for this mark of their consideration, and to assure the members of my sincere wishes for their prosperity. They have undertaken a good work—may they go on—and may the Almighty prosper their exertions.

I remain, Sir, your obedient and obliged servant,

H. N. PATON, Warden of Dorchester.

#### TEMPERANCE PROCESSION AT HARBOR GRACE, NEWFOUNDLAND

New Year's day having been fixed upon as an appropriate season for the first procession of the Temperance Society in Harbor Grace, a large concourse of people assembled at the appointed hour to witness the preliminary arrangements of one of the most imposing, as well as gratifying spectacles that has ever been exhibited on this side of the Atlantic. By one o'clock the greater part of the Temperance body residing in this neighbourhood, amounting to near 500 individuals, were arranged in the order of procession near Otterbury-Head, from thence they moved on through the town towards Bear's Cove, in the following manner:—

Three Youths bearing White Banners with the inscription of

VICTORIA REGINA

in Italic letters.

Band of the Harbor Grace Harmonic.

The Harbor Grace Newfoundland Temperance Society, three and three, bearing White Flags at regular intervals, with suitable inscriptions.

Inhabitants of the Town forming a long cortege.

Having reached the residence of J. S. Ark, Esq. at the other extremity of the Town, they wheeled round and returned in the same order to Martin's Brook.—Three cheers were then given for the QUEEN—for the Very Rev. Father Matthew—for the Temperance Society of Newfoundland—for the Rev. Mr. Walsh who had administered the Pledge