

GRAND TEMPERANCE PROCESSION IN LONDON

Yesterday, at an early hour, the members of the New British and Foreign Temperance Society were in motion in the various districts in and around the metropolis, and at nine o'clock the different bodies were to be seen, preceded and followed by banners bearing inscriptions, moving towards Lincoln's-inn-fields, the place which had previously been agreed upon as that in which the mass were to form and fall into procession.

At eleven o'clock the four sides of Lincoln's-inn-fields were occupied by some thousands of well-conducted and orderly persons, many of whom were evidently above the middle rank of life, the majority, however, being composed of trades-people, shopkeepers, and mechanics. It was impossible for any collection of individuals to have manifested a bearing or feeling of greater quietness of inclination than did those who were congregated together on this occasion, and, as far as depended on the conduct of the members who properly did the "bidding" of the delegates, by reaching the appointed spot at the hour arranged, there was not any occurrence to cause either regret or to create the least disorder. Amongst the banners, many of which were gaily, and in some instances expensively decorated, were to be seen those from the Temperance Association at Watworth, Rotherhithe, Spital-fields, Bethnalgreen, Stratford, Islington, Tottenham, and Edmonton, Finsbury, and Hoxton, East London, Farrington, South London, the Ladies' Association, Marylebone, Vauxhall, Clapham, South Lambeth, Wandsworth, St. James's, Westminster, West London, St. Pancras, Hamstead and Hendon, the City Central, &c. On many of these banners were inscriptions in the following words:—

"Peace on earth, and good will to all men"

"Intemperance is the curse of Britain."

"We agree to abstain from all intoxicating liquors, except for medical purposes, or in religious ordinances."

"Try our principle; if wrong resist it, or if right assist us."

"Be humble, be vigilant, do thyself no harm."

"Be ye wise as serpents, harmless as doves."

"Peace and concord."

"Truth and justice."

"Religion and piety."

"His eye is upon us."

"Down with the tyrants," (this banner bore a painting describing two bottles overflowing with spirits, as the tyrants.)

"It is good neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth."—Romans xiv. 21.

"Come with us, and we will do thee good."

"Sobriety leads to domestic comfort," &c.

In the procession, in addition to several thousands of members who were on foot, there were upwards of one hundred and sixty carriages and glass coaches, the greater proportion of which were filled by respectfully dressed females. Lord Bexley we were informed (although we did not see his lordship) also joined the line. Every member, male as well as female, wore a rosette composed of white and blue satin riband, the majority also wearing the temperance medal. Four soldiers in the uniform of the Blues, and wearing the temperance medal, headed the procession.

At the termination of the procession, the "Grand Festival and Meeting of the South London Auxiliary Temperance Society," took place at the Horns Tavern. The Right. Hon. the Earl Stanhope was called to the chair. The material of the festival consisted as usual, of tea, coffee, and bread and butter, which latter article of refreshment was laid siege to and demolished in the usual vigorous and irresistible style of the tee-totalers.

The meeting was addressed by the noble chairman, E. C. Delavan, Esq. and other gentlemen, and after a vote of thanks to the noble chairman, the meeting, which was densely crowded, broke up.

Letters to the Editor.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

SIR,—The quarterly meeting of our Temperance Society having taken place on the 21st inst., I beg to inform you of the proceedings.

Being opened with prayer by the Rev. H. Wilkinson, a most excellent address was delivered by the Rev. Hannibal Muikins, of

Brockville, and followed by very appropriate remarks from Mr. Wilkinson.

Owing to the time of the meeting being occupied with other business, the question, whether the "old pledge" ought to be discontinued, was postponed; but notice was given, that a special meeting would be called for its discussion, on the evening of the last Monday in November next.

Both pledges being offered for signatures, twelve persons offered their names for "total abstinence." The Rev. Mr. Muikins concluded the meeting with prayer.

I am, &c.,

W. D. DICKINSON, Sec.

Prescott, Oct. 23, 1839.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

SIR,—It is with much pleasure that I comply with the request of a Total Abstinence Society in this Township to order ten copies of the *Advocate*. This you will please to observe has no connexion with the principal and parent Society of which you formerly had some account. The Society from which the order comes, is in a locality, where there was formerly a respectable one on the old pledge, and which had existed four or five years previous to the late unhappy "disturbance;" when owing to the excitement in the settlement it went down. The friends of the cause lately rallied again, adopting only the Total Abstinence pledge. The time of meeting I am informed was extremely unfavourable, and consequently few were present. Thirty, however, came forward, and it is believed the number will soon be nearly double. To aid their efforts they unanimously agreed to procure the above number of copies, which you will do up by themselves, addressed to the Rev. Israel Marsh; whom you are requested to remember as a minister of the Gospel, by an additional copy.

I take this opportunity to inform you of another Society also in the rear of the Township, which consists of about 100 members, about two thirds of whom are on the Total Abstinence plan. This Society I am requested to say is prosperous, increasing almost every meeting. A third society has been lately re-organized, but I have no correct account of its members, further than that it promises well.

I expected by this time to have an order from a society which I lately addressed, soon after its formation, in the adjoining Township of Darlington, for the "*Advocate*." It has met with considerable opposition, and stands much in want of such aid.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

R. H. THORNTON.

Whitby, Oct. 12, 1839.

Poetry.

FATHER.

Come darling, take a little toddy,
It is a cold and rainy day;
A little's good for any body,
Come take a little, child, I pray.

CHILD.

Oh father, do not tempt me so,
I fear I'll love it by and by;
And then my love will grow and grow
Till I shall drink your bottle dry.

Oh father, tell me what's the matter,
At Mr. Toper's house, just by?
Oh see the little children scatter,
And hear their mother shriek and cry!

FATHER.

Why child, that lazy, drunken hog,
Has just come home to beat his wife;
The brute is now so full of grog,
That all must run to save their life.