

gentleman, but one penny a-day for a year would be about 30s., so that every subscriber, according to the above suggestion, would be a gentleman and a-half to begin with. He would like them to ponder on this fact—their responsibility to God for the manner in which they disposed of their money. What would be the position of a person at the judgment seat of God, against whom it could be shown that he spent 6d. a-day in strong-drink, while he refused to give one penny a-day towards the support of missions? In Scotland, alone, £15,000,000 was spent annually in whisky, which gave the sum of £5 15s. to every man, woman, and child. Would this state of things be allowed to continue any longer? He thought they would say, No. His earnest and fervent prayer was, that all who listened to him in that hall might not only be abstainers but Christians, live peaceful and useful lives, die triumphant deaths, and be glorified in eternity.

The Rev. Joseph Brown, of Dalkeith, after an address full of stories, said, I must give you another little story, and conclude :

We are told that the father of a man who became a famous general, when his son was a boy,—“at this time the Carthaginians and Romans were at war together,”—the father took the child to the temple of his god, and made the little boy swear, by his father's gods, that he would never be at peace with the Romans. We do not want you, little boys and girls, to swear, but we want you to pledge yourselves now, that you will never be at peace with alcoholic liquor, and you will never give over fighting the battles of abstinence.

Next day, Sabbath the 9th April, sermons on Abstinence, specially addressed to parents, guardians, and teachers, with special reference to their influence on the young, were preached in eighteen places of worship belonging to all denominations. They were attended by about 10,000 persons, and were well calculated to advance the great object of the League.

On Monday a public meeting was held in the Music Hall, George street. It was addressed by the Chairman, John Hope, Esq., by Mr. Sinclair the leader of this juvenile movement; the Rev. Mr. Hanna, of Dundee; Rev. Mr. Peden, of Berwick; Rev. Mr. Page, of Stirling, and others. We must endeavour in our next to make room for the speech of Mr. Sinclair.

On Tuesday morning a public breakfast took place, which gave those who had been assisting at the meetings, or preaching on Sabbath, an opportunity of expressing, before they departed for their homes, how much they had been gratified. They all declared that they were truly elevated by the meetings, and by the catholic spirit which pervaded the whole.

The meeting was closed with prayer, and the company separated.

THE MINISTERIAL TEMPERANCE CONFERENCE.

This important meeting took place at Manchester, during the second week of April, and was attended by nearly 200 ministers of different denominations. We shall endeavour to give a brief review in our next.

We have also received the report of the May meeting of the New York Temperance Society. It, also, must be given.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We have received Mr. Bungay's communication, but it closes so abruptly, that we suppose a part of it has been left behind, or has dropped out. In its present state we can make little use of it. We thank him for his hints, however.

SOPHIASBURG, 10th March, 1849.—Having for many years past been an attentive reader of, and latterly a subscriber to, your very useful and interesting paper, I am very much surprised to find your subscription list so low. I would say it should be in every man's house by this time, whether a votary of Bacchus or of him who said, “touch not, taste not, handle not,” &c., as all seem to be more or less interested in the general news, prices current, the arts and sciences, agriculture, domestic economy, rail-roads, canals, &c., &c., all of which is to be found very faithfully and explicitly detailed in your paper, together with your unceasing exertions in endeavouring to do away with intoxication, which alone should gain plaudits from every tongue. I am the more surprised from the fact, that all the above can be obtained for one-fourth the price of a common newspaper, while, in my estimation, your paper contains four times the interest. And having been appointed delegate for the branch of the Temperance Society to which I have the honour and satisfaction of belonging, I must first beg pardon for our apparent apathy in not reporting sooner, and for other errors which may be discovered in this feeble attempt. Some time in September, 1845, we began agitating total abstinence in this neighbourhood, and recommended it as a cheap, effectual, and practical remedy, or antidote, against intoxication and all its fatal and expensive tendencies. On the ninth of October following, we organized, by choosing the necessary officers, and enrolling such as displayed philanthropy enough to aid in the cause, and called ourselves Temperance Branch, No. 13, of Sophiasburg. We then passed or adopted a resolution to hold our meetings on every second Saturday evening, which has been very punctually attended ever since, with the exception, I think, of one or two evenings, being stormy. We soon numbered between sixty and seventy members, and now number eighty-five, mostly within the compass of two miles from the school-house. We have been very much favoured by lecturers from the surrounding townships; some of the Methodist preachers have been very assiduous in our behalf, a Mr. Miller in particular. We however still have neighbours who have not lent their names to the cause as yet, though some abstain, I believe, to the letter, while others still take the “good creature,” alleging that as total abstinence is no where written in the Bible, they have no need of observing it, even for the safe keeping of their brother. Some also contend, that as Paul told Timothy to “take a little wine for his stomach's sake,” &c., they may likewise drink wine of any kind, without reference to its being “red, giving its colour in the cup,” its being a “mockery,” or its being “the pure blood of the grape,” or what not. We find the same individuals using the same precept for drinking rum, brandy, gin, whisky, &c., &c., and all call themselves moderate drinkers as long as they can go without falling, and declare they drink no more than does them good. So I