

WALES.

NEWMARKET, FLINTS.—October 13th, 1846.—Dear Sir.—On the 16th of September, I delivered a lecture at Turn in the Independent Chapel; and another at Bagillt, on the 3rd of October, in the Calvinistic Methodists' Chapel; and on Sunday October 4th, between the hours of divine service in the different chapels, I spoke at some length; so I had to discourse on temperance, preaching three times, and administering the Lord's Supper the same Sabbath. A plan which I found necessary during the summer months; but now I can command good congregations on week-evenings, as the days are short. I am truly sorry to say, that many ministers, although total abstinents themselves, seem to be afraid of speaking out against the habit of drinking, hesitating, the propriety and the expediency of disturbing their congregations in their old customs. So after all our former boast in Wales, we have but very few indeed of bold, prudent, and faithful advocates! Still much good is done by the press; the English press is stimulating the Welsh press, so we take courage and trust in the Lord.—EVAN DAVIES.

ISLE OF WIGHT.

RYDE.—The lectures of Dr. Grindrod, in this town, have produced an unprecedented impression. The Town-hall on each evening was crowded to overflowing. We have never witnessed on any occasion such a crowded and respectable audience.

VENTNOR.—Dr. Grindrod has just concluded a visit to this delightful and fashionable resort. These lectures were quite as successful as those elsewhere. The excitement was so great that the hall was crowded to excess, very many being obliged to stand during the whole time. At the conclusion of this course, Dr. Grindrod announced his cessation from lecturing for a limited period. Dr. Grindrod is now endeavouring to recruit his health and strength for another campaign.

IRELAND.

Since our last report, Father Mathew has visited the little town of Passage; about 200 persons took the pledge. The far-famed Donnybrook was also visited on Aug. 24th, by the Very Rev. Dr. Spratt, and an immense meeting held, whereat several hundred postulants took the pledge. Drogheda has also been visited by the Doctor.

DUBLIN.—Father Mathew has recently visited Dublin (as we learn from the *Irish Temperance Chronicle*, a new paper published in that city). Many thousands received the pledge.

BELFAST.—The Rev. Dr. Spratt visited this town on the 11th of Sept., and was warmly received by a meeting of 6000 people. Other meetings were held during the week, and the pledge administered to about 5000 individuals.

CARLINGFORD.—You will be gratified to learn that even in this remote corner of the world, the good teetotal cause is steadily progressing. The society with which I have the honour to be connected, is one of the most useful to be found, and, circumstances considered, has perhaps accomplished much more than many others with better funds and more wealthy subscribers. The committee are not satisfied with merely holding meetings, and distributing tracts; they go to the root of the evil, and oppose with might and main the granting of spirit licenses; do their utmost to pull down the illegal sale of ardent spirits; and expose to the world the secrets of the publicans' cellars. The society has been in existence nearly 7 years, and although the committee are under the necessity of bringing public advocates from a great distance, at a heavy expense, to address each meeting, yet scarcely a month passes in which one, at least, public meeting does not take place. The district over which the operations of the society extend, embraces a tract of country 10 miles long and 10 miles in breadth. There are 7 stations in the district. Public meetings and tea-parties are respectively held in each, and indeed it would be difficult to say in which of those places the committee receive most encouragement. On the evening of October 16, a delightful tea meeting took place in Faughart (the most remote station in the district, and 10 miles distant from head quarters at Carlingford), under the patronage of J. Wolfe M'Neale, Esq., a most patriotic and influential gentleman, and an extensive landed proprietor. Tea and confectionary were supplied in profusion, and upwards of 100 persons partook of the

unnebrating cup. After tea, soul-stirring addresses were delivered by Mr. J. Harkness, of Rosstrevor, a Licentiate of the General Assembly, and by the Rev. W. Gun, of Newry, Primitive Methodist Minister. At the close, the total abstinence pledge was administered to a great number of young men. At 11 o'clock the meeting separated, apparently much pleased with the proceedings of the evening.

Miscellaneous.

CURIOUS STATISTICS.—TEETOTALISM.—In the "Temperance Provident Institution" of London, a friendly society composed of teetotalers, there are amongst the members, 4 clergymen and 63 ministers, 46 schoolmasters and 7 governesses, 3 physicians and 18 surgeons, 18 bankers, merchants, &c., 104 shoemakers, 98 tailors, and 70 grocers, 60 carpenters, 45 bakers, 44 drapers, 33 ironmongers, 4 brickmakers, 25 gardeners, 22 booksellers, 20 temperance hotel-keepers, 14 hair-dressers, 15 farmers, 8 men and 14 women-servants, besides persons of almost every conceivable occupation. The deaths have been less than half the number in the most successful Life Office in London!

AN OUTRAGEOUS CASE.—Yesterday afternoon, in the Police Court, a man named Hugh Gallagher, who keeps a low grogery at No. 32 Cross street, was brought up, upon complaint of the City Marshal, charged with selling on Sunday, to two boys not more than twelve years old, two glasses of brandy and two glasses of gin. One of the boys was found drunk upon an old sled, and was so excited by liquor that he went into violent fits, requiring the whole strength of officer Shute to hold him. Gallagher was fined \$20 and costs, (\$27.) If there is no special law to punish the selling of liquor to minors of this tender age, one should be enacted forthwith. We understand that boys have been heretofore taken up by the Police of the city dead drunk. Measures should be taken in all such cases to ascertain where they get the liquor.—*Trav.*

A COMMON OCCURRENCE.—It is getting to be quite common for men from the country, who come into this city upon business, to get into some of the numerous grogeries of the city, where they are rendered unfit to take care of themselves or their property.—Such a case happened on Sunday. A man came to the city to purchase a suit of clothes, but before he left was induced to gratify himself with a glass of liquor, and finally was picked up drunk on the Common by the Police. He was surrounded by a gang of persons, who would undoubtedly, in a short time, have disencumbered him of every thing about him of value.—*Trav.*

IMPORTANT DECISION.—In an action for a penalty, under the New License Law, the Supreme Court at Rochester, per Ch J. Bronson, held that strong Beer is "strong and spirituous liquor," within the act, and that an action lies for retailing it.—*Buffalo Express.*

GIVING UP SELLING LIQUOR.—Dr. Nott says in the Enquirer, that during the cholera in New York a man who had been a grocer came into the office of a gentleman who had made an address on Temperance, with whom he was acquainted, and said with great agitation, "I am going to give up selling liquor." Why? said I. "Because," rejoined he, "there came into my store this morning at a very early hour, a young man, who, looking up to the brandy bottle which stood upon the shelf, exclaimed with a fearful oath, *Come Down! Come Down!—you killed my grandfather—you killed my father—Come down and kill me!*" What the young man said, was but too true. His grandfather died a drunkard, with liquor obtained at my store. Both drank from the same bottle, and both were dead; both the grandfather and father; and now the son had come to claim the sad privilege of drinking from the same bottle and dying as his grandfather had died. I looked at that young man—I thought of the past—and it seemed as if the way to Hell from my store was very short—that I could, from behind the counter where I stood, look quite into it. I felt that the business of selling liquor was a bad business, and I made up my mind to quit it."

SUICIDE.—On Friday morning, Thomas Gardiner, cutler, High Street, was found dead in his workshop. On examination it was found that his death had been caused by poison. The deceased was of very irregular habits, and it is supposed that in a fit of the horrors he had taken the fatal draught.—*Renfrewshire Advertiser.*