

of the latter had been known frequently to drink a gallon of ale before breakfast, but now steadfastly adhered to the principles of teetotalism. It was their duty to teach men "to do well," but they must first "cease to do evil!" "I hope," said Mr. R. in conclusion, "to live and die a staunch out-and-out teetotaler. I would not mind being branded with the teetotal mark!"

Mr. NAKRYTH, of London, founder of the City Mission, having accidentally entered the hall, made an interesting speech. He said, "My object for many years has been to do good to my fellow-creatures, in the highest sense. For this purpose I have visited Ireland, Scotland, Wales, America, Canada, and other countries. For two years I have drunk neither wine, spirits, porter nor beer. I have been often charged with a want of politeness; but my plan is to do what, in my conscience I believe to be right, and leave all events to God. I cannot, I dare not, act contrary to the voice of conscience. I believe every man is possessed of a certain amount of moral influence, and that he is not at liberty to waste any portion of it. The world requires that every fraction of this influence should be exerted to promote the good of all. On this principle, when I saw the evil of the 'little drop' system; when I saw how the 'little drop' led to the 'great drop,' I felt it to be my duty to come forward and assist to stem the torrent of intemperance, with all its attendant evils. We have to contend with every species of vice, but intemperance is the parent of all kinds of wickedness. I am opposed to the practice of pushing my principles to extremes; but on all suitable occasions I plead the merits of this good cause. My plan is, to say little, but always act, and it would be well, if we had less talking and more doing. In my travels to promote City Missions I have visited North Wales, where the most astonishing effects have been produced. I have attended meetings of from twelve to fourteen thousand persons; and I have seen that the people there will not hear anti-teetotal ministers; children will not be taught by drinking teachers; masters will not employ servants, nor servants work for masters, who are not teetotalers. In North Wales, there are one hundred thousand members; and in the Island of Anglesea alone there are twenty-five thousand, which is more than half the population. I have been in all kinds of company, and however singular it may appear, I always set a teetotal example." Mr. N. here related many interesting instances of the good effected by his system of silently promoting the cause. When required, however, he was always ready to give information and defend his practice. He carried with him a book to receive signatures, but never pressed any one to sign. What they wanted was efficiency, not vast numbers who inconsiderately enrolled their names. Mr. N. next adverted to the evils of intemperance amongst sailors, and related some striking instances of shipwrecks, &c. which might have been prevented but for the intemperance of the crews. He contrasted the state of many American vessels, in which he had travelled, with those of England. In the former he found sober marines in consequence of the entire abandonment of "grog." He also alluded to the danger of travelling by land, in consequence of the intemperate habits of some coachmen. He had suggested to a large meeting at Nottingham the propriety of forming a society for promoting the moral and spiritual welfare of coachmen. He concluded with a very affecting appeal to little boys and girls, and related a circumstance of a little boy who told him that if they were neglected, the work would want doing over again.

#### UNITED STATES.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION.**—We have in our possession abundant and most gratifying evidence, that philanthropists in all parts of our country are at last fully awake to the importance of restraining, by legislative prohibition, that deadly traffic in ardent spirits, which is still carried on by the selfish and sordid, in defiance of all the appeals of humanity and all the dictates of conscience. Since this year commenced, State temperance conventions have been held, and have recommended legislative action, in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan. Similar conventions have recommended similar measures in the District of Columbia, and in Wisconsin and Iowa, as also in Upper and Lower Canada,

New Brunswick, and the new Republic of Texas. We have never before witnessed a more remarkable coincidence, and consent of public sentiment. Many of the States above named, have actually legislated in the manner thus pointed out by the universal consent of the friends of temperance. Besides our own Commonwealth, there are Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Tennessee and Mississippi, with statutes fully enacted, and Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois, more or less advanced in the adoption of similar laws.—*Boston Temperance Journal.*

**COMMONWEALTH vs. CUMMINGS, Appellant.**—*Breach of New Law.*—This case came on for trial on Monday, by assignment. Witnesses, Merriam, Hays, Lumus and Houghton, were examined. It appeared that three of the witnesses had purchased liquor of appellant, for the purpose of getting testimony against him. He kept a grog-shop, and was constantly selling. Hallett argued the case for appellant, and Parker for Commonwealth. Tuesday morning Judge Thatcher charged the jury in a manner which brought much credit to his well earned reputation as a lawyer, philanthropist, and independent, honest man. He argued fearlessly, the supremacy of the laws, the duty of obedience, and the value of the temperance cause. In two hours the jury returned into court with a verdict of *guilty*. Thus it appears that even in this city, where it has so often been said that this is an impossible law, in the midst of the manufacture and traffic, to a horrible extent, a jury has been found ready to obey the oath of office and render a verdict according to the law and the testimony. Our friends will take courage and see that the law is not violated with impunity in their neighborhoods. Let it be enforced, and the world will learn its value.—*Boston Temperance Journal.*

### Poetry.

#### A TEMPERANCE SONG.

BY REV. E. F. HATFIELD.

Friends of Freedom! swell the song;  
Young and old, the strain prolong,  
Make the temperance army strong,  
And on to victory.

Lift your banners, let them wave,  
Onward march a world to save;  
Who would fill a drunkard's grave,  
And bear his infamy?

Shrink not when the foe appears;  
Spurn the coward's guilty fears;  
Hear the shrieks, behold the tears  
Of ruin'd families!

Raise the cry in every spot—  
"Touch not—Taste not—Handle not?"  
Who would be a drunken sot,  
The worst of inseries?

Give the aching bosom rest;  
Carry joy to every breast;  
Make the wretched drunkard blest,  
By living soberly.

Raise the glorious watchword high—  
"Touch not—taste not till you die!"  
Let the echo reach the sky,  
And earth keep jubilee.

God of mercy! hear us plead,  
For thy help we intercede;  
See how many bosoms bleed!  
And heal them speedily.

Hasten, Lord, the happy day,  
When, beneath thy gentle ray,  
TEMPERANCE all the world shall sway,  
And reign triumphantly.