

shops; 144 drink shops; 7 pawn shops; 14 drug shops, 98 clubs held at public houses; 23 clubs not at public houses, poor's-rate, £6680 a year, or £128 weekly; sums spent weekly on drink, £1273; for religious purposes, £140; for secular instruction, £41 13s, for the temperance society, £1 10s; Adult Members of temperance society 830; Juvenile Members, 570, total numbers in the town, 1400; 7 pledged ministers; 180 pledged Sunday Teachers; 120 reformed members; 300 temperance tracts circulated monthly.—*Fourteenth Annual Report of the Bury Abstinence Society, Nov. 1849.*

SCOTLAND.

EDINBURGH—A congregational meeting took place on Monday evening the 28th January, in the United Presbyterian Church, Broughton Place, Edinburgh, according to announcement on Sabbath, "on business of importance to the best interests of the congregation." After some preliminary business had been disposed of, the chairman informed the meeting that the lease of the vaults below the church was expired, and asked whether they wished it to be renewed for the same purpose or not, when Mr Young, one of the elders, said, that although he was unconnected with teetotalism, and had his doubts whether it was right altogether to abstain from wine and other liquors, yet it was evident that the same drinks that are sold beneath this sacred place, filled our jails and poor-houses, and the land with crime and misery; and from repeated serious objections which had been made on the subject by several members of the congregation, and the taunts of their inconsistency as a christian people, made by those without the church, he considered it would have been well if the rooms below had never been let for such a purpose. He then proposed the following resolution, which was carried without a solitary dissentient, "That the managers endeavor to set apart the vaults for congregational purposes, but should that be found inexpedient, that they be let for any other purpose they may think best, but by no means as wine and spirit vaults."

DALKETH—The total abstinence movement has been making decided progress in this place for some time past. Last winter the committee instituted a course of monthly lectures by ministers of various denominations, but though all possible publicity was given to the meetings by handbills, and intimation from the pulpits of the various churches, the attendance was so limited, that this season it was found necessary to adopt something different. About the beginning of Dec., it was resolved to try the effect of a regular weekly meeting, and with this view a central and most commodious and comfortable public hall was engaged, where a meeting has been held every Friday evening. An address is given by a member of the society, and remarks made by as many as time will admit of. Schedules of admission are issued, and new members pledged and addressed by the chairman. At first the attendance was very small, but it has continued to increase, and for some nights the hall has been completely filled. Accessions to the roll of membership continue to be received—the average having been at the rate of one new member for every day since the commencement of the year.

BROXBURN—The total abstinence society held their annual soiree on the evening of Thursday, 17th Jan, in the Free Church, which was crowded to excess by a respectable audience. The chair was occupied by Rev. Alex. Lowrie, Eastcaldar, who, after having addressed the meeting in a most appropriate manner, introduced the Rev. Mr. Duncan, from Midcaldar—after which Messrs Easton and Palmer, from Edinburgh, addressed the meeting. The whole of the addresses were of the most convicting nature. Mr Palmer, during the evening, sang several of his temperance melodies. At the conclusion, 23 came forward and were enrolled as members.

KIRKALDY—On Sabbath evening, 10th Feb., an excellent and impressive temperance sermon was preached in Union Chapel, by the Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson of Dunfermline. Long before the hour of meeting the house was crowded, and hundreds had to go away who could not obtain admission.

The annual report, which had been drawn up by Mr. Gibson, stated that the past year had been the most successful of any the society had since its formation. That no fewer than 621 members had joined the society during the year. That 76 public meetings (at which 137 addresses had been delivered) had been held, besides 58 committee meetings, 2 sermons, and 5 soirees, and that the cause in Kirkaldy was in a most flourishing and

hopeful condition. The practice of holding weekly meetings is still continued most successfully; and monthly soirees are now commenced, which are expected to prove very favourable for the onward progress of the temperance reformation. Altogether, the cause is progressing most satisfactorily, as it will do in any place where a little care and attention is bestowed upon it by an intelligent and energetic committee.

LEVEN—The Leven Total Abstinence Society held their annual soiree in the Free Church school, on the evening of Tuesday, 15th Jan. The chair was ably filled by the president, the Rev. J. Hamilton; and the occupants of the platform were Messrs Hamilton, Easton, and Barclay from Edinburgh. A vocal band sang a number of sacred pieces, and at the close of the meeting a number came forward and joined the society.

DUNDEE—The following statement of progress in the enrolment of members is encouraging:—

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| During 1848 the total number enrolled was | - | - | - | 210 |
| During 1849, there have been enrolled at central meetings, | | | | |
| Lamb's Hall, | - | - | - | 770 |
| Weston, | - | - | - | 25 |
| St Margaret's Close, | - | - | - | 30 |
| Hilltown, | - | - | - | 126 |
| Total, | - | - | - | 950 |

Thus, there appears in the enrolment of members for 1849, an excess of 740 over the enrolment of 1848, and whilst the membership of your society has been increased, other societies holding your principles as total abstiners, have, during the same time, been established and increased. Among these is the 'Castle Lane Temperance Society,' which was formed in February last, and has two meetings weekly on Wednesday and Saturday evenings, which have been successfully sustained. Eighty members have been enrolled in this.—*Twelfth Annual Report.*

AUCHTERARDER—The Rev. William Pringle has for a number of years given an annual temperance sermon, on the evening of the Sabbath previous to Handseel Monday. This year he preached from Habakkuk ii. 15, 'Wo unto him that giveth his neighbour drink;' showing in the clearest light that the giving as well as the receiving of drink was equally sinful in the sight of God. The church was crowded, and the strong but calm reasoning of the rev. gentleman was listened to with strict attention. What effect this sermon had upon the proceedings of the day following it is impossible to say, but it was remarked by many that, except among a very few characters of whom nothing else was expected, there were very few cases of intoxication.

DALRY—At a meeting of the Dalry Total Abstinence Society, held on 6th Feb., a petition was adopted to the Justices of the Peace, praying for a diminution in the number of public-houses, of which there are forty-six in the parish.

AIRDRIE—The yearly meeting of the Airdrie Total Abstinence Society, was held in Graham-street chapel, on the evening of Thursday, 31st January, for the purpose of hearing a report of the proceedings of 1849, and to elect a committee and officers for 1850. Mr. Jack, the president of the society, occupied the chair. Mr. Hutchison, preacher of the gospel, delivered a lecture on the occasion. His statements appeared to have a good effect upon the audience, as 17 became members of the society at the close of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Newcastle, April 13, 1850.

The Oshawa Division of the Sons of Temperance was organized on the 6th of November, 1849, and during the first three months of its existence 74 members were initiated. During the quarter ending on the 31st March, 59 were initiated, making the whole number at the end of a little less than five months, 110.

The numerical increase of this Division, is not its only interesting peculiarity. Probably they are not outdone in their consistency, in the harmony and good will which characterizes their proceedings, in their conformity to the rules of the Order, and in the proportion of members who are