

a very interesting address on the subject of total abstinence, in Mr. S. Holdan's Gravel-pit, to a highly respectable audience, who listened with great attention. On Monday, according to announcement, the public tea meeting took place in the Town Hall, where not less than 210 sat down to partake of the "cup which cheers but not inebriates;" after which the meeting commenced by James Cadbury, Esq., of Banbury, taking the chair, who made some very sensible and timely remarks on the subject which had called them together. A letter from Rev. J. Irwin, of Steeple-Claydon, was read, in which the rev. gentleman stated his deep regret at not being able to take part in the meeting, and assuring them of his deep interest in the good cause. The chairman then called upon Mr. Thompson, who delivered one of the best lectures we ever had the pleasure of listening to. He particularly addressed himself to parents and young men. His appeal to parents was deeply affecting, and he gave a number of facts to show what pain and misery they had to endure, the many hearts of mothers that had been broken by the profligacy and drankencess of their children. Many a tear was seen running down the cheeks of the parents present, who seemed fully to feel the force of the lecturer's remarks. His address to young men was excellent, and I am thankful to say a great number were present, and listened with breathless attention, and at the close of the meeting showed by signing the pledge that the lecturer had not appealed to them in vain. Votes of thanks were then proposed and passed unanimously to the lecturer, to the worshipful mayor (who kindly granted the use of the hall for the occasion), and to the chairman. Not less than 400 persons were present, 68 of whom came forward at the close and signed the pledge. Our earnest desire is that they may be steadfast till death.

YORK.—Great Total Abstinence Demonstration.—On Wednesday evening, July 10th, 1849, the anniversary meeting of the York Total Abstinence Society took place in their hall in Good ramgate. About five o'clock between four and five hundred ladies and gentlemen sat down to the cheering but not inebriating cup. J. W. Harrison, Esq., mayor of Wakefield, was called to the chair, and delivered an excellent address on the custom of drinking, confining his remarks chiefly to the moderate drunkard. He considered this as the great source from whence all the evils of intemperance and crime arose. The meeting was afterwards addressed by B. Wilson, Esq., of Mirfield, on the necessity of total abstinence being seconded by religion; and by Mr. Dewsbury, jun., who delivered a very eloquent address on crime created directly through the effects of strong drink. He drew a very effective picture of the drunkard's career in crime, and miserable end. The meeting was then addressed at great length by the Rev. W. J. Shrewsbury, of Dewsbury. He impressed upon the minds of his hearers that the effect of their society was to totalize the world. His greatest joy would be to know that there was not a single place in any part of the world, or a single individual engaged in the sale and manufacture of intoxicating drink. He contended that no individual party or nation would be at all injured by the total disuse of these liquors. If he thought any nation would be ruined by their destruction, he would be the last to advocate the temperance movement. But he felt assured that when intoxicating drinks should be heard of no more, the people—the world—would be happier, and better in every sense. Mr. Ald. Beaumont, M.D., of Bradford, then followed in an eloquently argumentative address. He was sorry that medical testimony in the case was so very scanty. He chiefly confined himself to the consideration of the use of alcoholic drinks in a medical point of view. It was his opinion, from long-extended practice and his own experience as a totalizer, that those beverages were non-essential to the health of man, but that, on the contrary, they were injurious, to an incalculable extent, in a moral, mental, and physical point of view. He contended no philanthropist, moralist, or religiousist, could, consistently with their principles, use or advocate the use of them. He gave it as his opinion that the faculty ought to be instructed in the colleges on the evils of alcoholic drinks, because they would not in general accept instructions from any other source. He thought that if some individual would endow a chair in the universities either of London or Edinburgh, where, for £500, 120 lectures annually could be delivered, the result of such lectures would be to shake the practice of one-half the doctors in the kingdom. It was his opinion that seven-tenths of the present disease was caused by the use of intoxicating drinks. He also stated that the reason of the great mortality among infants was occasioned by the mothers indulging in the use of porter and

ale whilst giving suck. He appealed in powerful language to the press, to the moralist, religiousist, and philanthropist, to aid the work by their influence, and called upon all present to abstain.—There were some cases, he said, in which a stimulant might be necessary; but those were so few and far between, that they could not interfere with the cause of abstinence. The worthy alderman's remarks called forth repeated and prolonged applause. Thanks were afterwards given to the Chairman, to Ald. Beaumont, and the Rev. Mr. Shrewsbury, for their attendance and addresses, and also to the ladies for their services at the tea tables. The meeting separated about ten o'clock.

WEST INDIES.

BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOES.—A temperance meeting was held on Thursday, June 14, at Mr. Jones's house, Roebuck-street. Mr. Bovill, in a long and earnest address, set forth the scriptural claims of teetotalism.—Mr. Charles Fillan, of Dominica, dwelt on the cost of intemperance, in a national and individual point of view. Mr. C. B. Ellis maintained that intoxicating drinks were not only unnecessary but hurtful. Mr. J. Y. Edgill adverted to some of the objections urged against teetotalism, and pointed out their unreasonableness and futility. At the close of the meeting eleven names were added to the pledge. A temperance meeting was held at Mount Tabor, St. John's parish, on Monday evening. The large building was crowded with laborers from the surrounding estates. The Rev. Mr. Zippell, on taking the chair, referred to the blessings which temperance had been the means of procuring for the island generally, and especially for St. John's parish. He congratulated the laborers of the parish on the manner in which they had embraced the principle, and exhorted them to steadfast adherence to the pledge. Mr. Landergreen, the Rev. Mr. Titterton, the Rev. C. B. Ellis, Mr. Charles Fillan, of Dominica, and Mr. J. Y. Edgill severally addressed the meeting, at the close of which thirty-five names were added to the pledge.

BARBADOES.—The St. Thomas branch Total Abstinence Society, celebrated its anniversary on 4th June. The committee state that "they have been enabled to hold meetings in every part of the parish where they could obtain a place. At every meeting have some been found, who were convinced of the truth of the total abstinence principle, and who willingly came forward and expressed their conviction by signing the pledge; on some occasions not by one and two, but by tens and dozens, and an eagerness almost bordering on rapacity has been displayed for tracts, those silent messengers which often speak more powerfully than the most eloquent orator. Your committee only regret that in consequence of the want of funds, they often could not supply every application."

MADRAS.

The first quarterly meeting for the year, of the South India Temperance Union, was held on 27th April. The attendance was respectable, and much larger than usual. The Rev. Dr. Scudder took the chair, and delivered a lengthened address. The following is an extract from the report which was read by the secretary:—"In respect to members, 14 new names have been enrolled during the quarter, two have broken their pledges, and one has withdrawn, leaving a net increase of eleven, which added to the 292 reported at the last annual meeting makes a total of 303 members at present on the roll. To the juvenile pledge 21 new names have been obtained, making the total number of juvenile members 103.

In regard to publications, an edition of 3,000 Almanacs for the year was printed, of which 2,000 copies and upwards have been sold."

HAMBURGH.

The first whaler ever equipped at the free city of Hamburg, left port sometime in May last for the South Seas. This vessel called "Anceat," measured about 650 tons. All of the crew had entered into a formal engagement to abstain, during the entire voyage, from every species of spirituous liquors, on condition of receiving two rations a-day of coffee. A very small quantity of brandy and wine was taken on board, to be administered only as a medicine, in pursuance of express direction from the physician.

It seems that temperance is of paramount importance on board of whaling ships, for it is proved by reliable statistics, that nine-tenths of the disasters that have befallen Danish and Swedish whalers, have resulted from the use of spirituous liquors by their crews.—*Sheet Anchor*.