

tern hills the business of the day closed by the band playing the National Anthem, when all proceeded to their homes with the impression that the scene far exceeded their warmest anticipations. In a small town like this—and we must have a pride in publishing it—the Temperance Society has nearly five hundred Members, with fair prospects of increasing numbers,—the proceedings of Wednesday will have its influence with many who may not now belong, while it will be an extra inducement to those who have already taken the pledge to continue faithful followers of the cause.—*London (U. C.) Gazette, July 28.*

ALCOHOL'S DOINGS.

[The following are a few of the effects of the drinks which are frequently patronized by Clergymen and Magistrates, and which but for that patronage would soon be banished from respectable society.—Ed.]

CONSEQUENCES OF BREAKING THE PLEDGE.—A sheriff officer in Paisley disappeared on the 1st of January last, and no one knew what had become of him, till a few days ago, when his body was found in the river Cart, opposite Carlisle Quay. He was at one period much addicted to drink, but joined the total abstinence society two or three years ago, and the good effect of this step was soon visible in the increased comfort and respectability of himself and family. He fell some months afterwards, but was restored and doing well, when he was again tempted by some miscreant, broke his pledge, and rushed to destruction! It is probable he had lost his way, when going home at night drunk, and fallen into the river, as his gloves were on his hands, and his watch, papers, and some money were in his pockets. He perished miserably in the watery flood, when there was none to hear his dying shriek—none to save him from an awful death! A widow and five children lament his untimely end. Tee-totalers, young and old, “be vigilant”—“when sinners entice you, consent not”—“enter not into temptation,” and beware of breaking your pledge.—*Scottish Temperance Journal.*

MORE DEATHS BY DRINKING.—Since the commencement of the present year, no fewer than three tradesmen belonging to Kirkintilloch, have at different times lost their lives in consequence of drinking, all of them having been drowned in the waters near the village when drunk, and what shows how very little effect such fearful warnings have on persons addicted to the use of the poisoned bowl, the wife of one of them met her death last summer while in the same state, but in a more horrible manner. She was left sitting at the fireside intoxicated, with a bottle at her side, by the family when they went to bed; but their slumbers were short, for the drunken woman's clothes having caught fire, they were speedily awakened by her alarming screams, when they found her roasting amid a pillar of flame, and quite incapable of helping herself. She was so dreadfully burned that she lived but a short time after the flames were extinguished, in great agony, and breathing forth the most horrid imprecations! Oh, in what an awful condition did she rush to the bar of her offended Maker! When will human victims cease to be offered body and soul to the British Juggernaut? Intemperate drinkers! these warnings are for you! By indulging moderately in stimulating drinks, these four individuals acquired those habits which brought them to a melancholy and untimely end. Be ye wise in time, and “abstain from the very appearance of evil.”—*Ibid.*

GIN-DRINKING.—During many years' experience in visiting the poor, says Mr. Poynder, under-sheriff of London, I have been led to refer the largest portion of their poverty and misery to the operations of spirituous liquors. I will illustrate my views under the following heads: 1. The obduracy and hardness of heart which the habit induces. 2. The distaste for labour, and the waste of time which it produces. 3. The infatuating character of the habit, and difficulty of abandoning it. 4. The neglect of and contempt for religion and religious institutions of the country which are produced by it. 5. The injury to health and life which are consequent upon it.—*English Paper.*

The sum annually raised for the relief of the poor, in England alone, amounts to between seven and eight million pounds sterling.

Of this vast sum, it is probable that two-thirds are spent on persons who are brought to the necessity of seeking parochial relief through drinking. In other words, SIX MILLIONS of poor rates are levied in one year for the support of the victims of strong drink.—*British and Foreign Temperance Magazine.*

SAD SUICIDE.—John Bullard, a citizen of Hartford, on the night of Tuesday, the 22d instant, in a fit of derangement, leaped from the roof of his house and was immediately killed. It appears that he had been very intemperate, but three days before his death had joined the Washington Temperance Society, and had stopped drinking. On Tuesday he was tempted by one of his associates to break his pledge, and drank so much as to throw him into a fit of *delirium tremens*. He had two attendants during the night who fell asleep, when he got from the window upon the roof, and leaped to the ground, striking upon his face. Is not the man who enticed him to drink morally guilty of his blood?—*Organ.*

TERRIBLE MISERY.—One of the police officers in Philadelphia, on Thursday, visited a house in that city for the purpose of arresting a man named Kelley. On entering his house he beheld a most sickening sight. It appears that three of Kelley's children had for some time been afflicted with the small pox, one of whom had just died, and the other two, still in the most loathsome and deplorable condition, were lying upon rags on the floor. To add still more to the heart-rending spectacle, the mother of the children lay on the floor intoxicated, and unable to afford them any assistance. Kelley, the father, is a worthless creature, and had deserted them.—*Ibid.*

PHILADELPHIA, July 8.—A very horrible affair was discovered this morning. A person fishing in the Schuylkill at Arch street wharf, caught his hook in the dress of a female, and with assistance succeeded in drawing it to the shore, when it was ascertained that she was securely tied by the wrist to the arm of a man by a silk handkerchief! They are both young, the girl apparently not over 19, and the man 25. The dreadful act it is supposed was committed last evening, and was probably produced by a cross of love. They are as yet unknown, but their dress and appearance indicate that they have moved in respectable society. What renders it more conclusive that it is a case of self-destruction is, that each of them had in their pockets a pistol loaded and capped.—*Journal of Commerce* [It has since been discovered that the girl was of dissolute habits, and the man addicted to gambling and drunkenness. They had been warned to leave the house where they were living, and it is supposed took this method of putting an end to reflection.]

Spencer Dunbar, at Rochester, on the 8th July fell into the canal, and was drowned “dead drunk.”

John Humphrey, a native of Ireland, aged 42, died last Wednesday; he had been very intemperate for 16 years, he had become more so of late, and had scarcely been sober since the first of May. His earnings were expended chiefly in drink, and on Tuesday he purchased some common brandy, staid at home all day, drank it and laid down on the floor at 9 o'clock at night in a state of intoxication, and went to sleep. When his wife, a steady and industrious woman, retired to bed, she spoke to him, but he did not answer. During the night she heard him vomiting, and supposed that he would be better afterwards. In the morning, when she arose and attempted to awaken him, she discovered that he was dead, having fallen a victim to his own destructive habits.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

The Coroner held an inquest on Thursday last at his office, in the Halls of Justice, on the body of William Arents, a native of this city, aged forty-four years. The deceased was greatly addicted to intemperance; so much so, that his wife and family, a considerable time since, were compelled to separate themselves from him, owing to his being in almost a continued state of intoxication. On Wednesday evening he went into a cooper's shop at 86 Hester-street, and laid down in some shavings, where he continued all night, and was found there dead, yesterday morning. Verdict—Died of intemperance.—*American Paper.*

Peter Kane, a drunkard, of the 9th Avenue of this city, stabbed Mrs. Riley, a respectable woman living in the same house, on the 17th inst. in a drunken fit. She died instantly, and the murderer is in custody.