

"In the West Indies, by way of which I returned from Africa, the cause of Temperance seems progressing. Most of the Missionaries are Teetotalers; and those who are not, do not, generally, oppose in words. Still, much remains to be done there; for the sin of drunkenness, with many of the people, has an overwhelming power."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

THE CAUSE PROGRESSING.—The United Total Abstinence Society held its regular fortnightly meeting on Wednesday evening last, when Mr. B. S. Hodgson read a very interesting and well-written lecture. After the lecture several gentlemen addressed the meeting, all in an appropriate and pleasing manner. We cannot omit to notice the address of the Rev. S. T. Sand, who having lately visited Nova-Scotia, gave the meeting a most gratifying report of the onward progress of the cause of Temperance, and the almost universal adoption of Temperance principles in that Province. The rev. gentleman suggested to the ladies the propriety of forming themselves into a "Ladies' Temperance Society;" he stated that in the town of Liverpool, N.S., the ladies had formed themselves into a Society, and were the means of accomplishing much good, and he hoped that the ladies of Charlottetown, seeing, as they must, the great necessity for a similar Society in this community, would immediately commence its formation, and thus aid in accomplishing that great, patriotic, benevolent work, for which so many thousands are now indefatigably labouring. We hope they will. In Halifax, and in short, in nearly all the towns in Nova-Scotia and New Brunswick, Ladies' Temperance Societies have been established, and are in active operation; in St. John, a sisterhood of the Daughters of Temperance, has been formed, and is successful beyond the most sanguine expectations.

The books of the U. T. A. Society now present a list of nearly 500 members; and the Society have only heard of one or two instances of the violation of the pledge. The march of Temperance is "onward and upward," and rapidly is it achieving that glorious victory which will end in the total extermination of the demon foe—*Intemperance*.

Miscellaneous.

BLESSING A STEAMBOAT.—A new ceremony took place in our port on Saturday last. The steamboat "Jacques Cartier," which was about to leave for her first regular voyage, was blessed by the hands of his Grace, the (R. C.) Bishop of Montreal, at ten o'clock. A numerous crowd was present at this solemnity. The proprietors have conformed with the wishes of his Grace, and of every friend of Temperance, by determining to have no bar for the sale of drink on board the "Jacques Cartier."—*Translated from the Montreal Minerve.*

RECENT IMPORTATIONS.—Large quantities of brandy and gin have recently been imported into Boston by her rich merchants, to degrade the race and fill prisons.

LADIES FOR WINE.—The Boston Mechanic Association have determined at their triennial festival the coming fall, to substitute ladies for wine.

The temperance cause has no hold of New York compared with what it had in the palmy days of Washingtonianism. Licensed houses are increasing, temperance houses are going down, and hotel bars which have been kept in the rear, are once more brought forward into public view. Something must be done, or we shall become another Sodom. We do earnestly invoke the aid of all our ministers and churches and men of influence, to stay this desolating tide before it shall again sweep over us. We ask that something may be done to reach our young men and the children swarming by thousands in all our streets and alleys. A wide diffusion of striking and popular tracts is wanted. Sunday and day school instruction must be pointed on this subject, and a systematic series of public meetings must be instituted, such as will attract and convince and convert the multitude to our principles. But it is easier to preach than to practise. We say, however, to all, "let us play the man for ourselves, and for the cities of our God."

TEETOTAL FLAG.—We are rejoiced to learn that all the captains—packet and steamboat—sailing between New York and Say Harbour, have determined not to carry intoxicating liquors in their vessels. This is the more gratifying in view of the fact that they have been influenced by a sense of duty and principle.

HANOVER.—A temperance movement has taken place in this city to such an extent that the revenue, on intoxicating drinks, which in 1839 yielded 554,158 dollars; fell in 1847, to 392,080 dollars.—*Leeds Mercury.*

AWFUL FACT.—In a report lately read at a meeting of the total abstinence Society, in the independent Sabbath-school, Pilkington, near Manchester, it was stated that one of the committee, anxious to know how far intemperance had already gone in the school, selected eight scripture classes containing eighty-one boys, when he found that *every third boy had been drunk.*—*Sabbath School Magazine.*

A GOOD EXCHANGE.—I shall never forget, says the Bishop of Norwich, visiting the cottage of a man who had been all his life a drunkard, and which was the abode of misery and wretchedness. He became a teetotaler, and in six months afterwards I found his abode the scene of comfort and domestic happiness. This man, with tears in his eyes, placing his hand on a quarto family bible, said, "This is the first thing I purchased with the money saved by giving up drunkenness; it was an alien to my house before, but it has been my daily comfort and companion ever since."

A PREVALENT HABIT.—Drinking usages prevail from the splendid residence of royalty, down to the abode of unmitigated misery; King and beggar, and beggar and King are all alike wedded to their absurdities.

INSANITY CAUSED BY OPIUM EATING.—Amongst the lower class of women who apply for entrance at the expected period of accouchement into parochial infirmaries, a large portion of them are addicted to the daily use of ardent spirits; and, from some inquiries which I have