

happy, and rejoice in his restoration to a home, which his reform has made the happiest on earth.

It must not be forgot, that men are still being made insane through the same cause that made the above individual an inmate of the lunatic asylum. Let it be remembered, also, that the same influences which saved him are yet at work, and possess the same saving power which they ever did.—*New England Washingtonian*.

TEMPERANCE ABROAD.

The *New York Herald* is indebted to Charles H. Delavan, Esq., for the following interesting statistics on intemperance :

There are at present in England, Ireland, and Scotland, eight hundred and fifty temperance societies, with one million six hundred and forty thousand members. In the Canadas, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, there are nine hundred and fifty temperance societies, with three hundred and seventy thousand members. In South America there are seventeen thousand persons who have signed the temperance pledge. In Germany there are fifteen hundred temperance societies, with one million three hundred thousand members. In the Sandwich Islands there are five hundred thousand members who have signed the pledge of total abstinence. At the Cape of Good Hope there are nine hundred pledged members. It is ascertained that upwards of seven thousand persons annually perish in Great Britain through accidents while drunk ; and the loss to the working classes alone through drinking, appears to be annually, five hundred and fifty millions of dollars. The enormous sum of four hundred and ninety millions of dollars was expended in Great Britain last year for intoxicating beverages, and five hundred and twenty millions of gallons of malt liquor were brewed last year in Great Britain. In the United States there are three thousand seven hundred and ten temperance societies, with two million six hundred and fifteen thousand members, which includes the Rechabites, &c. &c. In Russia all temperance societies are strictly forbidden by the emperor. In Prussia, Austria, and Italy, there are no temperance societies. In France, the temperance cause, although yet in its infancy, is greatly on the increase. The first temperance society in the world, so far as the discovery is known, was formed in Germany, on Christmas day, in the year 1600.—*Id.*

WHAT THE MERCHANTS THINK.

Not long since, we were travelling in the stage from Ypsilanti to this village, and fell in company with a couple of New York merchants. In the course of a conversation which ensued, one of them related the following circumstance :—

A few years ago, a gentleman from this State came to our house in the city, and brought with him letters of credit, signed by some of the most influential men in the city of D—. Without any serious apprehension, we put up goods for him to the amount of several thousand dollars. He also went to a house in Pearl

Street, where he made another heavy bill. Still we felt no very special alarm. We thought of the gentlemen who had recommended him, and our minds were quieted.

It happened, however, that one evening as I was passing up Broadway, on looking into the bar-room of a fashionable hotel, I saw, to my surprise, the merchant drinking in company with several others ; and, if not intoxicated—at least, in a state of high excitement.

I was only just in time to save myself ; and went back immediately to countermand the order for the shipment of the goods. I also went to inform the Pearl Street House of their danger ; but was too late, they had shipped theirs, and the vessel had already cleared. On our refusal to let him have the goods, he put on an air of wounded dignity—attempted something like an apology for the situation in which I had seen him—it was purely accidental—had just fallen in with some old friends from Michigan—was not in the habit of drinking, &c.

From our city he went to Boston, where he obtained another large credit on the strength of the same letters. I was not surprised, when I heard a few months afterwards, that his creditors had found it necessary to bring his business to an abrupt close, though not until after they had lost a considerable portion of their property.

"But sir," I remarked, "did I understand you aright—was it because you saw him drinking that you refused him credit—was that the reason that you considered it unsafe to trust him?"

"Certainly, sir, that was the very thing. We always consider it a sufficient reason for refusing credit to any man, when we see him indulging in such habits."

Young gentlemen, do you hear that ? It is the wise maxim of one of the principal merchants in New York city ; a son of ex-governor B—. There is a moral in it, that may be worth thousands of dollars to you hereafter ; and, what is of infinitely more value—your reputation as business men. "Avoid the fashionable bar-room, the decanter and the wine-glass, as you would avoid the plague or pestilence. Frown indignantly on the very first attempt that any of your boon companions may make to entice you to your ruin. It may be that eyes are looking upon you, that you dream not of."—*Michigan Pledge of Honour*.

Progress of the Cause.

ENGLAND.

LEEDS.—The annual meeting of the Leeds temperance society was held in the Music Hall, on Tuesday evening, 22d August ; the Rev. J. Tunnicliff in the chair. Mr. Wilson, the secretary, read the report, which stated that during the year, five aggregate meetings had been held, besides the Christmas Festival, and the Whiteantide Gala,—upwards of 40,000 tracts and other publications had been circulated—a deputation had waited upon all the ministers of the town—the band of hope, or juvenile temperance society had been formed, and numbered 2,030 members, all under fourteen years of age—and