

of his remarks he particularly addressed himself to the Ladies, presenting to their attention the great influence they could bring to bear on the Community, in favour of Total Abstinence, in the relative position of mothers, wives, daughters and sisters, and exhorted them to join in the movement, and lend their assistance in promoting its interest both by counsel and example. Mr Q.'s address was exceedingly well received.

P. G. W. P. Wm. M. Brown was the next speaker; he alluded to his own experience in the cause—expressed his pleasure at seeing so large a company, and referred to the progress of the cause in the City at the present.

The next speaker was Mr John A. Bell, Grand Treasurer; he spoke of the flourishing condition of the Chebucto Division, of which he is a member; alluded to the progress of the other Divisions, and the pleasing advance of the cause during the past month in the City, and encouraged them to still persevere in their good work of reclaiming the drunkard. He also referred to the influence of woman in the promotion of every good work, and hoped that the ladies present would lend their assistance in advancing the cause of Temperance, particularly among the youthful portion of the community.

D. G. W. P. J. Shean spoke next; he also referred to the advance of the Temperance movement in Halifax; expressed his gratification at being present on the occasion, and meeting so large a company on such a stormy evening, urged the members of the Order to increase their exertions in prosecuting the work they had taken in hand.

P. G. W. P. John S. Thomson next addressed the company; he reviewed the remark of the preceding speakers, in a very humorous, witty and pleasing manner, he was peculiarly happy in his remarks, and excited much laughter, from the manner in which he handled some of the speakers. Mr T. concluded by urging all present to united action in the furtherance of Temperance principles.

Mr Robert Motton, Junr., also addressed the meeting, he made a capital speech, glanced at the History and progress of the Temperance Reform—spoke of the evils of Intemperance—the blessings of Total Abstinence—urged the claims of the Order on the attention of all present, particularly the young men, who, he said, would derive many advantages by connecting themselves with the Divisions, he also, in concluding his address, paid a graceful tribute to the memory of the late Father Matthew, and wished every success to the members of Chebucto Division.

Several good songs were sung during the evening by Mr R. Baker and others—a duett—"The Leap for Life"—by the brothers Legg, was excellent. Altogether the Soiree was one of the most pleasant re-unions of the season. The company separated after singing the national anthem, about a quarter before eleven o'clock, apparently much pleased with the evenings entertainment.

A vote of thanks to the committee of arrangements, was moved by the Grand Scribe, who made a few brief remarks; it is needless to say that it passed unanimously; Mr A. Robinson, Chairman, replied on behalf of the Committee.

Sunday, 1st of February, was an auspicious day for the cause of Total Abstinence in Halifax. At the forenoon service in St Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral, on that day, the Rev Dr Hannan announced to the congregation that the Total Abstinence Pledge

would be administered in the afternoon to such as would feel disposed to take it, he presented the many evils arising from intemperate habits, and made allusion to the many painful cases of premature death caused by drunkenness. In the afternoon, after the chanting of Vespers, the Rev Mr Higginbotham, recently from St Louis, Missouri, addressed the people in eloquent and forcible terms; counselled them to adopt a life of sobriety, and urged all—the moderate drinker as well as the drunkard—to take the Pledge; his appeal proved successful, as over FIVE HUNDRED PERSONS TOOK THE PLEDGE. From him immediately after his discourse. We were pleased to see many females, a good sprinkling of the young, and a number of the military, go forward on this occasion and record their names. This season has indeed been rife with revivals of the cause. Hurrah for the Temperance Reform! Hurrah!!!

It is gratifying to us to learn, that a society will be immediately organised among the Roman Catholics in the City, to be denominated *The Total Abstinence Society of the City of Halifax*. This effort, from present appearances, is likely to prove as successful as the movement commenced by the Catholic body on the 21th of January, 1811—sixteen years ago. It is also the intention to establish a Benefit Society in connection with the present movement, which in its working will be similar to the organization of the Sons of Temperance, the ceremonies excepted.

We have been informed that the Rev Mr Higginbotham has undertaken this good work by the express desire and with the approbation of the Archbishop of Halifax. The Rev gentleman is about 35 or 36 years of age, a native of Dublin, Ireland, was educated at Clonmel; and soon after his ordination was placed in charge of the Church at St Louis, Missouri, where he has laboured for some years, and during his ministry in that city administered the Pledge to over 3000 persons, his efforts in the cause of Temperance have proved eminently successful. He was an intimate friend of the late Father Mathew. Mr H. arrived in Halifax on the 16th ult., and has lost no time in setting about the commencement of his good work, he is an eloquent, fluent, and pleasing speaker, and well calculated to win converts to the ranks of the "Teetotalers." He is a strict Teetotaler, never having tasted any kind of spirituous or malt liquors during his life. He will likely prove himself the Father Mathew of Halifax.

The Mayflower Division held a Soiree in the Division room on Wednesday evening, 4th February. We were not present, but learn that it was a very pleasant, agreeable affair—that nearly two hundred were present—and that excellent speeches were made by Messrs Motton, Shean, and others. After the Soiree a large majority of the company retired to the large room up stairs, where they enjoyed themselves "right merrily" for a couple of hours.

A monthly meeting of the "Granville-street Temperance Society" was held on Thursday evening, 5th instant, when a very interesting address on "The Progress of the Temperance Reform," was delivered by Mr C. C. Vanx. We learn that this society is progressing very favorably; about twenty persons took the pledge on that evening.

On Sunday afternoon, 5th instant, Rev. Mr Higginbotham again administered the Pledge in St. Mary's Cathedral; he made an urgent

appeal to all present, and addressed himself particularly to the military, a large number of whom went forward and took the Pledge. About Four hundred and fifty persons enrolled their names.

The Soiree and Assembly of the Mic Mac Division on Monday evening, the 9th instant, came off with great eclat. Good speeches were delivered by Messrs Shean, Motton, and others; several recitations and songs were also given during the evening. Nearly two hundred persons participated in the festivities, and did not separate till after midnight. It was a very agreeable and pleasant re-union.

During the month several of the Divisions voted handsome sums of money from their funds to some of the brethren who met with losses at the fire on 1st. January.

As the time for holding the Quarterly Session of the G. D. approached, the Divisions, feeling that they were meeting with such great success at home, determined to send a little of their missionary spirit abroad, and four of them elected two Representatives each, and another three, seven of those elected, with the Grand Scribe, attended the meeting at Rawdon, the other was prevented from attending by unavoidable circumstances. The Delegates from the city must have had a good and pleasant time with the residents of Rawdon—notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, and the bad state of the roads—if we are to judge from the report they made to the Divisions on their return. We would refer the reader to an account of the proceedings at Rawdon in another column.

WHAT I SAW; OR, DOINGS OF THE TRAFFIC.

Jan. 2.—Two men and a boy drunk.

10.—A boy (same lad that was seen on 26th. Decr.) so drunk that he was carried home by four others.

11.—A young man 23 years of age very drunk in Hollis Street.

12.—Five men drunk near the Ordnance, between 6 and 7 o'clock P. M., singing and making a great noise; two of them were very drunk, they appeared to be sailors.

13.—A poor coloured boy, about 15 years of age, falling on the street several times; he was very drunk.

15.—A man on coming out of the Province Building, fell on the ice and hurt himself severely, he was very drunk at the time.

16.—A man of family—a shoemaker, going through the streets making a great noise; he is quiet and inoffensive when sober; will refrain from drink for eight or nine months together, and then will go on a "drunker spree" for four or five weeks, when his mind is generally deranged during that time from the effects of bad rum. He interrupted a clergyman to-day when performing the funeral ceremony at Camp Hill Cemetery; he is about 50 years of age.

17.—When in a grocery this forenoon, a little girl of about 11 years, called for half-a-pint of spirits for which she paid twopence, and one penny worth of wood, receiving four small sticks.

18.—Sunday—a very cold night; an Artillery man and a civilian fighting about 10 o'clock P. M.; both very drunk; no watchman in sight.

20.—A woman went into a shop, called for a gill of rum, paid twopence for it, and swallowed the whole at a draught. A man tumbling through the streets very drunk.