

porters and wine drinkers, which prevented the passing of the Act.

Yours truly,
A Son.

Doings of the Traffic.

WHAT I SAW.

May 10th. A young woman staggering drunk; she wanted to get into a Tavern, but the proprietor and his wife kept her out. We were told that he is a married woman, and has two children: that her husband is away from her, and that she is given to very intemperate habits.

11th. 2 P.M.—A woman sitting on a door step in Barrack Street; she was very drunk, cursing terribly, and daring her landlord to send her to the work-house; he went for a Policeman.

12th. 5 P.M.—Two men coming out of a place where liquors are sold, quite intoxicated; one of them is a master Mechanic, and very much given to intemperance. 6 P.M.—a shipwright staggering drunk near the Ordnance; he was on his way home from work.

13th. A soldier drunk in Brunswick street, also, a civilian very drunk in Sackville street; he is a confirmed drunkard; will work for a glass of rum.

14th. 6½ P. M.—A young man, about twenty three years of age, very drunk; he is a brother of the woman seen on the 10th.

15th. A soldier drunk.

16th. 7 P. M.—A man very drunk. For a number of years this person was a great drunkard, and constantly carried the bottle in his pocket. When the Order of the Sons was introduced into the city, he was persuaded to join one of the Divisions, of which he remained a member for five or six years, during which time he adhered strictly to the pledge, commenced business on his own account in a building which he erected for that purpose; he has done and is still doing a good business; he violated his pledge about two or three years ago, and was expelled from the Order, and for the last eighteen months or more might be called a common drunkard. If he should continue in his "evil way" his business will soon fail him. Later in the evening two soldiers and a civilian together very drunk.

18th. 12 M.—Two men arm in arm, drunk; one about fifty, the other thirty or thirty-five. The younger of the two was a member of the Order about seven years ago; we listened to him on one occasion with much pleasure addressing a crowded audience in the large room of Temperance Hall; he presided at the meeting referred to, and all present were highly pleased with the manner in which he performing the duties devolving on him that evening. He possesses good talents. He violated the pledge and it became necessary to expel him. About two years ago he re-joined the same Division, but we regret to say he kept his pledge only a few months, has since been expelled, and is now a common drunkard, seldom doing any work. We believe he is married; God help his poor wife! While a member of the Order he was remarkable for the neatness and cleanliness of his personal attire; how sad the contrast!—now he is filthy, and sometimes his appearance is disgusting to behold. The elder of the two is a hard drinker, very often drunk; he is a master mechanic, and a good workmen; we

believe he now pays but little attention to his business. He has only himself to provide for. Connected with him in business is a young man, of a respectable family, who was married about five years ago to a very respectable and amiable young woman; we were pained to hear a few weeks since that he has become a "hard drinker"—that he got in debt—and that now *his wife has to work in order to support herself and two young children.* We saw him several times during the last three weeks, and his appearance is that of one who does "drink hard," and becoming "reduced" looking in circumstances. He was a member of the Order about nine years ago, but withdrew from it. It would be well for his wife, and better for himself, had he remained a Son of Temperance; were we personally acquainted with him, we would induce him to "try again" the blessings of *total abstinence.*

3 P. M.—A young man very drunk; he took off his coat, and was looking for some one to fight with.

6 P. M.—A young man in George street so drunk that he could hardly walk; he was about eighteen years of age.

19th. 1 P. M.—A young man lying on his back in George street; saw him half an hour afterwards staggering drunk, he appeared to be a stranger, and apparently about twenty-three years of age.

6 P. M.—Three men very drunk—two of them were going to fight, but the third prevented them; quite a crowd of youths were gathered around them.

7 P. M.—The master mechanic seen on the 12th, and the man seen at 7 P.M. on the 16th going into a tavern, together, most likely for a social dram. The latter was very drunk, and the other about "three-quarters gone."

20th.—6 P. M.—The man seen on 16th very drunk. We saw him in that state five times during the week. Later in the evening a soldier drunk

21st. 6 P. M.—The younger of the two men seen at 12 M. on 18th; he was very drunk; he turned aside as if he did not wish to meet us.

25. 6 A.M.—A drunken man turned out of a tavern by the proprietor; he called after us, but as we "kept on our way" and did not mind him, he began to abuse and call us some hard names, for "our unsociability," we presume.

1 P. M.—A young man—a sailor—apparently under twenty years of age very drunk, he wanted to fight with some of those around him.

26th. 5½ P. M.—A young man—a sailor—very drunk in Buckingham street; he fell and cut his face; a comrade was wiping off the blood; which flowed profusely from the wound.

7 P. M.—A man very drunk, he had great difficulty in "getting along."

29th.—11 A. M.—A white man and a coloured man arguing; their "high words" nearly resulted in a fight; they were both "tipsy."

7 P. M.—A young man about eighteen or nineteen years of age, sitting on the step of a grocery; he was very drunk and appeared to be quite helpless.

June 1. 6 P. M.—A mechanic very drunk; all that he earns is spent for drink; he gives none of his earnings to his wife, who manages to support herself and a large family. He is a very bad man as regards morals when in liquor.

2. 6 P. M.—In Brunswick street, a young man, apparently from the country, leaning

against the door-jamb where liquors are sold; he was very drunk.

3. 8½ A. M.—A man about thirty years of age staggering drunk through the streets; appeared to be a stranger.

3 P. M.—A man about forty years of age staggering drunk. He came to the city for supplies, and did not forget the rum.

5. A young man who is so much given to intemperance, so drunk that he was brought home on a truck, upon which he was stretched in full length. Poor fellow! there's no hope of his reformation. The truck was owned by a Brewer.

Intelligence.

ENGLAND.

MARK THIS!—The village of Armin, pleasantly situated by the river Aire, is in the midst of a rich agricultural district, the property of the Earl of Beverley. The adult population is about 250, and consists of a few families of respectability (occupying farms under his lordship), of farm labourers, and of village artisans. Sixty years ago it was not distinguished in cultivation of manner or religious knowledge from the neglected rural districts of England; if notorious for anything it was for ignorance and wickedness. There were four or five public-houses in the place, and but one religious service on the Sunday at the village church attended by a few careless listeners. For a number of years it has now been remarkable for order and decorum. Only one inn is permitted, kept by a creditable family, by whom the sign is taken down at the annual feast. Drunkenness and rioting have been long unknown; consequently, abject poverty is unknown also.—*Wes. Meth. Mag., Jan. 1857, p. 1.*

SCOTLAND.

EDINBURGH LICENSING COURT.—The annual meeting of the licensing court for the city of Edinburgh was held on Tuesday in the High Court of Justiciary. The Lord Provost said—Before commencing the business of the court, I have to state, on the part of the magistrates, that we have resolved to discourage as much as in our power the existence of back-doors in every house which is licensed. The police have found great difficulty in cases of this kind in taking criminals. When there are either one or two or three back-doors to a house, the escape of a criminal is necessarily facilitated, and he makes his escape more easily. For that reason, parties will understand who are now applying for licenses, that where there is a back-door, that will invariably be an objection to the granting of the license; and I hope, therefore, the means will be taken by the parties to anticipate that it will be necessary that all back-doors be closed. We do not intend to lay this down as an inflexible rule because there may sometimes be exceptions; but, as a general rule, we have resolved to enforce it. It has been suggested to me by a brother-magistrate that back-doors cannot be necessary or requisite for carrying on the legitimate business of a public-house; and, therefore, in laying down this as a general rule, we are not doing anything which can by possibility be injurious to any party who has a license in carrying on his legitimate trade, it will not be enforced; but it does not appear to us that in any case the adoption of such a rule will lead to any