

a physician, he was enabled to do with good effect. Mr. Keeling, a chemist, then proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, stating at the same time the very strong attachment a few months of total abstinence and candid consideration had given him for the cause so ably advocated. The Rev. Thos. Lee seconded the proposition, which, on being put to the meeting, was carried by acclamation. So ended our lectures, but the sober scientific truths then advanced, are still the subject of much conversation, and I am happy to say, that from that time to the present, we have heard of many who have forsaken the intoxicating cup. That God will bless these efforts and all similar ones, to drive our common enemy into the ocean of disuse, is our constant prayer.—THOMAS CAVE.

### IRELAND.

CARLOW.—In the latter part of July, the band of the Dublin Total Abstinence Society dined in Carlow, and were accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Spratt, and James Haughton, Esq., of Dublin, who held an open air meeting on the steps, and in the vestibule of the Court House. Dr. Spratt first addressed them, and pointed out in eloquent terms the multitudinous evils resulting from the use of strong drink as a beverage, and the many and great blessings that had flowed from the practice of teetotalism. The Rev. gentleman, for upwards of an hour, urged upon his hearers the beauty and value of the principles he was there to advocate, and he called upon all present to become members of a society that was diffusing its rich blessings amongst all who adopted its principles. About 130 persons responded to this eloquent appeal and took the pledge.

Mr. Haughton next addressed the numerous audience, and was attentively listened to for nearly an hour; he throws his whole heart into the temperance question, and gains a ready access to the hearts of his hearers, on whom it was evident that a deep and most favourable impression had been made. His long array of facts and arguments carried conviction home to the minds of all present, when the speaker powerfully appealed to them on the folly of continuing practices so subversive of the happiness and true interests of mankind. An excellent dinner was served up at five o'clock, after which Dr. Spratt and Mr. Haughton again impressively addressed the assembled multitude.

BELFAST TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION.—We have just been favoured with the tenth annual report of this society, from which we learn that, during the past year, weekly meetings have been held, lectures have been delivered by several talented and well-known friends of the cause, a local agent has been employed, who has paid 4000 visits to families, 10,000 tracts and periodicals have been circulated, about £40 have been expended in promoting the objects of the association; and 300 members have been added to the society, 25 of whom were formerly abandoned to gross intemperance. In addition to these operations, much exertion has been put forth, and much good has been accomplished by Father Spratt and his adherents. From an appendix to the report, we learn that there are nearly 800 licensed spirit-shops in Belfast and suburbs, which gives about

one public-house to every-two families. This opens a wide field of usefulness to the temperance reformer which, we trust, will be faithfully occupied by our friends in Belfast.—*Scottish Temperance Review*.

### UNITED STATES.

HARTFORD.—On Thursday afternoon, some six or seven hundred children, composing the Cold Water Army, under the direction of their accomplished Leader, Mr. T. Williams—assembled in the fourth congregational church to hear an address from Mr. Gough. The church was well filled, and we need hardly add, the audience were well entertained. The singing was performed by a juvenile choir, under the direction of Mr. Gordon, and it was admirable. Mr. Gough was very happy in his remarks, and held the attention of his young auditors for about three-fourths of an hour—when the meeting adjourned, and marched in procession to the State House yard, where it was reorganized, several temperance songs were sung, and eloquent addresses delivered by Mr. Bungay of Canada and Mr. Gough. A good impression was produced, and the friends of the cause felt that it had received a new impulse from this meeting. On Sunday evening Mr. Bungay addressed a crowded auditory in the City Hall. He is certainly an energetic speaker, and his oratory takes well with the masses. We think he will do great good in the cause to which he has devoted his talents, and we are glad to learn that he will soon favour our citizens with another address. He may be confident of a cordial reception. We think there are some indications of an awakening interest in our city upon the subject of temperance. It is time. There are now over seventy places in our midst in which alcoholic poison is sold as a beverage, with the usual results—pauperism, crime, misery, delirium tremens, and death. But a few days since one of the victims of these *groghells*, threw himself from the bridge into the river, terminating his life. Some ten minutes before, he had entered a rummery and begged to be trusted for a glass of liquor. It was furnished him—he drank—and soon terminated his life. *The rum-seller killed him*—and all who sanction the traffic, abet the crime.

### AFRICA.

Extract from a letter containing an order for the *Teetotal Times*, from the Rev. JOHN CLARKE, Missionary from Africa:—

"I am happy to bear testimony to the salutary effects of Temperance principles in Western Africa and in the West Indies. Since 1839 I have been connected with the Teetotal interest, and previous to that with the Temperance movements. Two Societies are still in operation in Africa; one in the island of Fernando Po, and the other at Bimbia, on the Continent. The good effect has been considerable, and many of the Africans are total abstainers, even from palm wine, which though simple as it comes from the tree, is, by keeping, rendered intoxicating and injurious. To avoid giving encouragement to the drinking of intoxicating palm wine, every sort of this beverage is refused by those who have joined this Society.