

these up? No; let me hear you, replied the brick-maker. Well said the missionary (counting), there are about a *hundred and fifty flats and one sharp* (the latter, referring to the one who was taking the hard earned money of the former.) The man was struck with the remark, and, after a pause, said, you are quite right, for flats they are; and immediately turned away with the missionary, and signed the pledge.

## Progress of the Cause.

### CANADA.

LONDON, C. W., July 15, 1847.—We propose to have an open air soiree on the first Tuesday of August—our usual monthly day—tickets only 7½d. each, to induce a large attendance, and the balance of expense to be defrayed by a subscription from the few more zealous friends; tea served exactly at 5, separate at 7, and speeches from 3 to 7. We make a temporary foot-bridge at the foot of King street, across the South Thames, and hold our meeting on a grassy raised flat, on the west bank of the river, under the shade of large reserved trees.—J. F.

PERCY, July 19.—A Temperance Pic-Nic took place at Percy, Newcastle District, on the 30th ult., when Mr. John Curtis' grove was again cheered by the enlivening prospect of a pleasant day's greeting, which, on such occasions, make its silken foliage appear more enchanting to the persons engaged. At an early hour the grove was crowded with a numerous assemblage of persons of all ranks. The band occupied the platform on one side, and on the other were the Rev. Messrs. Greenleaf, Webster, and Terwillagar, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. Mr. Aimes of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and Mr. Underhill of Colborne. Mr. H. Squiers, of Brighton, being selected chairman, the meeting opened with prayer; when Messrs. Webster, Underhill, and Terwillagar, addressed the audience with feelings truly becoming the cause. The Rev. G. Greenleaf next occupied the attention of the assemblage in his usual philanthropic manner. Here, all hearts being warm, repaired to enjoy the refreshments prepared. No one who had human feelings could refrain from being pleased to see young and old invited and replenished with the luxuries of the table. After a short interval, being amused with a few airs from the band, the meeting was resumed by an address from the Rev. Mr. Aimes, whose zeal and appropriate remarks and illustrations tended to vivify the mind to fresh energy, and elicited from all general satisfaction and thankfulness. He was followed by Mr. Dame, the leader of the band, who, in his peculiar and interesting manner of expression, excited the assemblage to a general applause. This gentleman closed the addresses for the day. The pledge was then circulated, when ninety-one added their names. Surely the thoughts of doing good are a sufficient reward, and this must inspire us with perseverance and love for our fellow-creatures, when we see the enlivening number of ninety-one add their names to the cause of temperance and of God. May God continue to inspire us with energy. Every person, being pleased with the transactions of the day, dispersed quietly. This society would tender their grateful acknowledgments to the members of the Brighton and Colborne Societies, and to the speakers who visited them on that occasion.—WM. SEYMORE CHRISTIE, Rec. Sec., Percy T. A. Society.

MONTREAL, July 29.—It was in prospect to celebrate the anniversary of the Independent Order of Rechabites by a water excursion, but owing to the prevailing disease it has been postponed.—W.

### ENGLAND.

#### BRISTOL TEMPERANCE FESTIVAL, IN THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS.

The holiday at Whitsuntide is but too frequently, in large towns, marked by much drunkenness and consequent disorder. The gentlemen at the head of the temperance cause in Bristol, feeling that the most effective way to prevent the injurious employment of a festival, is to afford the people the means of innocent gratification, have for the last five or six years, engaged on Whit Tuesday the beautiful Zoological Gardens, within a pleasant walk from our city, and opened them to the public at a very low admission fee, providing in the gardens ample means of refreshment and innocent amusement, and only prohibiting the use of any intoxicating liquors on the premises. The plan has answered admirably; every year the gardens have been more thronged; this year more than 18 000 have been admitted, and we have never heard of any disorderly conduct, or wilful damage to the plants or animals. The streets of Bristol are certainly more orderly than in former years, and the disgraceful exhibitions of inebriety are less often observed. This year, above a thousand young teetotallers with their teachers, arrived by the railroad from towns and villages in the vicinity, and joined the members of the Bristol Juvenile Society in Queen's Square, at an early hour. This spot, it may be remembered, was once the scene of dreadful riot and incendiarism; the large square was crowded now for a very different purpose, and it excited feelings of joy and thankfulness in those who watched the long procession winding through the streets to Clifton, that these boys and girls, the future men and women of our country, were engaging in a voluntary act of self-denial, and firm resistance of temptation, and that if they persevered to the end, they might save themselves and others from one of the most overwhelming evils of our country. The day was beautiful, the rather tardy spring had come forth in all its luxuriant loveliness, and from twelve o'clock till nine in the evening, the gardens were crowded with happy groups. Here were throngs visiting the various houses of the animals; there groups of children, and some even of "larger growth," were amusing themselves with swings, roundabouts, &c.; family parties might be seen quietly enjoying themselves under the trees, or by the cool reservoirs; while in another part, a large waggon, converted into a temporary platform, was occupied by celebrated temperance speakers, whose eloquence attracted large crowds around them. All quietly dispersed at nine o'clock, when the rising rocket gave the appointed signal. We believe that such seasons of innocent enjoyment, not unmingled with rational entertainment and words of wholesome counsel, have a higher good than the mere withdrawal from hurtful pleasures; they refresh and soften the heart, open it to the sweet influence of nature, and warm the social affections. We hope that temperance will lead the way to many such holidays from the racking care and sometimes dull monotony of daily life.—*Hobitt's Journal*.

### SCOTLAND.

KILMARNOCK.—The committee of the Total Abstinence Society in this town have printed an address to the people of Kilmarnock, entitled "Thoughts for the Thoughtful." From this we gather the following startling facts, which we hope will be the means of arousing the community here to a sense of the evil in which they have been indulging so long. There are in Kilmarnock, at the present moment, 150 public houses, which is 1 to every 22 families, or 1 to 133 individuals. In these houses are spent annually the sum of £20,000 for spirits alone, exclusive of ale and porter. This is £8 2s. to every family, or £1 7s. to every individual. Let us now see what has been spent for religious and educational purposes, including stipends to ministers, and salaries to teachers, and we find it amounts only to £5900. For poor assessments and a police establishment, the existence of which are evils mainly to be attributed to the love of strong drink, we pay £2180. The people of Kilmarnock complain, and have petitioned Parliament against being taxed for the erection of New Court Houses and Jail; but why not put away the necessity for Court Houses and Jail, by banishing from our locality that which fills our jails and penitentiaries, and creates the necessity of upholding a police force? We hope the people of Kilmarnock will look to this, and reward the individuals who have been in the trouble of showing them these facts, by responding unanimously to their address.—A. Z.—*People's Journal*.