

see now how it is, after you have got all my five pounds that I had in my pocket last Saturday night, it is come to this; "Aegha'n't have a bit of it;" but I thank you Mother G— for your secret, I will henceforth see what fools' pennies will do for me, and how they will make my house look." He went directly home, and found his poor wife seated on the hearth in a kind of stupor, and the children crying for bread. He burst into tears at the sight before him, begged of his wife to forgive him, and vowed, before his Maker, that he would be a better husband and a better father in future. He gave one of the children the only shilling he had in the world, to go and buy bread with; he repaired a few articles of old broken furniture on the Saturday, being ashamed to go to his work on the last day of the week, and remained at home all day on Sunday. On Monday morning, to the surprise of his master and all his shop-mates, he was at his work-bench before six o'clock; he kept Mother G—'s secret to himself, worked hard all the week, and on Saturday evening had thirty shillings to draw. He took his wages and went straight home, and poured all the thirty shillings into the lap of his wife; she looked up at him with the greatest astonishment, and seemed to say, without speaking, "have you come honestly by all this money." John washed and shaved himself, and then said to his wife, in a soft manner, "Come Mary, my lassie, get the tea ready, and put on your shawl and bonnet, and we will go to market as we used to do when we were first married." Mary made haste, and in a short time they were on their way together, to the market. John's first care was, to look round the shambles to buy the finest leg of mutton he could find; having done this to his own satisfaction, and after purchasing a few other necessary articles for the family, to serve them in the ensuing week, he turned himself homeward, saying, "Mary, I just want to call upon Mother G—, to pay off an old shot which I owe to her." Mary spoke not a word, but followed close after him; on arriving at the "Mechanic's Arms," John enquired for Mother G—, and finding her in the bar, said to her, "how much do I owe you, Mother?" "Ten shillings, John," said she; "well, here," says John, "wipe out the chalks, and take it." "And now I want you to look at what I have got in my basket, and to tell me what you think of my choice and skill in meat-buying." Mother G— looked at the leg of mutton, and praised his good judgment; John said to her, in the hearing of all the company in the house, "Well, Mother, I have bought this with fools' pennies; I intend to have it roasted for our dinner to-morrow, and if you come, you sha'n't have a bit of it." And away he went to his own house. He kept his vow; he worked hard, and being a first-rate hand at his trade, he earned plenty of money, and soon regained the respect of all that knew him. He redeemed all his family's clothes from the pawnbroker; bought his wife a couple of new gowns, and the children each a new frock and bonnet; he got his little cottage neatly furnished in a short time, joined the Temperance Society, became one of its ablest advocates, and would preach for hours together on old Mother G—'s grand secret, and nice leg of mutton. John now began to want to see his wife and children look like those of his neighbours; he took a pew in a chapel, and took all his family on a Sunday to hear the word of God. His reason was now approachable; "the Servant of the Lord cried aloud and compared not;" the word came home; it opened his understand-

ing; it pierced his conscience; it made him a new man. John D— is now foreman for his master, is loved, cherished, honored for his integrity and skill; a giant in the Temperance cause, a good citizen, and a good christian.

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THE VISITOR.

HALIFAX, N. S.

SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 12, 1842.

We have much pleasure in publishing a notice respecting the formation of a Choir connected with the Halifax Temperance Society. This is one step towards a full proficiency by the example of older communities. Choirs, and Bands and Orators, and Soirees, are the usual concomitants of a Temperance Society. Intellectual and innocent and beneficial Entertainment, should be the successor of the Back-nail orgies. Choir singing, when managed with a masterly design to bring out the harmony and melody of many voices—*the blending of notes and parts so as to form one delicious strain*, in which all shall help and none harshly predominate,—forms one of the most refined pleasures of which our senses are capable.

THE MONTHLY VISITOR.—The present Number forms the fourth of the Visitor. We intend to put up the Visitor's monthly parts, with wrappers, at 4d. each part, and to have them for sale, on the first Saturday of each month. There will be formed a small Temperance Magazine, containing a variety of matter, and at an extremely low price.

BENEFACTORS.—Interesting notices appear to-day, of Mr Buckingham, and others, who seem to have been inspired with the divine feeling of being benefactors of their race, of making the world better than they found it, and of earning that highest fame, of spending their lives in the improvement of their several spheres, and in laying the foundation of good which might go on spreading from generation to generation. We may all emulate such noble examples. It does not require great talents or great opportunities to be happy and the means of happiness. Each man has circles of his own, within which his influence is acknowledged, and he does much indeed for the general well being, who exercises the abilities which he has in endeavours to make his circle good and happy as opportunities permit.

On Thursday Evening several friends of the Temperance cause met in the old Baptist Chapel with the intention of forming a Temperance Choir.

Bearish Murdoch, Esq. took the chair, and Rev. Mr Knowlan assisted in the proceedings of the evening. The President in a short speech enumerated many advantages likely to arise from an association for the cultivation of beautiful art—and spoke also of the further impulses the Temperance cause might receive from the skilful performances of a well practised body at public Meetings. What upon it was unanimously

RESOLVED

"That a Musical Association be formed in connection with the Halifax Temperance Society.

That this Association be called "The Temperance Harmonic Association."