

But it appears there is an evil existing under their eyes, and, in a measure, maintained by their prescriptions, which has become formidable to the public morals. If they would take the matter into consideration, and satisfy their own minds when alcoholic preparations are really required, their prescriptions would undoubtedly be much more restricted than they now are in the employment of the tinctures. The facts so briefly stated above will probably be sufficient to convince them, that they might, with a very little sacrifice of convenience, employ substitutes more beneficial to the patient, and less objectionable on the ground of temperance; and they would have the satisfaction of believing, that they have removed from the reach of their patients an article which might, by slow and insidious steps, have ultimately led to their ruin.

Note.—Some of the Pharmacopœias direct that spirit should be added to infusions to prevent decomposition, when they are to be kept any length of time. This may be accomplished without alcohol, by placing the infusion, while hot, in a closely stopped bottle, and keeping it in a cool place.

Grand Teetotal Demonstration of all Nations.

The following is the substance of a circular which has been forwarded to us by the London Committee, and which will enable our readers to judge of the extensive preparations that are being made for the reception and entertainment of the Teetotallers. We need not urge upon our friends to make strenuous efforts to be present on the auspicious occasion; the programme will be a sufficient incentive to those who can command the leisure and the means; and of these we believe there will be many thousands, even among the industrial classes. To those who cannot manage to be absent from home more than a few days, we would suggest their arriving in London on Monday, the 14th of August.

1st. A Conference to be held in the Lecture Hall of the Literary and Scientific Institution, Aldersgate-street, for two days, namely, Thursday, July 31, and Friday, August 1. The terms of Admission will be a card of membership.

On Sunday, August 3. Extensive arrangements are making for sermons to be preached in numerous places of worship, on that day.

On Monday, August 4. A meeting will take place in Exeter-hall, at six o'clock in the evening, to give a hearty welcome to our teetotal brethren and sisters, who may visit the metropolis at that period.

On Tuesday Morning, August 5, it is intended to assemble in Hyde-park, near the entrance at Hyde-park Corner, Piccadilly, at nine o'clock, there to form a regular line up to the Crystal Palace.

On Wednesday Morning, August 6, a public breakfast meeting will be held in the London Tavern, Bishops-gate-street, when several eminent advocates, chiefly from America, are expected to address those present. Breakfast will be ready at half-past eight o'clock precisely. Tickets 2s. 6d. each.

The Surrey Zoological Gardens are engaged for the remainder of Wednesday; to be opened at one o'clock in the afternoon. Admission one shilling. In addition to the very numerous attractions provided by the managers of the gardens, the Welch Chorus and the Shapcott Saxs horn Band will be engaged by the Committee.

At the meeting to be held during the whole day for advocacy, it is intended to present two documents for approval and adoption; first, a loyal Address to Her Majesty Queen Victoria; and, secondly, a Memorial or Petition to the House of Commons, praying for inquiry as to the state of existing laws in reference to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, and other matters connected with the progress of the Temperance Movement.

On Friday, August 8, will be devoted to a Steamboat Excursion, and a Meeting at Gravesend.

In addition to these arrangements for the larger demonstrations, the Committee have advertised the principal Temperance-halls and rooms in the metropolis and suburbs, as places where meetings are regularly held on the evenings specified, and where the respective Committees will rejoice to receive the visits of strangers from the provinces, or from distant lands, who may favor them with their presence and advocacy. Or their names and addresses will be forwarded by this Committee, if entered upon their registry.

The Committee have incurred great responsibilities, both as to

personal effort and pecuniary liabilities; and considering these, together with the greatness of the occasion, they think they are not asking too much when they request you to second their efforts.

We are, Dear Brethren, on behalf of the Committee,

Yours very respectfully,

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T. C. PREBBLE,
E. GRIFFITHS,

} Hon. Sec.

—Bristol Temp. Herald.

Terrible Results of Drunkenness in a Wife.

We lately recorded the death of a married woman at Bath, under circumstances of the most painful description. Her husband in a moment of desperation inflicted injuries of so serious a nature, as to cause her speedy death. In the following case, taken from the *Sunderland Herald* of the 13th ult., the husband, unable to restrain the feelings of his mind, brought on by the drunkenness of his wife, was prompted at once to put an end to his existence. The following are the particulars of this heartrending, and, as will be seen in some respects, shockingly disgusting case.

SUICIDE.—On Monday, a glassman at the works of Messrs. Featherstonhaugh, named Richard Jefferson, committed suicide by hanging himself. He went home along with some acquaintances, and finding his wife lying in a corner of the house in a heastly state of intoxication, he exclaimed that he would bear her conduct no longer, and immediately went into another room and suspended himself by a rope to a bed post. His friends, soon becoming surprised at his absence, entered the room, and found him dead. He was in receipt of 25s. per week, and several of his children were also earning wages; but his wife was constantly drinking, and the coroner remarked at the inquest, on Wednesday, that he had never beheld a house so dirty and so utterly unfit to administer to the comfort of any working man as that which she kept. Deceased hung himself while in a state of temporary deangement, brought on by his wife's intemperate habits. A most disgraceful scene took place at the funeral of the unfortunate man. The body was conveyed to the Cemetery in the Gill, Bishopwearmouth; but almost all of the party was in a disgraceful state of intoxication. They had forgotten to order the grave to be dug, and also to bring the coroner's certificate for burial; consequently the funeral was delayed for upwards of an hour and a half. One of the mourners, who was drunk, sat upon a grave and gave utterance to the most terrible howling, so that the officiating clergyman was obliged to order his removal; and it was altogether one of the most disgraceful scenes ever witnessed in the parish.—*Sunderland Herald*, 13th June.

Reading Rooms.

It is much to be regretted, that in every town and village there are not suitable reading rooms for the working classes, where, without neglecting the duties of home, they may retire for a brief space of time, and refresh their minds by well selected periodical literature. In several places, we know attempts of the kind have been made, and have to some extent succeeded. An esteemed correspondent at Ipswich, thus writes:

"Our reading room is open from 6 to 10 for teetotallers—where they are supplied with fire, gas, newspapers, and books, at one penny per week; and answers well."

Perhaps our friends will take these hints into consideration, and as far as practicable, follow the laudable example of the Ipswich and some other societies.—*Ibid.*