

your society; we think he will make a good one, for he was first rate at begging coppers for his bitters. We have twenty-two pledged toe-totallers in our band.—Wm. NUNN, *Band. R. C. R. Soc.*

COBourg, June 1.—Our society advances gradually. There were about thirty signatures obtained to the pledge at the time of our last meeting. The spring season of the year is not very favorable to the spread of Temperance principles. Business opens with its multitude of claims on the time and energies of the friends of the cause, and prevents their devoting that attention to it which its importance demands. Besides, there are perhaps more temptations thrown in the way of poor laborers and mechanics, at this season than at any other. A very worthy gentleman of this town, passing by some poor men working on the roads, on a warm day, asked them if they were not thirsty; being answered in the affirmative, he threw them some money to purchase something to drink. Immediately, the jug was filled at the tavern, and all, I believe, except a young *Irish Roman Catholic*, drank repeatedly during the afternoon. This act resulted solely from the want of reflection—his kind, good nature, prompted him to it—his character places him entirely above suspicion, as to his having any desire to promote intemperance. He has seen enough of the poverty, strife, litigation and woe, caused by intemperance, to prevent him from wishing this; but he has not reflected sufficiently upon the injurious influence which such an act, by a man of his standing in society has upon the poorer classes. To say the least, it does not diminish the desire for intoxicating drinks.—W. KINGSTON, *Cor. Sec.*

BRANTFORD, June 1.—Our society is in a flourishing condition, numbering not far from 300 members, all of whom we consider good. Our motto is "onward;" and though taverns and distilleries should and do increase around us, we shall not be discouraged, for we sincerely believe the Lord is with us, and surely if he be for us, who shall be against us.—JOHN M. TUPPER, *Sec.*

NORTH AUGUSTA, June 5.—The anniversary of the Bellamyville Total Abstinence Society was held at this place on the 1st inst., when the society was addressed by the Rev Wm. Smart of Brockville, Presbyterian Minister. The cause is gradually progressing in this section; we have received into the society the past year, 81 members; 23 have removed, and 9 have been expelled, which gives us a net increase of 49, so that we now number 241. The office bearers are Messrs. A. B. Pardec, *Pres.* John Bellamy *Vice Pres.* and H. Williams, *Sec.*

GORE OF TORONTO, June 3.—The glorious cause of Temperance still progresses in this neighbourhood. On the 16th ult. was held the second anniversary meeting of this society, which was numerously attended; a highly cheering report was read by the Secretary, from which it appears that there still remains (including nine who joined that evening) 173 members on the list. After several interesting addresses on the subject of Temperance had been delivered, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Mr. Wm. Hewgill, *sen. President*, Mr. John Roc, *Vice President*, and a committee of five. There was also elected a committee of ladies to aid us by their influence and example; indeed the ladies of this settlement are always in the front ranks of every good and noble work. It is pleasing to be able to state that the principles of Total Abstinence have taken decided root in this part of the country; much good has already been done, and our society seems resolved to persevere in its efforts, until the last glass of alcohol shall be exhibited as a curiosity to the inhabitants of the settlement. We hope that when the Montreal Society again sends out an agent or Lecturer, he will favor us in the Gore of Toronto with a visit.—K. McDONALD, *Sec.*

L'ORIGINAL, May 31.—I wish, Mr. Editor, if possible, you would try in some way to stir up our luke-warm Temperance brethren. Once, we were active; now, we have need of resuscitation. We appointed and tried to hold a meeting about the first of May, when not more than half-a-dozen attended, and only a dozen names were handed in by the committee. "These things ought not so to be." Temperance men should act on Temperance principles. May our cause revive.—J. H. JOHNSON, *Sec.*

INDIA.

We are indebted to some unknown friend (*Dr. SCUDDER*, we suppose,) for the last December number of the *Journal of the South India Temperance Union*, published at Madras, from which the following extracts are taken. The President of the Union is the Rev. J. SCUDDER, M. D., now in the United States, and one of the Honorary Vice Presidents, Archdeacon JEFFREYS of Bombay.

The Editor acknowledges receipt of a number of our paper of the 15th August last, and we reciprocate this expression of welcome with which he favors its appearance. In the hope of being able subsequently to effect a more direct transmission, we have, in the meantime, sent a file of the *Advocate* to the care of the Rev. J. MARSH, New York, who we beg will forward the papers as opportunity occurs. We shall be glad to receive an exchange of the Journal through the same medium.

TRACTS FOR THE NATIVES.—We learn from the *Christian Advocate*, that the Calcutta Temperance Society has commenced printing tracts in the Vernaculars, against the sin of drunkenness, and that the first tract issued, and now in circulation among the native community, has been translated from the English by some of the pupils of the General Assembly's Institution. We would recommend the plan to the South India Temperance Union, for we have the high authority of the chief Magistrate to say, that one half of the native population of our populous city, are in a state of intoxication every day in the year—and the distribution of tracts, in Tamil, among the Hindoos, will, doubtless, prove a great blessing to the people.—*Madras Circulator, Dec. 2.*

Our friendly neighbor is entitled to our thanks for the above hint. The thing has long been in contemplation, but want of funds has prevented any thing being done in that way. It is a matter of the highest importance, and should engage the attention of our Tract and Missionary Societies. We recollect of only one tract having been printed in Tamil, against drunkenness, by the Madras Tract Society.

THE ATHENÆUM vs. OPIUM.—We expressed our surprise, when noticing the good news of Peace, (in China) that nothing had been said about the trade in opium. Had the Plenipotentiary left this an open question, we are persuaded it would have been the fruitful source of much annoyance to both Governments, and would again ere long bring us into hostile collision. We most heartily rejoice in this prohibition, and should any vessels be found violating that clause of the treaty, we trust the penalty of confiscation will be rigidly enforced. We regret, however, that the interdiction does not extend to every port in China, as well as those named in the treaty. We are wont to speak of the cruelty of the slave trade, and to brand the conduct of the slave dealers as infamous; but horrible as these are, the traffic in opium is no less so. The only difference between them is, that slavery affects the liberty of man. The effects of opium, consumed in large quantities, are not only destructive of health, but of morals. In conveying the drug by ship loads, as has been the practice hitherto, we inflict upon the Chinese, evils of most fearful magnitude. It is a great blot upon our country that the trade was ever tolerated, and so long as no direct measures are adopted for its suppression, the Government must continue to share in the guilt incurred. A curse goes with every cargo of opium. The parties trading in it are the ministers of death to the very people who feed them, and the wealth acquired by the traffic could only be enjoyed by persons whose moral sense is so blunted as to make them indifferent to the tendency and results of their actions. Let us help the Chinese to get rid of the poison in their market, but on no pretext attempt to force it on them.—*Madras Athenæum, Nov. 19.*

CANNANORE T. A. SOCIETY.—*Cannanore, 14th November, 1842.*—At a general meeting of this Society, held this evening, present, Captain M'Alpin, 94th Regiment, and C. West, Esq., Post Master, members general committee; Captain and Mrs. Cox, and Doctor Magrath, visitors. Captain M'Alpin read the report of the funds, showing a balance credit of rupees 10, and a statement of the numerical strength of the Society, and the changes since the last meeting. Present strength, 106; joined since last meeting, 18; withdrawn, 23; broken pledges, 2; showing a decrease of 7 since last general meeting.

Captain M'Alpin opened the meeting with the Society's Hymn. He then addressed the society, and said he regretted the removal of the Secretary, the Rev. Mr. Fennell, who he saw by that day's order was appointed to Mangalore. He did not like to see such great variations in the society, though it was not for numbers he looked, but members who would uphold the society. He was happy to see such a comfortable place, for the soldier to retire to, from a noisy barrack-room, as every accommodation was afforded when he entered the society, and he thought it was a great blessing, and he knew that the society prospered under Divine assistance. He then introduced his friends Captain and Mrs. Cox, and Doctor Magrath, who then became members of the society. He was assured that many of his own rank in the garr-