

ed through. The banners were arranged in church according to the different Lodges. The choir for this occasion was composed of Volunteers, embracing some of the best musical talent in the city, and the *Te Deum* was performed in masterly style. Divine service was read by the Rev. Wm. Cogswell, A.M., Curate. An Anthem prepared for the occasion followed, and a Sermon was delivered by the Rev. J. T. Twining, D. D., Grand Chaplain, from these words—"God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth. But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."—(1st Epis. Genl. of John, iv., 5, 6, and 7.) The discourse traced the intimate connection between Christianity and Masonry, and included a brief but graphic sketch of its rise and progress, from the earliest ages. The Rev. gentleman also expressed in his usual impressive and eloquent manner the necessity of Lodges and individual members of Masonry displaying in their lives and intercourse the lofty principles inculcated by true Freemasonry. After the sermon, the choir sang the National Anthem, and the benediction was pronounced. The order of procession was resumed in the same manner as upon entering the church. The band then struck up a quick march, and the procession moved onward. After arriving at the Hall, and before the Grand Lodge separated, it was unanimously resolved that the thanks of the Masonic Fraternity be given to the Rev. Dr. Twining for his able and eloquent Sermon, and that he be requested to furnish the Grand Secretary with a copy thereof for publication.

TEMPERANCE FESTIVAL.

On June 22d the St. Mary's Total Abstinence Society held its annual festival. We quote some account of the delightful proceedings, which afforded a cheering contrast to former times, and grand promise for the future.

We copy the following brief account from the *Novascotian* of Thursday, June 23d.

Another of those anniversary celebrations, which are so well calculated to delight the moralist and patriot, took place yesterday. The Saint Mary's Total Abstinence Society, celebrated the anniversary of its formation, by divine worship, a procession, and a Pic Nic on McNab's Island.

At about 10 o'clock the Society formed near St. Mary's Chapel. The line appeared to contain about 1200 persons or upwards,—it consisted of members of the St. Mary's Society, a Juvenile Abstinence Society, and two full military bands of music; a troop of horsemen brought up the rear. The members wore medals, sashes, rosetts, and other badges, and several splendid flags and banners rose from various parts of the line. It formed a beautiful perspective in the streets of march. The line passed into the area of Government House, and the Vice President, L. O'C. Doyle, Esq. presented an address to his Excellency, to be conveyed to the foot of the Throne. The address expressed congratulations respecting her Majesty's late escape. His

Excellency received the address very graciously, at the door of his official residence, and continued there, answering the salutes of the line, until all had passed through. The route of march was along Hollis Street, Water Street, and round by Buckingham, Argyle, and Barrington Streets, &c. to the place of meeting. In Water Street, opposite the Store of Mr. Brown, Secretary of the Halifax Temperance Society, an elegant triumphal arch, of evergreens and flowers, was erected. Repeated cheers were given as the line passed this point.

A steamer conveyed the company, who intended to picnic together, to the number of about 400, to the Island. A substantial and elegant collation was served,—and athletic sports, intellectual effusions, music and dancing, occupied the hours until twilight.

On returning to town, the company marshalled on the wharf, and, preceded by the band, marched to St. Mary's and concluded their festivities by repeated cheers. Half an hour after, profound peace reigned in the streets of the City. The day was propitious, and groves and lawns, in their finest summer attire, welcomed the holiday-folk, to their calm retreats. The place of picnic was a finely situated upland. Order, comfort, and respectability marked the proceedings of this extensive society during the day: "may it live a thousand years, and its shadow never be less."

The Register gives the following Programme of the Procession, and accompanying remarks:

"To say that great spirit and enthusiasm pervaded this Body of Teetotallers—that number, order, and respectability were their distinguishing characteristics—that to-day's Procession was fully equal or superior to the one of the 24th of June last—and that those who planned it, merit the most unqualified applause—would not, perhaps, be saying sufficient to enable those who have not seen it, to form anything like an adequate idea of its greatness and munificence. Indeed, we do not know what language or what form of expression we might use, that would be at all likely to do it justice. We have not been able to ascertain the precise number in the Procession, but we might estimate it at about 1500, or more.

PROGRAMME.

Supporter, Marshall, Supporter,
Band.

Banner of the Society,—supported.
Secretary, Vice Presidents, and Treasurer.
Members in Fours.

Native Flag,—supported.
Juvenile Members in Twos.
Band.

8th Irish Brigade Colors,—Irish Society Banner.
1st Asst. V. P.; Assistant Secretary; 2d Asst. V. P.
Members in Fours.

Flag with the Pledge,—supported.
Members in Fours.

Flag with the Harp and Crown.
Four of the General Committee.
3d Asst. V. P.; 4th Asst. V. P.;
Truckman's Flag,—supported.

Horsemen in Couples.

After leaving the Church of St. Mary, the Procession proceeded past Government House, and turning the corner near the residence of the Hon. Michael Tobin, walked along Hollis street; thence up St. George's Hill, and along Granville street, turning up Phillips' Hill into Brunswick street, as far as Skerry's corner; then down Jacobs' Hill, to the corner of Argyle street, as far as the turn north of St. Paul's Church; thence through Barrington street, as far as Blowers' corner. The Procession then formed by the buildings belonging to the Chapel, where it soon after dispersed.

"The Halifax Temperance Society has, as an institution, been as successful as could; under circumstances, have been expected. The wealthy have not been united in means or purpose for its advancement, and very rarely is a man