

Since the publication of the first number of the *Visitor*, a week has elapsed without a number,—this was occasioned early by the illness of persons engaged in the Printing Department, and partly from a wish to ascertain what was the best path to pursue for the future. The publication, for the future, we trust, will be punctual, at the appointed time, those on whom the whole matter depends, the Public, perform their part, by taking and paying for the paper to the extent which will enable it to make steady progress.

The Legislative Session occupies much of the time of persons engaged on the production of the *Visitor*.—this, we hope, will be some excuse for any appearance of meagreness in some of its departments may have during the ensuing year or seven weeks. In the spring months, we trust that a considerable increase of interest will be given; meanwhile we hope for kind consideration, and some friendly assistance in making the winter numbers useful and entertaining.

EXTRACTS.—Beside some striking Temperance matter in today's number, will be found interesting extracts under the heads of Natural History and Literature. Education will receive due attention when a more opportune time arrives. We hope to be able to supply our page of Natural History, with interesting articles, uninterruptedly. Young people are interested and delighted by such enquiries. The man who remains in ignorance of the tribes by which he is surrounded, and without a taste for investigating their habits, may be considered as deprived of one sense, and as much less dignified and happy than his wiser neighbours. All the elements are full of proofs of the wisdom and glory of the great Creator, and afford delightful fields of inquiry into his most intelligent creature,—to him who, made a little wiser than the angels, has a soul of most mysterious powers and perceptions.—How melancholy to consider that this young man, sometimes becomes degraded below the lowest animals. To assist in raising from the vice which is notorious in such degradation, is one object of this Journal,—another to encourage those who have banded together in the cause of virtue, and who have, in effect, pledged themselves that they will not take the rest of indolence, while any of their brethren are in suffering and danger which may be averted. A couple of delightful scraps from a new work by W. G. W. will, appear in preceding columns. This author has the charm of a painter's pencil in his pen—he draws and colours by words, and brings scenes more vividly before the reader's eye, than they would be to many if they had themselves traversed the ground an hundred times. The *Fossil* is a graphic sketch also. It shows how forcibly an incident may be given to the imagination by an artful setting of a number of seemingly common place points which is full of the seeds of interest, but they require the hand of genius to make them spring up into leaves and flowers.

FRIENDS OF TEMPERANCE should not imagine that their cause is done because opposition is silent, and their numbers are scarce. The field for their exertions is still of awful extent. The amount of time and money and health expended in the vice of Intemperance, all over the "Christian World" might be called appalling, only that the motto of Temperance is, Hope and Perseverance, and that most glorious principle already exist, of the triumphs of Charity. While

endeavouring to stem the cause of vice and poverty and suffering, persons should be on their guard, as well against setting too light by their progress, as against thinking it of too much consequence. One man saved from vicious courses would be a result well worthy the continued exertions of a society. Each one made a disciple of Temperance, becomes, to some extent, an apostle also, and may be the means of more good, in his progress through life, than could be anticipated, when, as an humble individual, he pledged himself to the cause, and placed the mark of self-protection and of philanthropy on his breast. Every good cause wants its enthusiasts and its heroes,—none, perhaps ever made many advances without such assistance;—and scarcely any cause is more worthy of the ennobling and inspiring sentiments, than that more particularly under consideration. It is the eradicator of a host of crimes, the basis of almost every virtue.

A Temperance Meeting will be held in the old Baptist Chapel on Tuesday evening at seven o'clock.

Mr. Murdoch, the President of the Halifax Temperance Society, accompanied by the Revd. Jas. Knowlan, Temperance Missionary, and W. Silver, Esq., junior, waited on His Excellency Lord Viscount Falkland, (as a Committee for the Temperance Mission,) in order to request His Excellency's patronage for the Missions, on Wednesday, 26th inst. His Excellency very courteously gave permission to use his name as Patron of this benevolent enterprise; of which he expressed his approbation, and also gave the Committee a donation of £2 10s. in aid of their funds.—*Com.*

TOTAL LOSS.—The *Pictou Mechanic and Farmer* furnishes statistics of the strong drink imported into that district, under the title "thirty four thousand pounds totally lost," and states that liquors to an amount above that sum, were entered at Pictou during the years 1840 and 1841. It would be well, indeed, if the sum of £30,000 was the only loss, by the importation;—but who will make such an assertion, and who could estimate the other losses likely to result from such a consumption of so dangerous an article?

The Committee of the Halifax Temperance Society recommend to the Societies and the friends of the cause generally, the *Weekly Visitor*, published by Mr. Nugent at the Novascotian office, the first number of which is this day issued.

This paper will be under the superintendance of a Member of the Committee, and assurance can be given that such discussions as have made the United States Temperance papers at times objectionable will be carefully avoided. The whole space being devoted to Temperance and Moral matter, and no advertisements admitted, except such as are connected with its objects, a large circulation will be required to remunerate the proprietor.

The Committee hail with pleasure this valuable aid to Virtue and Morals generally, and to their advancing cause—and they earnestly solicit the patronage and support of the numerous friends throughout the Province. By order,

W. M. Brown, Secy., H. T. S.

15th January, 1842.