

from principle, and do I think any thing could be advanced, which would be capable of shaking my purpose. I have heard all I could of both sides of this important question, every thing I have read and heard has only served to confirm me more and more in my opinion. I believe, I doubt not, and conscientiously believe that the principles of total abstinence are founded cannot be overthrown.

But, Mr. President, you must not conclude that because I am so much in favour of the system of entire abstinence, as contrary to the moderation system, or to the moderation system. I am thankful that ever Temperance Societies were introduced; but for the introduction of these, it is probable should have known nothing of tee-totalism. Besides, I believe that even Temperance Societies have been the means of effecting a great moral reformation. Nevertheless, I am decidedly of opinion that upon the principles of Temperance Societies the object which the friends of Temperance have in view never be accomplished. If men may drink moderately, they may substitute wines, ale, &c. in the place of spirit liquors, then drunkenness will never be exterminated, but be perpetuated, with all its train of evils, to the end of Temperance Societies will, in general, only lop off the branch of the corrupt, poisonous, demoralizing, and soul-destroying of intemperance, whereas tee-totalism strikes at the very root and lays it even with the ground. It is generally acknowledged to be the only cure for the habitual drunkard, and, in my opinion, is the most safe system for all. If we drink nothing but water we shall never become drunkards, but enjoy good health, and live a greater number of years.

Thus, Mr. President, are some of the reasons which induced me to declare in favour of the system of entire abstinence, and which have since served to strengthen, and confirm the opinion that it is the only system calculated to accomplish the object contemplated by the friends of Temperance. If reasons shall be deemed of any weight or worth, glad shall I be, exceedingly glad, if they have the same influence upon individuals who compose this Meeting, that they had upon

P. S. Nearly forty persons came forward at the close of this address, and took the pledge of total abstinence, thus a public demonstration of the effect which the above address made upon their minds.