

was remarkably fine, and nothing whatever occurred to interrupt the harmony and cheerfulness of the meeting. The procession was joined at Bundoran by the teetotallers from various places in the county Leitrim and the county Sligo.

At the return of the procession from Bundoran, Mr. Coyle addressed them before they dispersed, and thanked them for their correct and orderly conduct.

The Rev. Mr. Macnamara addressed the people, returning thanks in a speech of great talent, and delivered with much ability.

The Rev. Mr. Coyle pronounced a well-deserved compliment on the Very Rev. Theobald Mathew, and proposed three cheers for him, which were given with an enthusiasm it is vain to describe. The Rev. Mr. Coyle then said that he would not allow the meeting to separate without returning thanks to Doctor Sheil, not only for his attendance and presence amongst them that day as a member of the society, but for his zeal in the cause. He was the first to persuade the Rev. Father Mathew to visit the county Donegal, and the teetollers were indebted to him for bringing amongst them in this neighbourhood that much-esteemed man [great cheering].

Doctor Sheil returned thanks in appropriate language for the compliment paid him. So far as his experience went, he said that the temperance system promised to decrease in numberless cases the mass of sickness and poverty in this country, and be the great means of improving the health as well as the morals of the people. He called on them for one cheer more for the Rev. Father Mathew, which was given cordially, and the vast multitude then separated, and returned to their several homes.

*Address, presented with a Piece of Plate, by the Members of the Kells Total Abstinence Society to M. A. Bennett, Esq., M. D., Vice-President of the Society.*

DEAR SIR—We, the members of the Kells Total Abstinence Society, beg leave to approach you with feelings of the most lively gratitude and sincere respect, and to offer you our most grateful acknowledgments for the unremitting zeal and assiduity manifested by you in every object connected with the prosperity of our society since its formation. We assure you, dear Sir, that we feel justly proud in having for our vice-president a gentleman of your talents and abilities, who is an ornament to his profession, and an honour to

this his native town, and who by his example and influence has done much to encourage and promote the holy cause of temperance. Of the blessed and happy effects of temperance we ourselves can give the most solid and consoling proofs. To you, dear Sir, we are solely indebted for the organization of our splendid brass band, which for musical talent equals, if not surpasses, any of the kind in Ireland, and which is at once a source of rational and innocent amusement to us, and delight and gratification to the inhabitants of the town. You, dear Sir, spared neither time, labour, nor expense in promoting the best interests of our society, and establishing it on a firm and solid basis. How far you have succeeded in accomplishing this, the sole wish of your heart, the very prosperous and flourishing state of the society can amply testify. Accept then, dear Sir, the piece of plate we present you, as a small token of our esteem and regard for yourself, and of our high admiration of your many and important services in the holy cause of temperance.

That God may grant you every blessing here, and eternal happiness hereafter, is, dear Sir, our most fervent prayer.

SOIREE.—On Easter Monday the teetallers on the Louth-hall estates had a splendid *soiree* in the large Assembly-rooms of Tallanstown.

William M'Mahon, Esq., Lord Louth's respected and beloved agent, took the chair. In the course of the evening the following toast was proposed:—

“Lord Louth, the lord of the manor and the great promoter and advocate of temperance amongst his tenantry—may his years be long-continued in blissful happiness and health.”

Lord Louth, in an eloquent speech, complimented the members of the teetotal association, and said that in whatever clime or country he should travel he would be ever found the staunch advocate of the teetotal system. He had seen many societies, but a pleasanter sight he never saw than the present, where all was sobriety, harmony, and cheerful good order. He knew they had enemies, who would rather have them fighting, cursing, and breaking each other's heads. As a magistrate, what had he or the bench to perform?—scarcely anything except fining the poor people for their animals, pigs, and goats, trespassing on the road, and the police had nothing to do than to watch them. A teetotaller never was brought before him accused of crime: and he was sure none of the present