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Many more volumes and pamphlets are working their way among the people of England. Temperance literature will soon be "a great fact." It will claim a corner in every well selected library.

THERE is to be a "Ministerial Conference" at Manchester in the summer; that is, a meeting of clergymen of all religious denominations, "for the purpose of deliberating," as the circular expresses it, "on the best plan by which, as christian ministers, our influence can most effectually be brought to bear in checking and destroying intemperance, and aiding in the suppression of the traffic."

The meeting will commence on Tuesday, June 9, and close on the Thursday following. This is a very interesting movement. The knell of the Corn Laws was rung when the Ministerial Conference on that subject was held at Manchester some years ago. May the liquor Traffic share the same fate!

MONUMENT TO FATHER MATHEW. —One of the most numerous meetings ever held in Cork, has been convened by the mayor in compliance with a requisition most numerous and respectfully signed. The meeting unanimously resolved:—

That while we deplore as a national loss, the lamented death of our late fellow-citizen, the Very Rev Theobald Mathew, the great Apostle of Temperance, we feel it to be a duty which we owe alike to ourselves, our country, and the cause of humanity, to testify to future ages, by some enduring Memorial, our veneration of the character, and our appreciation of the services of that illustrious Irishman.

It was also decided that Cork was the proper place for the erection of the monument; and £300 were subscribed in a

few moments. We are much gratified that the city of Cork has undertaken to pay this tribute to the labours and memory of that noble and much-lamented temperance chief; in honouring him thus, she entitles herself to honourable mention all the world over.—*Alliance Weekly News.*

In our last issue we mentioned the death of Joseph Brotherton, Esq., a long-tried friend of the temperance reform. A subscription has been since raised for a testimonial to his memory, which amounted, at the last advices, to about £2000.

A singular illustration of the degrading effects of the love of intoxicating drinks, occurred recently at Hull, Yorkshire, where a meeting was held in the Town Hall for the purpose of establishing a Public Library. The *London Athenæum* says:—

More than £1000 had been voluntarily subscribed as a beginning—200 of which, we hear, was subscribed by working men. The Mayor—the Recorder—all that is most respectable and intelligent in the Yorkshire port, lent aid or counsel. Yet a band of resolute and illiterate rate payers—*friends of the beer-house interests*—broke into the Town Hall, and by bray, his, and cackle—one knows the kind of throat from which such sounds issue—compelled the Mayor into proceedings most irregular, and ultimately rejected the proposition for establishing in Hull, a free library."

These men were probably urged on by the dealers in intoxicating liquors. They saw that if the lower classes could be induced to spend their evenings in the Library or Reading Room, getting information and enjoying the pleasure of knowledge, their rooms would soon be comparatively deserted. So they organised a mob, and protected their craft. It is an instructive incident. The people of England are taught by it that the liquor traffic is antagonistic to all that tends to enlighten, elevate, and improve the human race. If the masses are to rise the traffic must go down.

We have inserted in another part of our columns a letter on Watchman's Clubs. The object and purpose of those societies are fully explained. It will be observed that there are two differences between the Watchman's Clubs and the Sons of Temperance. In the

former Institutions there are no pecuniary benefits, and females are admitted to full membership. The benefit system is established in the Order of the Sons, and females are allowed to attend as visitors. There is a distinct Order of the "Daughters of Temperance," about which a brother in Halifax can give us some information. We hope he will be inclined to do so. It is further to be observed that the Subordinate Divisions have now the full control of their funds that they can arrange the initiation fees and dues as they please, and that they can become practically non-benefit divisions by suspending benefits. When this is done, the only difference between the Watchman and the Sons is the membership of females.

The object of both Institutions are the same, and it is extremely desirable that their operations should be carried on in such a manner as that every district may be thoroughly pervaded by temperance principles, by means of one of them. The Watchman's Club may be more suitable to one class of the population, and the Order of the Sons to another. There need be no intemperance, there should be no feeling of rivalry. The two institutions are now so nearly alike that it is perhaps scarcely advisable for one of each kind to exist in the same place. A friendly arrangement may be easily made whenever a difficulty occurs, or there seems to be a likelihood of clashing. The matter may be settled as Abraham and Lot settled their difficulties. "If thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left." If in any case this appears to be impracticable, let the members of both institutions make up their minds to harmonious action. Let there be no jealousies, no endeavor to enlarge one at the expense of the other. Let both grow together.

#### HALIFAX.

The old Halifax Temperance Society held a Public Meeting on Friday evening 13th Feby., the following account of which is copied from the *Daily Sun* of 16th Feby:—

A public Temperance Meeting, under the auspices of the Halifax Temperance Society, was held at the Temperance Hall, on Friday evening last. Notwithstanding the boisterous state of the weather there was a goodly number present. Mr Exhorn presided at the piano-forte,—and several songs were sung during the evening.