

feeding her starving population, when, at the same time, the very year of such famine, more grain was used in Britain in distillation, than would have comfortably fed all the poor.

TEMPERANCE RAILROAD.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Fall River railroad, on the 20th ult., it was resolved, with only one dissenting voice, that no spirituous liquors should be transported over the road.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S ALE.—At a recent sale of the effects of the Archbishop of York, among the articles sold, were 4,000 gallons of ale!! His successor, it is remarked, will not find it necessary to keep so large a stock.

PORT-GLASGOW—MELANCHOLY DEATHS.—Nowhere have the melancholy results of intemperance been more strikingly manifested in so short a time than in this town. In the brief period of a week, no less than four, principally young men, lost their lives in a state of intoxication. On the 4th of January, a man named Joseph Lyons, fell down a stair, under the influence of drink, and died in consequence of the fall. About the same time a young man, a baker, belonging to Paisley, fell down a stair in Princes street, in a state of intoxication, and was killed. Another man, a tailor, who had been working for a short time in Port-Glasgow, fell over the dry dock while drunk, and was killed on the spot, leaving in Ireland a wife and family to be provided for—his body was interred at the public expense. A few days previously the body of a blacksmith belonging to Greenock was got stuck in the mud at the wharf; it is supposed that he had fallen in in a state of intoxication, and so lost his life.

A boy, aged four years and nine months, died last week, in Manchester, in consequence of having drunk a glass of strong whiskey and water, which his father left on the table.

The inhabitants of Milan have left off smoking tobacco, in order to diminish the revenue and embarrass the Government. A person appearing in the streets with pipe or cigar is sure to be mobbed.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—James Murray, mate of the Greenock, lying in the Queen's Graving-dock, Liverpool, fell into the hold of a vessel on Thursday evening, while in a state of intoxication, and was killed on the spot.—*Liverpool Times*

A woman lately called on a carpenter at Perth, requesting him to come and measure her husband for a coffin, and added, that as the case was urgent, she would carry the winding sheet with her. The unsuspecting carpenter gave her the winding sheet, and shortly afterwards went to her house, when he was surprised to find the supposed dead man alive and well; and it was ultimately discovered that she had pawned the winding sheet, and spent the proceeds in whisky.

DUTY ON RUM.—We are assured by parties who are usually well-informed on such subjects, that there is every probability of a reduction in the amount of duty levied on colonial rum. It is expected that the rate will be reduced to that upon British spirits, and that an official announcement of the fact will be made immediately upon the reassembling of Parliament.—*Liverpool Courier*.

HONEYMOON.—The word "honeymoon" is traceable to a Teutonic origin. Among the Teutons was a favourite drink called "metheglin." It was made of

honey, and much like the present mead of the same name in European countries. The same beverage was in use among the Saxons, as well as another called "morat," which was also made of honey, but flavoured with mulberries. The honeyed drinks were used in great abundance at festivals. Among the nobility the marriage was celebrated a whole lunar month, which was called a moon, during which the festival board was well supplied with the honey drink. Hence this month of festival was called the "honor moon," or honeymoon, which means a month of festival. The famous Alaric the Goth, is said to have died on his wedding night from the effects of too much indulgence in metheglin.

At Portsmouth, on Sunday evening, a carpenter of the name of Weir, stabbed, in the stomach, with a knife, a blacksmith in M. Brash's employ. There is little or no hope of the poor man's recovery. Weir has been lodged in jail.—*Kingston Argus*.

TEMPERANCE LEAGUE.—Baillie Robert Smith said he had received an application from the Secretary of the Scottish Temperance League, asking for an official return of crime brought before the Police-court for 1847. They had received such returns from the police-offices of several other places. The matter, after some conversation, was remitted to the committee on officers and watchmen to grant the request, if it could be done cheaply and without much trouble, and to make inquiry as to the returns made up in other quarters, so as to make up similar monthly returns to the board.—*Glasgow paper*.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—On Monday night a man, named Brodie, residing in Brunswick-place, made an attempt, in which he had very nearly succeeded, to terminate his existence, by cutting his throat with a razor. The wound he had inflicted on himself not having at once proved fatal, Brodie coolly proceeded to the soap-pipe at the window, for the purpose, it is conjectured, of wetting the wound and making the blood flow more rapidly, when he was observed by some one of his neighbours, who, alarmed at the ghastly appearance he exhibited, procured assistance and, rushing upon him, prevented him doing himself any further injury. We believe the wound is not likely to be serious, as none of the leading arteries have been touched. No other reason has been assigned for the attempt than the fact that the infatuated man has been of very intemperate habits since New-Year's-day.—*Glasgow Paper*.

APPALLING FACTS.—Some of the doings of "strong drink" in Edinburgh, during the two last months of 1847, taken from a temperance missionary's "note-book":—A young man, 21 years of age, after drinking for a day or two, poisoned himself.—An old woman died of delirium tremens.—A young man, 28 years of age, after a few weeks' hard drinking, died in delirium tremens.—An old woman, when in drink, fell back and broke her neck.—A middle-aged woman, who had been drinking very freely, dropped down dead on the street.—On the first Sabbath in December, an old woman cut her throat; had been drinking the previous night.—A mother of a young family, in a state of intoxication, was sitting near her own fire, and, in that condition, was nearly burnt to death.—A young man, when drunk, fell down a stair and fractured his skull.—*Scottish Temperance Review*.