

being diverted aside by what lawyers call special pleading,—which may be construed into a departure from the mere merits of a case, for the purpose of arguing on accidental points of no consequence in themselves. Wherever an observer directs his glance, at home or abroad,—circle beyond circle, to the limits of civilization,—the human family seem steadily arousing themselves from a vice which long preyed on their best interests, and forming phalanx behind phalanx, in support of principles of self safety and benevolence.

The Harmonic Association, connected with the Halifax Temperance Society, and to which we directed attention in our last number, has made some progress, as a notice to-day will shew. The assistance received from musical gentlemen, in this matter, demands the warm thanks of the Society. Their time and abilities are much engaged at present, yet they step forward cheerfully, to aid in adding a delightful department, and one much wanted, to the reform they have espoused. The Choir, we hope, will proceed with that moral harmony and melody that are akin to the art which, more than any other, is said to have power to "soothe the savage breast."—The Choir, no doubt, will not only supply a delightful feature to general meetings, soirees, and other particular occasions, but will lead to the cultivation of music, as an auxiliary to morals and devotion, which is its highest aim and honour. That the art is sometimes degraded to very different purposes, is a melancholy reflection, but the fact is only an illustration of the truth, that the best powers may be prostituted, and that the direction of ability is of more consequence than its acquirement.

We regret to see that a Member withdrew his name, on last semi-monthly meeting, in consequence of any beside the Total Pledge being sanctioned by the Society. The great majority of the Society have taken the latter, and consider it the best basis of Temperance; but they have found the modified pledge a good preparation for the other, and would not refuse being the means of doing some good, because more was desirable.

The Simultaneous Meeting, on next Tuesday, is looked forward to, with much interest. A chain of societies, consisting of hundreds of thousands, in various parts of the world, will that day celebrate the commencement and growth of the cause. Let us sustain one link, here, in a becoming manner.

The Committee of the HALIFAX TEMPERANCE SOCIETY met on Tuesday evening in the Wesleyan School Room—when the following Resolutions passed unanimously:—

Resolved—That the convention of Delegates from the several Societies in the Province, be held in the Garrison Chapel on Tuesday next 22nd inst. at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and the Simultaneous Meeting at 7 o'clock in the evening—the public to be freely admitted on both occasions.

Resolved—That in consequence of the annoyance heretofore experienced from the conduct of some persons at Temperance Meetings, the Secretary will make application to the Mayor for four City Constables to attend the meeting on the evening of the 22nd.

Resolved—That the Secretary write to all the Clergy-

men in the City, respectfully desiring them to address their people on the subject of Temperance next Sabbath Day.

Resolved—That the Gentlemen of the Legislature, who are Members of the Temperance Societies, be requested (by publication of this Resolution,) to take seats as Delegates in the Convention.

Resolved—That as there will be many friends for the meeting of 22nd who may desire to express their sentiments on that occasion; it is particularly requested that gentlemen will not occupy more than twenty minutes in addressing the assembly.

W. M. BROWN, Secretary, H. T. S.

TEMPERANCE HARMONIC ASSOCIATION.

The members of this Association had their first Meeting as a body last evening in the Exchange Rooms; when by the kindness of Mr Potts, they were comfortably accommodated.

The following officers were chosen to serve for a year

Rev. Jas. Knowlan, *President*.

Mr. J. S. Thompson, *Vice-President*.

Mr. Edward Young, *Treasurer*.

Messrs. A. Morton, Charles Legg, W. Ackhurst, John R. Boyer, Charles Robson, J. Uhlman, Thos. Ridgway, Francis Drake, W. M. Brown, Thos. Drake, W. J. Morris, W. Silver junr., Francis Johnston, Geo. Koch.—*General Committee*.

Messrs. F. Drake, Ackhurst, Morton, Uhlman and Johnston, as a Musical Committee to select performers among the numerous members of the Association.

By particular desire, unanimously expressed, Mr. Morton consented to act as leader of the choir for some time.

The committee will meet early and complete the necessary arrangements for the further conducting of the business of the Association and will give public notice of the next meeting of members.

B. W. COCHRAN, Secretary.

Halifax, 18th February, 1842

MILITARY AND CIVILIANS—*Union is Strength*.—A large body of the men of the 64th Regt. headed by their non-commissioned officers, attended on Wednesday evening, in the old Baptist Chapel, where the active supporters of the Temperance cause belonging to the city, were assembled to plan further operation, for the overthrow of the common enemy—Intemperance.

A very interesting lecture was delivered by Mr. W. Silver, junr.—and the President—and the Rev. James Knowlan, contributed as usual, their share of sound arguments, and humorous narratives, bearing upon the subject in hand.

Before the Meeting closed, the following additions were made to the list of Members:

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| 36 Tectotallers | } of the 64th Regt. |
| 24 Temperance men. | |
| 1 Tectotaller, Royal Sappers. | |
| 5 Men, | } Tectotallers of the city. |
| 2 Young Ladies, | |
| 68 Total | |

Three, who were formerly on the Temperance pledge, demanded promotion, and are now on the Total Abstinence Roll.

One Military man withdrew his name, in consequence of the Temperance pledge being retained by the society.

W. M. BROWN, Secretary.