

in the magistracy, they took the precaution to swear in twenty special constables, lest the tee-totillers should burn the town. All, however, was peace, harmony, and joy; not a single bloody nose or black eye to spoil the scene. It was a regular holiday in the town; many of the houses were decorated with flowers and evergreens; nor were the cold water friends backward in testifying their approbation. Since that time 58 persons have signed the pledge; and they have every prospect of their number increasing.

*North of Scotland.*—The cause is making great progress in the north. During the last month, Mr. Law visited many of the towns and villages, and in reference to which, he observes,—“My late tour has been one of the most interesting, happy, and successful that could be imagined, the work that I laid upon myself has been sometimes more than I was able to bear; however God has graciously strengthened me in all my labours and given me strength in proportion to my day. I have lectured twice in the most of the following places, Lochce, Forfar, Brechin, Luthermuir, Laurencekirk, Funtain, Kenniemuir, Arbroath, Carnoustie, Colliestin, Fettercairn, Logie Mill, Auchentblae, Drumbythie, Stonehaven, Bervie, Findon, Johnshaven, St. Cyrus, Slatford, at all these places, I had, with one exception, large meetings and great success, 20, 30, and 40, were the general number of new members obtained.”

*Inverness.*—Tuesday, the 30th ultimo, was the first anniversary of the Total Abstinence Society, which is rapidly on the increase, and it was resolved to commemorate the event by one of those sober festivals now common in the South, and known by the naturalized French term of a soiree. Mr. Low's Hall was tastefully fitted up for the occasion. Tea, coffee, and bread of all sorts were provided. Mr. Sim's band was in attendance, and appropriate speeches filled up the intervals. The Rev. Mr. Macpherson of the High Church here, presided on the occasion; and he was supported by the Rev. Mr. Munro of the Secession Church, and the Rev. Mr. Wood, Evanton. One hundred and fifty persons sat down to tea, and the company seemed all perfectly happy and delighted. The Rev. chairman, in the course of the evening, adverted to the injurious tendency of the drinking customs of the country, and regretted that men should think it necessary to cast their reason to the winds, in order to obtain the proper enjoyments of social pleasures. He had been, he said, in some respects obliged to act on the abstinence principle. At marriages and baptisms, the people here would consider a clergyman deficient in kindness of feeling, if he refused to partake with them of the intoxicating liquors generally provided on such occasions, but he (Mr. M.P.) had found that when he was obliged to attend several of these in a day, this practice became seriously objectionable; he had, therefore, for some time past, abandoned it altogether. Mr. Munro also addressed the meeting, and some excellent remarks were made by Mr. P. Macintosh, a compositor in the *Herald Office*.

ENGLAND.

#### LETTER FROM MR. JAMES TEARE.

To the Editor of the *Scottish Temperance Journal*.

DEAR SIR,—It affords me great pleasure to inform you, that we had a glorious Tee-total demonstration in Liverpool last month, commencing on Monday evening with a large and splendid meeting in the Music Hall, which went off most delightfully. On Thursday and Friday two other great meetings were held in the Amphitheatre; indeed meetings were held every night in the week in different parts of the town.

On Tuesday and the two following days, between thirty and forty delegates, from different parts of England, Ireland, and Scotland, met together for the purpose of consulting on the best means of carrying out the principles of genuine sobriety, and, being a delegate myself, I had an opportunity of hearing and knowing all that was going on during the conference; and I can truly say, that I do not know that I ever was among such a lot of staunch out-and-out thorough-going tee-totallers in all my life; and that being the case, we had no jarring nor falling out amongst ourselves; every thing was done decently and in order: indeed we had scarcely any discussion, for we were nearly all of one heart and one mind. The principal thing that was considered was that of uniting the *British Association* with the *New British and Foreign Temperance Society*

of London, but, after due deliberation, it was thought that a Union of the two Societies, under present circumstances, would not at all be beneficial to the tee-total cause; the conference therefore recommended the formation of *district associations*: and I am thoroughly satisfied in my own mind that these will work much better than large unions.

I told the Conference that Scotland was divided into two unions, and that I hoped the time was not far distant when associations would be found in every county in England, Ireland, and Scotland.

The procession which took place in Liverpool last Wednesday was the largest and the most splendid I ever beheld; I should think it was nearly two miles long. But I need not say any thing more about Liverpool, as you will see all the particulars elsewhere.

Allow me to state, that in Preston the cause is going on better than ever it was: eight or ten meetings are held in the town every week, besides meetings in the country. I hope you are still keeping the steam up in Scotland: go on. May the Lord God of your Fathers bless you! I am, &c.

JAMES TEARE.

Preston, Aug. 24, 1839.

*Liverpool.*—The annual Festival was held here, as usual, in the Race-week, and during the sittings of the Conference of the British Association, in July last, which enabled the Societies in Liverpool to enjoy the valuable assistance of many of the Delegates. The tea parties and meetings were far too many for us to enumerate, but from what we could hear they were all exceedingly well attended. Meetings were held by different societies in various parts of the town. The Howard society had a tea party and meeting in the Templars' Hall, which was addressed by Mr. Spence, the chairman, Mr. Corkran from Dublin, Mr. Hodgson from Bolton, and Mr. Grubb, the agent of the British Association. On Wednesday, the grand procession took place, when some thousands of the members, with banners almost without number, and a great many bands of music, paraded the principal streets of the town, from ten o'clock till after three. It is impossible to give a sufficient description of the procession, and the effect which it appeared to produce upon the countless thousands who thronged the streets, as it passed along. It was pleasing to remark that here no expressions of contempt or ridicule were uttered; the lookers on appeared to acknowledge the goodness of the institution, and to hail its progress with wonder and delight. Tea parties were held in the Music Hall, Bold-street; in Edmund-street chapel; by the Church of England society, and others; and public meetings were held in the various places afterwards. On Thursday, the first grand concentrated meeting was held in the Amphitheatre, when one of those splendid gatherings took place which manifest so evidently the effect which Temperance Societies have produced on public opinion. Several thousands were then assembled in one spacious, commodious, and magnificently illuminated building, who remained for four hours listening to the addresses of L. Heyworth, Esq., the chairman, the Rev. J. Bowes, and Mr. Garrett, of Liverpool; Mr. Lomas, surgeon, of Belper, Mr. Grubb, and Mr. Greig of Leeds. Occasional performances of vocal and instrumental music were interspersed, and the immense meeting separated, evidently highly gratified, about 11 o'clock. On Friday, many of the gentlemen belonging to the Parent Committee in Liverpool invited the delegates of the British Association to a dinner which was prepared on the stage of the Amphitheatre. About fifty sat down to a most excellent repast, after which a rich dessert was served, and several addresses were delivered. In the evening another concentrated meeting took place in the Amphitheatre, which was, if possible, more numerously attended than the previous one. James Spence, Esq. in the chair. Addresses were delivered by Mr. Corkran of Dublin, Messrs Greig and Joseph Andrew of Leeds, and Mr. Blacombe of Halifax. The crowded auditory were indeed rivetted to their places, and appeared most unwilling to retire, although it was considerably after 11 o'clock. We seldom remember being at a meeting where greater attention was paid, or a more palpable effect produced. On the whole, the Liverpool friends have much reason to congratulate themselves upon the various proceedings, and we trust their results will be seen and felt after many days.—*British Advocate*.

WALES.

*Wales.*—By a late account from the Rev. Mr. Hughes, of Beau-