

by the east gate to Princes' Street Gardens, from which again they emerged by the south gate at the Castle Esplanade. Here, after examining Mons Meg and the other marvels of the Castle, they went down the Lawnmarket to the Parliament House. After inspecting the seat of Scottish law, they passed down the High Street and the North Bridge to the Calton Hill, which was their next resting point. They were apparently much pleased with all they saw, and, at the different points allotted for resting-places, they beguiled the time by singing snatches of temperance hymns, prominent among which was one to a lively air, entitled "We'll win the day." About half past one o'clock nearly all of them had assembled in the Queen's Park, at the spot known by the name of the "Echoing Rock." It was intended that they should have been arranged in divisions of twenties and thirties as they arrived; but, from some cause or other, this plan failed in the carrying out, and the consequence was a concentrated mass without order, and not devoid of confusion. Still even as it was, and viewed from a distance, the gathering had a very picturesque effect, to which the bold and rugged scenery of Arthur Seat and Salisbury Crags contributed not a little, seen as these were in all the brilliancy of a July sun. In addition to the twenty-five thousand brought by railway and otherwise from the country, there were about 12,000 from the city, members of the British League of Juvenile Abstainers; and as there could not have been less than 10,000 spectators on the ground, the demonstration may be easily imagined to have been of an imposing nature.

The day being extremely hot, water, the choice beverage of the teetotalers, was in great demand, and to meet that demand, the genius of Mr Hope and his assistant, Mr Sinclair, was displayed to much purpose, for they had placed all around the ground tubs and barrels of fresh water, out of which, by means of little tin jugs, the children slaked their thirst. But the principal feature in the refreshment department was the arrangement made to supply the children with large buns or loaves baked with currants. The loaves lay in a large heap, and from which stewards appointed for the purpose, conveyed, in baskets, the supplies allowed to the different sections of the juveniles. The buns, or loaves, were consumed with much avidity, the appetites of most of the children being no doubt considerably sharpened with their long railway ride, and their subsequent extensive walk throughout the city.

Bread and water having been freely indulged in, the multitude united in singing the Hundredth Psalm; after which, the chairman delivered a short address, but was inaudible to all except those in his immediate neighborhood; for no human voice could have been able to reach the circumference of the assembled thousands. After adverting to the gratitude which they owed to God for granting such a glorious day for the gathering, and expressing how happy he was to meet with such a magnificent assembly, numbering upwards of 20,000 representatives and active promoters of the great reformation in which they were engaged, he went on to say a word or two upon some of the features of the British League of Juvenile Abstainers, and took farewell of the multitude for a time, by expressing a fervent hope that the Lord, who had brought them hither in safety, would also return them to their homes in health and strength, and by His spirit animate them all to more prayerful and strenuous efforts in contending against the monster vice of our land, and every other sin, whether in thought, word, or deed. (Loud cheers)

The young people sang a few abstinence and sacred melodies and choruses, and were then addressed by

Rev. Mr Blakeney, who proposed, amid loud applause, three cheers for their worthy friend and president, Mr Hope. He sincerely wished there were more Hopes throughout Scotland, as well as in England and Ireland, for then they might hope better things for the country. (Loud applause)

Mr Hope cordially returned thanks; but as he was not able to extend his voice so as to be audible to even a tithe of those on the ground, he made his remarks brief. Before sitting down, however, he proposed, in a few very complimentary sentences, three cheers to Mr Peter Sinclair, who had rendered such efficient assistance in the matter, which was enthusiastically responded to.

Mr Sinclair rose, and was loudly applauded. He remarked on the pleasant and gratifying character of the meeting, which, he said, was in itself better than any speech which could be delivered on total abstinence. Let them but cast their eyes round about them, and what did they see?—thousands of boys and

girls conducting themselves like ladies and gentlemen. (Applause.) After dilating on the benefits of total abstinence, he said that the chief part of the employment of the Edinburgh police force arose out of the use of ardent spirits. (Applause.) It remained now for Scotland and Edinburgh to say to the world that oft, in times past, her people deserved to be called the most drunken on the face of the earth; they would not henceforth be so. Let them rise and say to this enemy, "Hitherto shalt thou come, thou foul fiend, and no farther." (Loud cheers)

The benediction was pronounced about a quarter past 3 o'clock, by the Rev. Mr Aikman, when the different divisions of the abstinence portion of the gathering prepared to move from the field. Some who had not, previous to the meeting, visited the Calton Hill, pursued their way thither, while others went towards the railway station to prepare for departure. The first portion left at 4 o'clock, namely, the Greenock, Paisley, and Glasgow abstainers, and the others in rapid succession by their different trains, until seven o'clock, the hour at which the Bathgate parties took leave of the city. Everything passed off in the most harmonious manner, and the mode in which the whole affair has been organised and conducted by Mr Hope and Mr Sinclair, is deserving of the highest praise. Many of the youthful brethren will look back with pleasure upon the day which they have spent so profitably in the metropolis of the land of their habitation, and cherish fond recollections of those to whose exertions they were mainly indebted for the healthful recreation which they then enjoyed, and the advantages which may accrue to them in after life in consequence thereof. We have not heard of the slightest accident occurring in connection with the monster trains that left the station, and have reason to believe that all passed off quietly and well.

A boy and a girl, however, lost themselves, and were behind the train, but they were taken to Sinclair's Temperance Hotel, Waterloo Place, and will be properly cared for until forwarded to their homes. A telegraph despatch was sent on Saturday night to their parents, acquainting them of the whereabouts of their children.

The Temperance Party to Lavaltrie.

The Temperance party to Lavaltrie, under the direction of Perseverance Tent, Independent Order of Rechabites, made their excursion on Tuesday, in the Royal Mail Steamer *Highlander*, Captain Stearns, to name which, to all who know the Boat and Captain, is saying all that can be said for the excellence of the conveyance.

About ten o'clock, the Boat moored at the Canal wharf was seen to be rapidly filling with excursionists, and the Union Fire Company having marched aboard, and the Voltigeur Band engaged for the occasion, she cast off at half-past ten, proceeding down the harbor, band playing, and covered in every part with about 600 men, women, and children, who after a rapid run were landed at Lavaltrie, 30 miles down the river, shortly after noon. This village is one of the most "inviting" places on the river, situated on a high point, from which a perfect forest a quarter to half a mile wide, and more than half a mile deep, runs back unbroken, except by the road, from near the water edge. No sooner was the boat moored at the Jacques Cartier Wharf, than the people streamed out, like a long procession to the wood, much to the gratification of the inhabitants, who thought themselves honored with the *elite* of the city, which was certainly indicated by the well dressed appearance of the party; but the *elite* might not have behaved so well.

Arrived at the entrance of the wood, where the under brush cut away, had given place to a rich carpet of grass, the company spread about, as best suited their inclinations, the firemen practising their athletic games, here a party sharp at cricket, and there another, with a swing fastened among the high branches of the trees; while everywhere around, far as the eye could extend, were picturesque groups, seated in circles, with a display of good things in the centre, to which the children, as is children's wont, paid every marked attention—no sight could be more interesting or more beautiful. Whether Temperate or not, Temperance was per force the order of the day, for there was no beer nor intoxicating liquor to be had on the boat, and none to be bought in the place.

At two o'clock the firemen, with the wives of such as are so fortunate as to possess that commodity, sat down in the steamer's