

## NEW YORK STATE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

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The Ninth Anniversary of the New York State Temperance Society was held at the Second Dutch Reformed Church, in Albany, February 8th, 1838. One hundred and fifty-six delegates attended from twenty-eight counties, all but *one* of whom were TOTAL ABSTINENTS.

The President, Chancellor Walworth, presided at the meeting; and was elected again for the ensuing year. The Executive Committee made an able report, which says:—

"There are fifty-six counties, in fifteen of which every clergyman is a total abstinent. In five counties, all are but six, in each; in six, all but five in each; in two, all but four in each; in two others, all but three in each; in five, all but two in each; and in one, all but one. Of the whole twenty-two hundred and sixty-one clergy in the state of New York, nineteen hundred and fifty-two are total abstainers, being more than eight-ninths of the whole.

"There are some of the counties in which all the physicians and surgeons in them have signed the total abstinence pledge; and from the reports in our possession, it appears a very large majority in the State, of this useful profession, who have been such pioneers and faithful co-adjutors of the Temperance cause, have done the same.

"There have been reclaimed within our bounds full 3500 drunkards, of whom about 1600 have made a profession of religion. In 1837, the boards of excise in 121 towns have not granted license to sell intoxicating drink. We have 1178 Temperance Societies on the comprehensive pledge, with 132,161 members—84,403 of whom were added the last year. There are not a dozen Temperance Societies on the pledge of abstinence from ardent spirits only, which have done anything to forward the Temperance cause within a year; and in those few which manifest any vitality, total abstinence members do all the work.

"Our course is onward, and while our standard is planted on the self-denying and expansively benevolent doctrines of INSPIRATION; and with our broad banner floating over the nations, inscribed on both sides TOTAL ABSTINENCE FROM ALL THAT CAN INTOXICATE, we commence another year of contest, with the *depraved appetites, the reckless passions, the parsimonious selfishness, and the cold calculating indifference* of thousands on thousands, assured that the arm of the Almighty will give triumph to the Temperance enterprise, by causing ONE to chase a thousand, and TWO to put ten thousand to flight."

A number of important and appropriate Resolutions were passed, among which we are particularly pleased with the following, on account of the conciliatory spirit which they breathe, and which cannot fail to lead to the happiest results:—

4. *Resolved*, That as entire abstinence from intoxicating liquors may be practised by individuals for different reasons; and as there should be a common bond of union, as far as practicable, among all who agree in practice, the pledge of this Society shall hereafter be as follows:

"We, the undersigned, do agree that we will not use intoxicating liquors as a beverage, nor traffic in them; that we will not provide them as an article of entertainment, or for persons in our employment, and that in all suitable ways, we will discountenance their use throughout the community."

Whereas, the whole history of the Temperance enterprise demonstrates the utility of the mutual pledge, therefore,

5. *Resolved*, That the same, as now amended, be earnestly recommended for the adoption of all the friends of Temperance.

And whereas, however, there may still be individuals whose views of religious and moral duty do not permit them to adopt a formal pledge, but who still avow and practice total abstinence, therefore,

6. *Resolved*, That this Society recognise in the practice of such individuals a kindred influence, and they bespeak their future co-operation in the furtherance of the common cause.

## MASSACHUSETTS TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.

On the 21st ult. a noble Convention of more than 100 delegates of Temperance Societies met at the Odéon, in Boston, for the purpose of forming a State Temperance Society, on the principle of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks. The following gentlemen were made officers of the Convention:—

*President*.—John Tappan.

*Vice-Presidents*.—Rev. John Hurst, Rev. Samuel J. May, Lyman Towne, William B. Bannister, and Myron Lawrence.

*Secretaries*.—Henry Edwards, John S. Sleeper, and Lewis G. Pray.

Rev. Dr. Edwards, from the Standing Committee, reported regulations to govern the meeting, and introduced the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That we will form ourselves into an Association, for the purpose of promoting, in all suitable ways, total abstinence from the use, as a beverage, of all intoxicating drinks.

A debate ensued on the adoption of this resolution, in which Alden Bradford, L. M. Sargent, Moses Grant, Dr. Walter Channing, Rev. Mr. Cobb, Rev. Dr. Edwards, and other gentlemen, took part.

The resolution was adopted, with but two dissenting voices; and the association, called the Massachusetts Temperance Union, was organized.

A number of important Resolutions were afterwards passed, and the meeting adopted a memorial to the Legislature against the License Laws, from which we cannot make any extracts on account of want of room.

## SCOTLAND.

GREENOCK.—On the evening of New Year's day three Soirees were held in town. The annual one took place in the Assembly Rooms this year, under the management of the Committee of the Total Abstinence Society. Provost McLeish presided, and did the honours of the chair admirably. Upwards of 500 were present; and the money drawn from the sale of tickets, after defraying expenses, amounted to £14, which was given to the Treasurer of the Infirmary. The meeting was addressed by the Provost, Rev. Messrs. Finlayson, Campbell, and Gilmour, and Messrs. Dunlop and Slater. Another Soiree was held in Mr. Cullen's School-room, Cartdyke. The Rev. Mr. Moserip in the chair. The number present was upwards of 200. It went well off, and speeches were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Salmon, and Falconer, of Paisley, and other gentlemen. Another party of about 100 met in the school-room attached to St. Andrew's Church, where Mr. Andrew McFarlane presided. Those present express themselves well pleased with the arrangements, and they broke up at a late hour.—*Greenock Advertiser*.

*Miscellaneous.*

ENACTMENTS AGAINST DRUNKENNESS.—The laws enacted to prevent drunkenness at various periods, and by different Governments, are curious. Domitian ordered all the vine plants in the Roman territory to be rooted out. Charles the Tenth\* of France issued a

\* We suspect this is a mistake. —Ed