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Glasgow.—At no former period has the cause been in a more flourishing state, or exhibited more trophies of its beneficial effects than at the present time; the meetings are crowded, and great numbers are signing the pledge. The Committees are indefatigable in forwarding the organization for the support of an efficient system of visitation, and the cause is extending more than ever. The vast machinery of demoralization, concentrated in 2700 fruitful sources of poverty, crime, disease, and death, are however, still in active operation; and the great work to be done is, comparatively speaking, only commenced in right earnest.—“Onward,” is our motto.

Camlachie.—During the last month this village has been the scene of a tee-total revival, in consequence of a series of meetings held during the week commencing on the 24th June. These meetings were all held in the open air, and lasted for six nights. The interest excited was very great, increasing as the week advanced, and by its conclusion scarcely a single individual residing in the neighbourhood was ignorant of the principles of our society. The meetings were attended, on an average, by five or six hundred people, whose countenances responded to the statements of truth made by the several speakers, and told how clearly they beheld the folly and absurdity, of wasting their money, strength, and character for that which, in the end, “bites like a serpent and stings like an adder.” The regular attendance of some of the publicans in the place, and their attention while present, indicated that Tee-total was an antagonist not to be trifled with, having placed their craft in the most imminent danger. The means resorted to since the meetings, in order to entrap their victims, prove that their system has got a shock which it will not likely get the better of. Indeed were it not for the “custom” which they get upon Sabbath from the “Glasgow tipplers,” who feel themselves at more liberty to drink and riot beyond the bounds of the police, they might shut up their drinkeries, and, like honest men, earn their bread by the sweat of their brow, and not by the destruction of immortal souls. At the celebration of this “jubilee” nearly two hundred have burst the fetters of alcoholic bondage, and declared “they shall never get drunk again.” It is right to state, that the interest excited, and the good effected, is the result of the animated addresses of Mr. James Teare of Preston, Mr. Colbert of Liverpool, Dr. Keimnan of Belfast, Mr. Mucfie of Shettleston, Messrs Orr, Morrison, Ferguson, Hoey, Winton, Mearns, and Reid, of Glasgow. On Monday evening, the 15th of July, about 30 of the members held a soiree in Mr. Reid’s place of meeting. The evening was spent in the most delightful interchange of social feeling and hearty congratulations in having escaped the enemy’s snare. The reformed were the most joyful, and Camlachie can boast of not a few.

Paisley.—Our Society continues to prosper, and I cannot omit alluding to the operations of the *Christian Temperance Mission*, an independent institution conducted by members of our society. The formation was noticed in your columns, and its objects are the drunken and the vicious, who are regularly visited in their abodes on Sabbath mornings, and occasionally at other times, when the Scriptures are read to them, and they are kindly admonished and prayed with. Prayer-meetings are also stately held, to which they are invited, and many attend. The result of these labours are of the most gratifying descriptions. The glad tidings of salvation have been carried to many a miserable dwelling where the joyful sound was unknown: the scripture and useful tracts have been distributed, and have always been thankfully received and read with avidity; not a few have been reclaimed from wicked and degrading habits,

and are now walking “the ways of Zion,”—upheld and directed, we trust, by its King. Peace and comfort have been restored to families long desolated by intemperance; and nearly a thousand members added to our Total Abstinence Society. The Christian Temperance Mission has upwards of twenty agents, whose services, I need scarcely add, are gratuitous and voluntary. J. A. Sec.

Vale of Leven.—This society still continues in a flourishing condition. Mr. James Teare addressed large audiences upon the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday, the 9th and 10th of July. Great interest has been excited by the eloquent advocacy of this good man. On the following Friday evening, the Rev. Mr. Kirk, together with Mr. William Reid of Glasgow, addressed upwards of a thousand people in the open air at Alexandria. Upwards of fifty signed the pledge at the close of the meeting. A number of villages in the vale, including Renton, Alexandria, &c. have united together as one society. Mr. Law addressed a crowded meeting at Alexandria on the 11th August, and a very deep impression appeared to be produced in favour of the abstinence principles, and several who have long been opposed are now beginning to come in; a great number of drunkards have been reformed, many of whom are now decidedly pious. The members here are all uncommonly active and zealous. The committee is organizing the operations with the greatest activity and best judgment; in particular, they are exerting themselves to extend the circulation of the *Journal*. A Congregational Church has lately been established in this place; it now consists of about eighty members, and we rejoice to state that nearly the whole of them are likewise members of the Total Abstinence Society. Let other churches act upon this principle, and then less precious time will be occupied in administering discipline to those whom this enemy has betrayed, and more time and energy at command in assailing the bulwark of Satan’s kingdom, and in bringing the hearts of men into subjection to the cross of Christ. Mr. Law has just visited the place a second time, and had an excellent meeting on the 19th in Bonnel. On the 20th a large out-door meeting at Renton. The cause, in all the different villages in the Vale, is in a highly prosperous condition, and the various committees are uncommonly active.

Sanquhar.—This Society is in a very healthy condition, and can point to many proofs of the efficiency of total abstinence principles. Upon the evening of Monday the 3rd August, Mr. William Reid from Glasgow addressed at considerable length a very large out-door meeting in the square. It was a very interesting meeting. On the following day, at 12 o’clock, the members of the society assembled at the same place, for the purpose of walking in procession. Having formed themselves into the following order:—Sanquhar instrumental band—juvenile members, three a-breast;—office-bearers, together with delegates from various societies—male and female adult members, three a-breast;—they proceeded to the Castle Gate—then to Crawick Mill, where a large meeting was assembled, when Mr. Reid addressed them upon the absurdity of the moderation system. They again formed themselves into walking order, and proceeded back to the Square, where another large meeting was held, which was again addressed by Mr. Reid, and Mr. Johnstone from Dumfries. At five o’clock, nearly four hundred persons sat down to tea in the Rev. Messrs. Reid and Crow’s church, which had been kindly granted for the occasion. Addresses were delivered by Mr. Osborne, the Chairman, Messrs. Dickson and Johnstone from Dumfries, and Mr. Reid of Glasgow. After spending three hours in a very pleasant and profitable manner, the company broke up about eight o’clock, many of them having to go a considerable distance. Altogether, we have seldom spent a happier day in the teetotal cause. The day was most delightful; indeed all were smiling, if we except the publicans. A good many of them being