

on the subject, whilst he was very much against the drinking habits of the people, he was also so decided a voluntary as to think it wrong to interfere in these matters, or to make them terms of church fellowship. He had no objection that the Synod should agree to give the memorialists every encouragement, consistently with their constitution as a Christian church; but he thought they would have the court to go farther than they ought to go in the same.

Mr. Ronald expressed the opinion that the Synod could do no more in this case than just agree to recommend to sessions to be careful in exercising the discipline of the church against all intemperance.

Mr. Kirkwood was sure that every member of the Synod was impressed with the necessity of using all lawful means in order that intemperance might be suppressed. At the same time it was needless to blink the question that, as a Synod, they were utterly shut out from exercising such formidable powers as the memorialists contemplated; and as they had frequently on previous occasions denounced the sin of intemperance, he thought it would be a sufficient answer to the memorialists to call their attention to these resolutions, and to allow the memorial to lie on the table. He moved accordingly.

Mr. Thomas remarked that if this resolution was agreed to, he would be compelled to bring up the memorial again at next meeting of Synod.

Mr. Beckett thought it would be better to get quit of the matter at once, now that it was before the Synod. For his own part, he did not feel satisfied with the spirit of these memorials, because he had seen controversies introduced in regard to the principles which the parties seemed to profess, and no doubt consistently to hold, that had been very injurious to the peace of the brethren. He thought that had the memorialists any idea how such discussions might operate in this way, they would not have sought to involve them in the matter. Thinking that the Synod said enough in the case if they made their usual declaration or testimony against the sin of drunkenness, he begged to move the following:—That the Synod agree in lamenting the extensive prevalence of the sin of intemperance; recommend to the ministers of this church not only to support by their example and influence the cause of Christian sobriety, but to take opportunity from time to time to warn their people against this destructive vice; and also enjoin sessions to see that the principles of New Testament discipline, applicable to this case, are faithfully carried into effect.

After some farther conversation, Mr. Beckett's motion was unanimously agreed to.—*Scottish Press.*

#### ENGLAND.

**MANCHESTER.**—The sixth anniversary of the total abstinence society in connection with Lloyd Street United Presbyterian Church, was held in the school room adjoining the chapel, on Monday evening, 30th April—the Rev. William McKerrew, the president, in the chair.

After tea, and after introductory remarks by the chairman, Mr. Forrest Angus, the secretary of the society, read the report of the committee for the past year. The report stated that shortly after the last annual meeting, the distribution of temperance, in conjunction with religious tracts, had been commenced in Jackson's Row. Two hundred and forty families were now visited weekly, by thirty-three tract distributors. The books are, in almost all cases, frankly received, and in many instances they are known to be carefully read. Lectures have been delivered at the monthly meetings, and pleasant social parties of the members have from time to time been held. At several of the meetings a large number of young people were present. Meetings are held in Jackson's Row on three evenings of the week; and the local committee have great gratification in announcing that during the past year they have recorded good resolutions of 157 men, 93 women, 12 boys, and 14 girls under 14 years of age. The subject of total abstinence has also been introduced in Gaythorn Place; and since June last a meeting has been held there regularly every Monday evening. Since the last annual meeting 559 names, in all, have been attached to the pledge, namely, 270 men, 151 women, 67 boys, and 71 girls. The following is the account of the strictly congregational part of the society: 88 men, 79 women, 39 boys, 20 girls; total, 226. With respect to the Sunday school, of 48 teachers, 38 are total abstainers; and of 293 scholars, 248 are pledged teetotalers. There are only 18 persons in the school,

above 14 years of age, unconnected with the society. In 27 cases both parents, in 10 cases the fathers only, and in 13 cases the mothers only of the children are teetotalers.

The Rev. James Towers, of Birkenhead, proposed the adoption of the report, which motion was seconded by Mr. Wm. Boulton, and unanimously carried. After office-bearers had been elected, a lengthened and effective address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Wallace, of Bradford, late of Alexandria. The concluding speech was given by the Rev. Mr. Skinner, of Blackburn, who stated that Lloyd Street Congregation had on the previous day made a collection for the temperance cause, which amounted to £22. He also mentioned that in the Lancashire Presbytery, a decided majority of the ministers and elders are attached to the temperance cause.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**—A series of interesting and effective meetings was held at Easter, in connection with the Anniversary of the Young Men's Temperance Association. A lecture was given by Mr. Jabez Inwards, on Thursday, 5th April, and on Good Friday, a members' meeting, a Sunday scholars' meeting, and a tea-party were held. The report of last year's operations was read by the secretary, and has since been printed, but as most of the matters to which it refers have already been noticed in the *Review*, they need not now be recapitulated. Since the association was formed in Nov., 1847, 237 meetings have been held, of which 74 were at Sunday schools; 44,645 persons, including 11,335 children, have attended these meetings; 501 addresses have been delivered, including 145 to Sunday schools; 4030 tracts have been circulated; 1336 members have been enrolled, exclusive of those connected with the school societies; 28 branch associations have been formed, 26 of which are in Sabbath schools, and embrace a membership of 342 teachers, and 1378 scholars, being about two-thirds of the teachers, and fully one-half of the scholars attending these schools. The amount of money expended in carrying forward these important operations does not much exceed £110. On the 'plan of speakers,' are to be found the names of not fewer than fifty persons, most of which we believe are young men. These advocates, not only address meetings in town, but keep up weekly, fortnightly, and monthly meetings, at a goodly number of places in the neighborhood. The proceedings of the anniversary were brought to a close on Monday and Wednesday, 9th and 11th April, when Mr. Inwards delivered his celebrated 'Trial of Alcohol.' So long as the same amount of energy is exerted by the members of this society, a large amount of success is certain to attend their efforts.

**HUNDERSFIELD.**—The Wesleyan Union of total abstainers in this place, held a tea-party on 10th April, which was attended by about 225 persons. Mr. Samuel Booth, surgeon, presided. The annual report was read by the secretary. It stated that the society had been instituted on 29th July, 1818, and that it had enrolled 90 members, consisting of trustees, local preachers, leaders, Sunday school teachers, and tract distributors. This society is connected with the union formed at Liverpool, in 1846, which has now upwards of fifty branches in different parts of the United Kingdom.

**WHITBY.**—On Monday and Tuesday, the 22nd and 23rd April, Mr. Jabez Inwards delivered two lectures on the temperance question, in the Temperance Hall, Whitby, to large and deeply interested audiences; and although a slight charge was made for admission, the hall was crowded each evening. At the close of the lectures, a vote of thanks was presented to him by acclamation. Each meeting was presided over by the Rev. E. Heywood, Wesleyan Association Minister. A considerable number signed the pledge at the close.

**BEER-SHOP ACT.**—A variety of newspapers have been kindly sent us, containing reports of public meetings, held in different parts of England, to petition parliament for a repeal of the beer-shop act. The temperance reformers seem to be exceedingly zealous in this work, and are receiving aid from parties who have not hitherto identified themselves with temperance operations. Much good will doubtless result from such frequent and faithful exposures of the atrocities connected with the traffic in malt liquors.

We understand that a Rechabite Tent was opened in Georgetown, Esquimaux, composed of men of respectability, who were initiated and installed on Monday, April 23. No doubt this society will prosper; we hope to hear of their success.