

ating liquors" presented a loyal address to the Queen on her accession to the crown, in which, after informing Her Majesty of the nature and objects of their association, and the means by which they hoped to gain the latter, they introduce the following hint:—"To this declaration not less than 100,000 of your Majesty's loyal subjects in North Wales have already subscribed their names, some thousands of whom had previously been drunkards. And could we convey to your Royal mind the incalculable benefits resulting from the simple means of total abstinence from intoxicating liquor, we would, with humble confidence, earnestly treat your Majesty to condescend to patronize our endeavours."

The LADIES of PRESTON have sent a similar address, which, as it is unquestionably "a new thing under the sun," we present it to our readers.

"May it please your Majesty,

"We, the undersigned females, inhabitants of Preston, in the county of Lancaster, beg to congratulate you on your accession to the throne of these realms, and do offer up our fervent prayers and supplications to Almighty God, that your health may be preserved, and that you may long continue to reign over us.

"We desire to approach your Majesty as becomes dutiful and loyal subjects, having at heart the welfare and happiness of our fellow creatures, being convinced, from the goodness of your heart, of your anxious desire to promote the present and eternal happiness of your people, that you will support and encourage every institution calculated to produce the same.

"We have, for a long time, been much distressed in witnessing the great and manifold evils which the use of intoxicating liquor has inflicted upon all classes of your Majesty's subjects, particularly the working classes. Some of us, having suffered the greatest privations in consequence of the intemperate habits of those with whom we have been closely connected, are well able to speak experimentally upon the subject: and we give it as our deliberate opinion, that by removing from this country intoxicating liquors, the greatest barrier to human happiness would be destroyed.

"We have great pleasure in stating to your Majesty, that the King of Sweden has formed a Temperance Society in his dominions, and is its most active promoter. Also the Queen of the Otaheite Islands has become a member of a Society in her dominions, and will not allow her subjects to make, buy, or sell any kind of spirituous liquors. The consequence is, her people have become more moral, more virtuous, and more happy.

"As we have stated to your Majesty what the evil is which afflicts our country, we also feel proud in being able to state that a remedy has been discovered, which, if properly applied, would effectually destroy the evil; and that remedy is the Temperance Society, based upon the abstinence principle, of which we are all members.

"We respectfully pray that your Majesty will give this subject your most gracious and serious consideration: and should you be pleased to become a member of, and patronize the Temperance Society, your people will then become the greatest, most virtuous, and the most happy people in the habitable globe."

Miscellaneous.

The Annual Meeting of the Middlebury Temperance Society will be holden at the Methodist Chapel, on Wednesday, January 3, at six o'clock P.M. The following question is proposed for discussion:—"Has the community been most injured by the vendors of intoxicating liquors (as a drink,) or by the keepers of gambling houses?" By order of the board.

NEW JERSEY.—In his charge to the grand jury, at the late term of the Atlantic County Court, New Jersey, Chief Justice Hornblower stated that of the six capital cases which he had tried since his appointment, FIVE had their origin in drunkenness.

The Temperance men in Middlesex county, Mass., are determined to make trial at the polls whether spirituous liquors shall be retailed in the county, and pauperism, immorality, idleness, crime, and desolation be perpetuated among them. In the Convention, men were nominated to be county commissioners who it is well known, will not license any retailers of strong drink. This will no doubt be considered an outrage upon all their rights by those who have so long practically maintained the union of rum and state. But the people of old Massachusetts have been in the habit of saying whether they will or will not be taxed.

An incentive to Temperance is offered by the Citizens' Insurance Company of Missouri, which advertises that it will make a deduction of five per cent, from the usual rates, in favor of those boats and cargoes, on board of which spirituous liquors are not allowed to be used as a drink.—*Express*.

"Drunkenness arms the hand with violence; gives the dishonest man nerve to go through with the crime which he meditates; leads him on to a degree of violence not at first contemplated; and often gives him courage to imbrue his hands in the blood of his fellow-man."—*From the Recorder's Charge to the Grand Jury, Chester, England.*

Poetry.

A DIALOGUE.

"I can drink," exclaimed Hodge, "or can let it alone,"
To be bound, I will not—this I freely can own."
"You can drink, I am certain," replied a shrewd boy,
"I have seen you do that, and your senses destroy;
Only show by your practice that you can abstain
From this vile cup of wo; never taste it again:
You will then clearly prove every word you have said,
And need never again take the ditch for your bed."

A Reformed Drunkard, being solicited by his companions to go with them to the Public House, composed the following verses:—

My companions, farewell! no more shall I roam,
Nor exchange for your revels the sweets of my home;
I prefer to mad riot and boisterous mirth,
The sweets that encircle the married man's hearth.
Farewell, my companions, no more shall I roam,
I've a wife and a sweet little baby at home.

You may laugh, if you please, say a dotard I'm grown,
And pretend that with temperance my pleasures are flown.
Ye poor giddy flutterers round every new face,
In your bosoms can happiness ere find a place?
From fair to fair raging, still restless ye roam,—
I'm content with my wife and my baby at home.

Ye may flock to the alehouse, and boast of the joys
To be found in excitement, and folly, and noise:
Ye well know how vain, and how hollow the boast,
These joys I've experienced, and know what they cost.
Whiskey toddy, farewell! to no tavern I'll roam,
I'll drink tea with my wife and my baby at home.

M. R. W. S. LENNON is no longer authorized to collect for the Temperance Advocate.

JAMES COURT, Sec. T. S.

Montreal, January 1, 1838.