

That being the time for electing officers, the following persons were chosen:—

C. H. Peck, *President*; William Hillyard, *Vice-President*; W. D. Dickenson, *Secretary*; and a Corresponding Committee of five.

The following resolutions were then passed:—

1. *Resolved*,—That the officers hold their situations one year instead of six months, from the date of their appointment, and that the regular meetings of the Society be held on the second *Mondays* of January, April, July, and October, instead of the second *Wednesdays* of the same months.

2. *Resolved*,—Knowing that there are unfortunate persons in our village, and its vicinity, who are suffering both in their persons and families from the use of intoxicating drinks, and still are unwilling to join a Temperance Society, it is resolved, that as a means of benefiting such persons, the *Secretary* be requested to endeavour to persuade them to lay aside for safe keeping, that money which they may have been in the habit of squandering, that they may use it in a more profitable manner.

The meeting was then favoured with a very interesting address from the Rev. Mr. Tupper of this place, for which a vote of thanks was given. The thanks of the Society was also tendered to the proprietors of the Methodist Chapel for their kindness in allowing them the use of that building. Both pledges were then read, and the names of the subscribers thereto, after which, six persons presented their names for the Total Abstinence pledge. The meeting was then concluded.

All the members that have been added to the Society at the different meetings, since both pledges have been offered, have *incorrigibly* subscribed to total abstinence from all that intoxicates, and subscribers to the old pledge are by degrees transferring their names to the new. The whole number of members are now *seventy-five*, which, though a comparatively small number, should be sufficient to prevent discouragement, if that few adhere to the *spirit and letter* of their pledge. The *seventy-five* members consist of *thirty-four* subscribers to the old pledge, and *forty-one* to the new.

I am, Sir, very respectfully yours,

W. D. DICKENSON, *Secretary*.

ENGLAND.—The Anniversary of the Birmingham Temperance Society was held on the 3d of November, in the town hall, R. T. Cadburg, Esq., in the chair. In the organ gallery there was a number of highly respectable inhabitants. The body of the hall was filled with mechanics and their wives, who took a most lively interest in the proceedings. The report mentions between 300 and 400 individuals, once drunkards, now sober; once wretched, now happy; once idle, dissolute, Sabbath-breakers, regardless alike of God and man, now many of them professed members of Christian churches, and attentive to moral and religious duties; and multitudes of families are rejoicing at the day when a husband, a wife, a mother, a child, sought and found refuge amongst us, from the evils for which there hitherto appeared no remedy.

The half yearly festival of the Preston Society commenced Oct. 6. Meetings, respectably and very numerously attended, were held in the theatre every evening in the week. The Temperance band of musicians were present. The festival concluded with a tea-party, on the Monday evening, at the Temperance hotel.

A festival of eight days' continuance, was held at Stockport, commencing Sept. 24. Meetings were held every evening, in various chapels and schools. On Tuesday afternoon, there was a tea-party, in the Edgely school, at which about 300 sat down.

On the 25th ult., St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, was the scene of an entertainment of the most unalloyed gratification that has ever, perhaps, been witnessed in that city. It having been announced that the Diocesan would take the chair at a Temperance festival, no fewer than 980 persons, (admitted by tickets, at fifteen-pence each,) sat down to partake of the beverage that "cheers, but not inebriates;" about two-thirds of the number being ladies. The bishop was received, on his entrance, with universal applause, and, Beethooven's fine "Hallelujah to the Father," having been sung by a full orchestra, accompanied by the organ, under the direction of the Rev. R. F. Elwin, the Right Rev. Prelate rose, and said, with deep feeling—This was, indeed, a glorious sight, and one which must be delightful to the feelings of every Christian. He saw before him a sight such as he had rarely seen, and one that gave him the greatest satisfaction. They had before them an ardent advocate of Temperance societies, and had they sought through all the world, they could not have found a better. He did not say this from vanity or pride, but because they had before them one who, for a length of time, was opposed to Temperance societies,

thinking them the vain visions of enthusiastic minds. However, he did not revile, but he looked at the matter, not through prejudice, but, he trusted, as a conscientious man, determined to see both sides of the question. In his own county, Temperance societies had swarmed around him like bees, and he soon saw that it was on Temperance societies the fulcrum might be rested, to raise the British nation to what it ought to be, and it ended in his becoming a convert. The progress of these societies was indeed a miracle. His lordship related many instances of improvement in the condition and morals of persons who had joined the society. Several other speakers addressed the meeting. Shortly after nine o'clock, the company partook of supper, and separated at eleven, highly delighted with the entertainment.

IRELAND.—National Temperance Society, on the Principle of Abstinence from all Intoxicating Liquors.—It gives us great pleasure to learn that a society, under the above title, has been established in Ireland. We quote the following from the address of the committee:—"Experience has proved, to demonstration, that the slave of intemperance cannot be emancipated by temporizing measures; total abstinence from the use of intoxicating liquors, is the only effectual remedy that can be applied to the disease. Wherever the principles of the Temperance Society have been rigidly observed, the consequences have been of the most cheering character; through the instrumentality of the Temperance societies, thousands have been reclaimed from the very outcasts of humanity, and have regained that standing in society, from which, intemperance and its concomitant evils had driven them. It is painful to observe in this city, [Dublin,] where squalid poverty and wretched indigence are so apparent, that not less than 1400 retailers of intoxicating liquors find support for their demoralizing traffic. It may be truly said of these publicans, that they live and grow rich upon the misery they create and perpetuate. The committee would fain express the hope, that there are few of the better walks of society, who do not unite with the committee in the desire to alleviate the distresses of suffering humanity; and as drunkenness contributes so largely to swell the calendar of human crime and human misery, they feel themselves justified in claiming the support of the respectable and wealthy, in their endeavour to correct the evils that bear so heavily on their poor, but unreflecting brethren. The spread of Temperance principles in Ireland would have the effect, not only of lessening crime, but want and positive starvation; and should a poor-law be enacted for Ireland, Temperance habits will mitigate, in a very great degree, its pecuniary infliction." We have just seen the pledge of this Society, which is as follows:—"We voluntarily agree to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as an article of diet, refreshment, cordial, reward, or hospitality."

THE DIFFERENCE.—Out of a cargo of convicts, 250 in number, lately sent to New South Wales, who were allowed no stimulants, not one died on the passage; whilst of the ship's crew, who were allowed their rations of rum, 20 per cent. of their number died before reaching Sidney.

Miscellaneous.

FOR LEGISLATORS.

"Have you any medicine that will keep a man from drinking, and give him a distaste for liquor?" was the inquiry of a well dressed and respectable looking female, as she called at the store yesterday.

"Who do you want it for," I inquired.

"My husband," said she, as the tears trickled down her cheeks. "He has been in a frolic all this week: he is a carpenter and a good workman. He can get plenty of work; but just as he gets a good job he gets into a frolic, and sometimes will do nothing for weeks, and I have to do all the work, and support the children, and it's almost more than I can bear: my patience can hardly hold out."