

Progress of the Cause.

ENGLAND.

DR. F. R. LEES.—The metropolis, and a few privileged places in the vicinity, have, during the last month, been favored with a visit by Dr. Frederick R. Lees, D. S. A., of Edinburgh, the uncompromising advocate of genuine temperance. Dr. Lees gave his first lecture (on the Laws of Life) at the Literary Institution, Greenwich, on Thursday evening, the 1st ult., and the second (on the Wine Question) on Thursday, the 22nd. His first course in London was delivered in the National Hall, Holborn, on the evenings of the 5th, 7th and 8th ult. During the month, the Doctor also lectured at Lewes, Tunbridge Wells, Stoke Newington, and Hackney, and in every instance the audience has evinced a strong and lively sympathy with the original views enunciated. Here, as elsewhere, misrepresentation had done its work.—and many attended the lectures expecting to see—as we heard one gentleman remark—a real “wild man,” a ferocious savage, but their expectations were not a little disconcerted at finding that the “wild man” was a calm, thinking, and tolerant expositor of great and holy principles. The spirit pervading these lectures was not less Christian than the matter of them was just, genuine and philosophical, tending throughout to demonstrate the wisdom and adaptations of the divine works on the one hand, and the accordance of their laws with teetotalism, on the other. Even his exposition of “the wine question,” generally supposed to be abstruse and difficult, was, by his mode of treatment, made at once harmonious, simple, and satisfactory. We like his idea of the “Concordance of Scripture and Science,” the oneness of God in the scriptures of nature and the scriptures of revelation, it increases one’s admiration of the works of God, and one’s reverence for his word. We shall not soon forget the thrilling delight we experienced while listening to these lectures;—they gave us glimpses of God in nature, as well as visions of Him in revelation; and we hope to have our own, as well as the faith of our brethren, in this great city, strengthened by the continued labours and repeated visits of this champion of our cause.—*English paper.*

LIVERPOOL.—The Church of England Temperance Society, Bevington Hill, under the auspices of its indefatigable Secretary, Mr. Owen, goes bravely on. The meetings are generally crowded, and numerous signatures obtained. On the 24th of May, a very large meeting was held, over which Lawrence Heyworth, Esq., presided, when an address was delivered by the Hon. Judge Marshall on the advantages arising from total abstinence. He illustrated his address by numerous and striking facts which had come to his knowledge during the last eighteen years he had been on the bench; and he had had ample opportunities of observing the evils, national and individual, which were caused by strong drink on the one hand, and the benefits conferred by total abstinence on the other. On June 6th and 7th, two excellent addresses were delivered by Mr. W. H. Ryder, of the United States.—*Liverpool Paper,*

HOLLAND.

DUTCH TEMPERANCE SHIP.—On the 28th of June, arrived in New York from Holland, the bark *Amsterdam Temperance Society*, Captain Menkman. The following letter of introduction was received by us:—

“Amsterdam, April 23, 1848.

REV. J. MARSH—

Dear Sir,—The bearer of this, Captain Menkman, of the Amsterdam Temperance Society, now numbering 1600 members, will inform you of the building and fitting out of one merchant ship, without any strong drink being used, and with the express clause in the crew’s engagement, that no such liquor should be used during the voyage. It was considered here, by most merchants, a bold innovation. It was in view of proclaiming aloud the principle of abstinence for sailors, that this bark-ship, fitted out by Jacob Post and Co., of this port, and commanded by Captain Menkman, has received the name of the Amsterdam Temperance Society. This, his first voyage to New York, seemed an appropriate time for introducing our valued friend, the Captain, to our American Temperance brethren. By greeting him as a friend and brother, you will encourage him in his noble efforts in behalf of our great cause.

J. HEENSKERK,

Secretary Amsterdam Temperance Society.”

The Captain and crew have been cordially welcomed in New York. On the 4th of July they were invited to attend the public Temperance meeting at the Green Street Methodist Church, where they were presented to the President, Dr. Peck, and had an address made to them by Dr. Dowling.—*Journal-American Temperance Union.*

UNITED STATES.

NEW YORK CITY OPERATIONS.—Several temperance associations in this city have kept up their operations during the last season; but none are of a more interesting or probably valuable character than the regular Sunday meeting at the Tombs. To give our distant readers an idea of them, we extract the following account of one on the 17th ult., from the *Sun*:—“At four o’clock, P. M., the prisoners were arranged on benches in the lower hall of the main building, or stood around upon the corridors. The men were quiet and taciturn, the women, womanlike, disposed to be chatty. All were clean, and all behaved in a quiet, orderly manner. The fact that nine-tenths of them had been incarcerated for drunkenness or crimes arising therefrom, made the occasion very interesting. The warm-hearted philanthropists who were labouring for the elevation of degraded humanity—the ragged, bloated, and woe-begone features of the well-known *habitués*—the sharp, cunning features of the Oliver Twists—the thin and faded calico dresses—the girls who for the first time had been in the cells of a prison, and the sexagenarians whose grey hairs hung tattered about their necks, all united to present a strange picture, where were represented not merely the blasted hopes of men and women, but bitter stories of broken hearts, crushed hopes, and severed family ties. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Edmonds, who briefly adverted to the fact that signing the