

hundred and thirty nine persons, arrested for drunkenness and disorderly conduct; in the whole, 7765 persons arrested in six months, for intoxication. During the same time, one thousand nine hundred and forty-five children were picked up as lost. Ought not the moral and religious influence of this great city to be brought to bear more powerfully than it is upon this tremendous evil? We invoke the press, we invoke the pulpit, we invoke every Sunday-school teacher, and every parent to come to our aid.—*Journal Am. Tem. Union.*

**OHIO.**—A State Convention was called to meet at Columbus on the second Wednesday of November, for the purpose of adopting measures to obtain such an expression of public sentiment upon the License Question as will secure the favorable action of the coming Legislature.

**INDIANA.**—In conversing a few days since with an intelligent gentleman, a resident of Vermillion County in this State, he remarked, that their County Temperance Society, numbering near six hundred persons, had not failed to hold a monthly meeting for several years past. 'This fact tells well for that county, and we doubt whether there is another in the State of which the same can be said. It is too frequently the case that Temperance Societies are permitted to die in a few months after organization.—*Id. Jour.*

**CONNECTICUT CONVENTION.**—The Annual State Convention met at Hartford on the 29th of October, and was a meeting of universal interest. More than 400 delegate and members were present. Connecticut is now an interesting object of observation to other States. The late Legislature broke down all restrictions upon the traffic and opened the floodgates of drunkenness. The reports from counties, therefore, were looked for with interest.

### Miscellaneous.

**NATURAL.**—Yesterday week, two young men, named Shirles, the sons of a laborer at Steeple Claydon, Bucks, quarrelled in a public-house, and fought seventy rounds, when the elder brother fell, and was taken up a corpse.—*Liverpool Mercury*, Oct 23, 1846.

**INQUEST.**—An inquest was held on Monday, by George P. Bull, Coroner, on the body of Mrs. Thos. Wright, who fell from her chair in a fit, on Saturday evening, while at supper. After the greater part of the day being spent in the investigation, the Jury returned a verdict as follows:—"That the deceased came to her death by apoplexy, caused by excessive drinking."—*Hamilton Gazette.*

**INQUEST.**—On Tuesday evening, as Mrs. Gorman, residing in Combermere-street was going up stairs to bed, in a state of intoxication, with her infant in her arms, she slipped her foot and fell, with her child under her. She afterwards retired to bed, and the child was found dead the following morning. From a post-mortem examination the cause of death was ascertained to be an extensive fracture of the skull. Verdict accordingly.—*Liverpool Mercury*, Oct. 13, 1846.

**AWFULLY SUDDEN DEATH.**—On Thursday se'nnight, an inquest was held at the Saracen's Head Inn, Taunton, on the body of John Fearncombe, the landlord.—The servant girl, Martha Letherby stated that her master had been drinking wine nearly all the afternoon previous to his death, and in the evening was assisted to bed intoxicated, by herself and mistress, and the following morning he was a corpse. The fashionable (but in this case blasphemous) verdict of 'Natural Death' was returned.—*Taunton Advertiser*, Nov. 8, 1846.

**SHOCKING TRAGEDY.**—One of those dreadful occurrences, at the very mention of which the blood runs cold arising from the use of intoxicating liquors, has recently taken place in Dublin.—The unfortunate victim to the fury of a man, mad with drink, was a woman named Jane Boland. It appears that she was confined on Tuesday of a dead child; and a witness swore that she confessed that her husband, when in a state of intoxication, on Sunday, came into the room where she was lying, and struck her several times across the body. The Coroner's Jury returned the following verdict:—"Extensive peritonitis, produced by blows inflicted by her husband while in a state of intoxication."—*Somerset Gazette.*

**MURDER! MURDER! MURDER!**—An inquest was held on Sunday, at Heath's wharf in this city, on the body of Samuel Ford, of North Abington, who fell into the water and was drowned, while in a state of intoxication. He had been drinking freely during the day, was in company with his wife on the common in

the evening, but was separated from her by the crowd. He was 64 years of age, and has left a wife and four children. The night previous, an inquest was held on the body of an unknown man, who died in Commercial Court. He had been seen during the day much intoxicated, and died of delirium tremens. His body was conveyed to the dead house. In Marblehead an inquest was held, on Friday, on the body of William Lear, an irascible man, who was found dead on the wharf. Verdict, death by intoxication. Such are the fruits of the traffic! And yet the rum-sellers are honorable men!—*Boston Paper, U. S.*

**A BUTCHER'S FREAK.**—At Garstang, the other day, a butcher returned home from Hornby fair so obfuscated with drink, that he mistook his pony for a heifer, led it to the slaughter-house, and killed it *secundum artem*!

A friend of ours, discussing with a religious moderate drinker, was referred to the fact that Lot and Noah both got drunk, and therefore drinking was right! A Scotchman listening to the debate, said—"Gin a body may speer o' ye [if I may inquire of you], de ye think it was onything to their credit?" This was a poser!

**RICHARD TURNER.**—The individual who first applied the term "Tectotalers" to those who totally abstained from intoxicating drinks—died by the bursting of a blood-vessel, on the 27th of October last, at Preston. He had attained an advanced age, and was generally respected.

**A PRUDENT CABMAN.**—A cab proprietor was charged at Liverpool, on August 21st, with having refused to take home a gentleman that was drunk.—He justified his refusal by saying that persons in that state made it unfit for others to travel in. Mr. Rushton, the magistrate, admitted the objection, and said he had acted right.

**FOOD FOR THE STARVING PEOPLE OF IRELAND.**—A correspondent of the *Midland Counties Herald* says:—"Upwards of thirty million gallons of spirits are consumed annually in the United Kingdom, and it may not be generally known that ardent spirits, such as whisky, gin, &c., are distilled principally from wheat, oats, and rye. It takes about twenty pounds of grain to make one gallon of spirits—thus destroying annually no less than 267,857 tons of grain. This would give no less a quantity than 9,961,454 bushels of flour, which, when converted into bread, would make 150,383,264 quarter loaves, and which, if equally divided amongst the supposed two millions of our starving fellow-beings in Ireland, would provide for each of them daily the year round one pound of bread: nor is this all, but the abuse of ardent spirits would at once greatly diminish the amount of crime, and improve the moral and physical condition of the people. This is remarkably confirmed by the fact, that when the distilleries were stopped in 1796-7, although bread and every necessary of life was considerably higher than during the preceding year, the poor were better fed than at any period for some years before." The writer therefore declares his laudable determination to abstain altogether from the consumption of ardent spirits. If the people would abstain also from the consumption of malt liquor, a much greater improvement in public morals and comfort would be realized.

**SHALL LIQUOR DEALERS RULE THE STATE.**—This, the ensuing winter, is to be the question in the State of New York. The great mass of the people have resolved, in their sovereignty, that the horrible traffic shall not be licensed. The dealers are determined it shall be, or at least shall be divested of all legal restrictions, and no stone will be left unturned for the accomplishment of their object.

A splendid banner has been presented to the town of Berlin, for having given the largest No License majority at the late election in Rensselaer County. On one side was the Goddess of Liberty and other devices; on the reverse—"Berlin Triumphant. No License Majority, Three Hundred. License Vote, Thirty-two."

**A HOUSE BETTER THAN BEER.**—The following striking advertisement appeared in the *Bridgewater Times* of Thursday last:—"Any person who is spending 43d. a day in beer, spirits, wine, &c., may own and have immediate possession of a house, value £60, if he would join a Building Society, and pay into its funds the same amount (43d. a day) which he now spends at the public house; or if, instead of having a house, the money is allowed to accumulate, it will amount to, and he will receive, in 13 or 14 years, £120!"