

tion and dissemination—Cholera Morbus has slain its thousands, but ardent spirits their tens of thousands, the sword has its season of repose—pestilence invades at distant intervals—but intoxicating liquors never pause in the work of destruction, are strangers to intermission—perhaps while reading this sentence another of our race is being hurled into the sepulchre of eternity by their fatal influence. Men of Peterboro', help, for the destroyer is abroad."

The Report concludes with "congratulating a kindred institution in this neighbourhood, the *Smith Town Total Abstinence Society*, whose unremitting exertions have been crowned with gratifying success—they have more than doubled their numbers in the course of the year. Your Committee recommends to their successors in office, the example of this Institution."

In these sentiments we heartily concur. It gives us pleasure to know, that while there has been a general falling off, amongst the friends of temperance during a season of disaster and strife, the *Smith Town Total Abstinence Society* has not only maintained its ground, but actually doubled its numbers. We 'recommend its example' to all Societies in the Province.

#### GREAT BRITAIN.

DEAR SIR,—We are doing wonders in Scotland; we have 15,000 members in Edinburgh; 12,000 in Glasgow; 4000 in Paisley; 3000 in Dumfries; 2000 in Greenock; 1800 in Dunfermline; and 1500 in Kirkcaldy. We have in the small county of Fife upwards of 15,000 zealous and consistent tee-totalers, divided into fifty separate Societies, averaging about 300 each.

Your's,  
September 24th, 1838.

R. GRAY, *Maron*.

DEAR AND RESPECTED FRIEND,—I have this day received your letter, and sit down in haste to reply. I feel very sorry that I cannot comply with your kind invitation, for I am now going through Pembrokehire, where meetings are arranged for me; and after that through Ireland again, where I am under an engagement to meet our tee-total brethren in Cork. A short time ago I went to that city, and found a few warm-hearted tee-totalers; but owing to the prejudice being so great, and a person of the name of Kemp opposing them, they went on but very slowly. I held a meeting; this same Kemp came, and challenged me to a discussion. I accepted the challenge, and the theatre was fixed upon for the place of combat—each speaker to have half an hour. My opponent fought manfully the first half hour; but when I answered him he appeared dismayed, and came the second time very reluctantly. I answered him again; and when he came the third time to take his half hour, he flew from one point to another, and after occupying only seven minutes, retired, declaring he could say no more. I was received, as may be expected, with tremendous cheers. I feel persuaded you will rejoice when I tell you the result of this discussion—that 500 signed the pledge; and by a letter received from them last week, I learn that they have made them up to 4642. This news, I know, will warm the hearts of all my tee-total brothers and sisters. They were admitted to the theatre by tickets—1d. gallery, 3d. pit, and 6d. boxes; and as I had to pay for the theatre, I had a just right to do what I thought fit with the receipts of the house. After paying the expenses of the house, I had left £16 10s. 9d.; so to prove that tee-totalers have no sinister motives in view—nothing but the happiness and comfort of their fellow-men—I gave the whole surplus to the poor drunkard's home of that city, which is *THE MENDICITY*. I got between 10,000 and 11,000 signatures during six months I was in Ireland; holding meetings every night, and this being a Catholic country, I held meetings on Sunday also: this was hard work. Wishing you a happy and joyful festival, and a more able advocate than myself, I subscribe myself,

Your affectionate brother tee-totaler,

JOHN HOCKINS, *Blacksmith*.

Carmarthen, Sept. 19th.

#### Miscellaneous.

**GOOD EXAMPLE**—In one of the towns of Essex county, sixty eight drunkards got together, and after conversing upon their degraded and wretched condition, mutually agreed to abandon their cups and form a temperance society among themselves. To this society no temperate person was to be admitted. It was agreed also, that stated meetings be held, and that these meetings be opened by prayer. When the time for their second meeting arrived, and the members had assembled, it was found there was not a praying man among them to open the meeting. A person was, however, called in who performed this service for them; but before the time of their next meeting, these men, who had thus magnanimously pledged themselves to abstinence, were visited by the Holy Spirit, and had learned to pray themselves. They kept their pledge, continued to hold regular meetings, and in these meetings was heard the voice of fervent prayer ascending to God in behalf of drunkards, of those temperate men who are too wise to join temperance societies, and of religion. The subsequent conduct of this little company warrants the belief, that they cordially embraced the religion of Jesus Christ, inasmuch as they have not only continued to be sober men, but men of prayer, and some of them have gone, it is believed, to their rest in heaven.—*Albany Temp. Recorder*.

**POPULAR POISON**.—When pure ardent spirits are taken into the stomach, they cause irritation, which is evinced by warmth and pain experienced in that organ; and next, inflammation of the delicate coats of this part, and sometimes gangrenes; they act in the same manner as poisons, besides the local injury they produce, they act on the nerves of the stomach, which run to the brain, and, if taken in large quantities, cause insensibility, stupor, irregular convulsive action, difficulty of breathing, profound sleep, and often sudden death. The habitual use of ardent spirits causes a slow inflammation of the stomach and liver, which progresses steadily, but is often undiscovered, till too late for relief.—*London Medical Surgical Journal*.

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