

Simpson, and Ward. Mr Simpson accompanied his singing on the piano-forte, and Mr Hill delighted the company with his musical glasses. The meeting was interesting and cheering. Nearly 500 persons have joined the society since 1st January, 1849, and numbers are enrolling themselves weekly.

**GAISSBORO'.**—In a letter to the Editor of *The Cause of the People*, Mr George Gygell, railway missionary, states that there have been about 400 men employed on the railways in this neighborhood, during the last year, and upwards of 100 of these have been induced to sign that glorious magna charta of mental and moral freedom, the 'Pledge.' Some of these were amongst the most abandoned of the class, and, previously to signing the pledge, were addicted to almost every grovelling vice which can debase human nature. But, how great is the change effected in these men! they are now 'clothed, and in their right mind;' they now might be seen on the Sabbath-day, respectably attired in broad-cloth, wending their way to different places of worship. Fifteen of them have become members of christian churches, during the year, and others, I trust, are not far from the kingdom of God. And this is not all, sir; we have done without a staff of soldiers in the town, or an additional man to the usual police force; for as far as either military, or civil authorities are concerned, they have scarcely had an hour's extra trouble on account of the natives; so completely have temperance principles succeeded in promoting habits of sobriety and virtue amongst these interesting sons of toil.

### SCOTLAND.

**GLASGOW.**—Several agents of the city mission have recently established abstinence societies in their districts, as auxiliaries to the other means in operation for the improvement of the people among whom they labor. Four associations have been already formed, all of which bid fair to accomplish, to a considerable extent, the object for which they have been instituted. We earnestly trust that they may be carried on with vigor and efficiency, and that many more of a similar kind will spring up, not only in this city, but throughout the country generally. No human instrumentality will do more to render home missionary agency more effective than it has ever yet been. The annual meeting of the Cowcaddens Total Abstinence Society was held on Wednesday evening, 21st Feb., in the hall adjoining the Rev. Dr Eadie's church. The chair was occupied by Mr. William Webster, one of the vice-presidents; and the report was read by Mr. M'Alpine, corresponding secretary. The report stated that public meetings had been held weekly during the year; that three soirees had taken place; that two courses of lectures and four sermons had been delivered; that upwards of 250 new members had been obtained; that the missionary agent had visited 3,000 families, and distributed 3,400 tracts; and that the income of the society had been £51 2s 11d, while its expenditure had been £53 0s 11d. The operations of the juvenile branch had been very successful, a large number having met weekly, to whom lectures on a variety of subjects had been delivered, and instructions in music given. After the report had been read, it was unanimously approved of, and ordered to be printed and circulated; and a number of other resolutions appropriate to the occasion were submitted and passed. —*Scottish Times*.

**DUNFERMLINE.**—The annual meeting of the society in this place was held on Thursday evening, 1st March,—David Dewar, Esq., president, in the chair. From the report, which was read by the secretary, we learn that during the past year 180 new members had been obtained—that a juvenile society, with several hundred members had been organised—that four sermons had been preached, besides six Sabbath evening lectures by the Rev. R. Cuthbertson—that there had been 160 public houses in the town—that £3000 had been expended on intoxicating liquors, while only £11 17s 3d had been spent on temperance purposes in connection with the society. Among other particulars, the report referred to the loss which the society had sustained in the removal to Glasgow of Mr. Russel, their late secretary. After the report had been read and adopted, the meeting unanimously resolved to empower the committee to unite the society with the Scottish Temperance League.

**STIRLING.**—For the last few weeks the cause of abstinence has almost been standing still, the committee being obliged to slack their public efforts, in consequence of cholera having made its appearance in the locality; but, in the absence of other advocates,

in that scourge they have certainly had a most powerful one in favor of their principles

### UNITED STATES.

**GEN. TOM THUMB AND SURE.**—General Tom Thumb is now out on an Exhibition Tour throughout Pennsylvania and Ohio.—Previous to starting, the subscribers signed the following pledge; in favor of the great principles of Teetotalism:—We the undersigned hereby agree and pledge ourselves and our honors as gentlemen, that we will forever abstain from drinking as a beverage every description of Spirituous Liquors, Wine, Malt Liquors and Cider. Such of the subscribers as are engaged to travel with Gen. Tom Thumb hereby agree to forfeit their engagements if they break this pledge. New York, April 4, 1849. P. T. Barnum; Gen. Tom Thumb; Wm. W. Webster, Preceptor; E. A. Upson, Ticket-Seller; H. T. Burgh, Pianist; A. W. Dobbins, Groom; D. E. Stratton, Door-keeper; Wm. Cameron, Coachman; George Simmons, Footman; Sherwood E. Stratton, (Father of the General); P. A. Clarke, Advertiser.—*Jour. of Amer. Temp. Union*.

### REVERIES.

"Musing, I stand a breathing creature here  
In loneliness, beneath the twilight sky,  
Silent, and circled with forgotten graves!"—*Moir*.

Behold the churchyard's grassy mounds,  
Where rank the hemlock waves,  
And loud the night-wind sadly sounds,  
Above the countless graves.

How dull and dreary seems the place!  
How dread the silence deep,  
Where thousands of the human race  
In dismal darkness sleep!

But thither I would rather walk,  
In lone and dreary mood,  
'Than listen to the tiresome talk  
Of gossips gabbling loud.

Beside yon village temple grey,  
When sweeps December's blast,  
I'd rather sit, at close of day,  
And muse upon the past;

'Than join the giddy, thoughtless throng,  
'That crowd the tavern door,—  
'Than hear the drunkard's drawling song,  
Rude revelry and roar.

For oft, while musing lone at night,  
In pleasing reverie,  
What glorious visions cheer the sight!  
What lovely forms we see!

While sitting on a moss-clad tomb,  
Or wandering 'neath the trees,  
Far voices greet us 'mid the gloom—  
Sweet voices in the breeze.

We list a father's soothing strain—  
A mother's tender tone;  
And thus, enraptured, meet again  
The loved—the lost—the gone.

Our youthful playmates, blithe and fair,  
Before our eyes appear;  
The Sabbath hymn, and Sabbath prayer,  
Once more we seem to hear.

We see our home of early life—  
The happy household scene—  
That, 'mid the tempest blasts of strife,  
Looks like an Eden green.

And thus, to retrospection's view,  
Amid our waking dreams,  
The past adorned with rainbow hue,  
To fancy present seems.