

James habits of the strictest sobriety. Amongst the auxiliary agencies in the accomplishment of this Christian and patriotic object, none is more commendable, and has been found to be more efficient, than *Temperance Societies*, as we have frequently shown on former occasions. By temperance societies, however, we do not mean flippant, or temperate drinking societies; we mean societies whose members do not so much as "taste, or touch the unclean," the poisonous, the accursed thing. The following are extracts of a letter lately received by a gentleman in this city from an acquaintance in England. They furnish an interesting and encouraging statement of the progress of the Temperance Reformation in the mother country:

*Extracts from a Private Letter received in this City, from England, detailing the progress of the Temperance Reformation in that Country.*

"Amongst our faithful and consistent members are more than 10,000 reformed drunkards—men that were the dread of their families, and a complete pest to society, who are now not only become sober men but Christian men, seeking for an assurance of the life that is to come; and many of them having given sufficiently enduring evidence of their sobriety and change of heart to be admitted members of different Christian societies, are now rejoicing in God their Saviour.

During the past year I may safely say I have heard 100 addresses, at least, from these reformed characters, not only in London but in all parts of the country which I have visited, of the most striking nature, and presenting a weight of evidence in our favour which nothing could gainsay or resist. And the consequence of such practical expositions of the blessed efforts of our society has been a vast accession of numbers; but from our forming several distinct bodies not yet connected together, it is difficult to state the precise number with certainty; there is no question, however, that they are full 600,000 in the United Kingdom, and that they are rapidly increasing.

In Liverpool they were 40,000 when I was there, three months ago, and they have gone on steadily increasing since. Amongst these there are more than 6,000 Roman Catholics, chiefly labouring men, who are adhering to the principle with wonderful steadiness and perseverance; and now such is the moral conviction which the society has occasioned, that besides John Cropper, jun., who is their President, they have many respectable Merchants and others enrolled, some of whom told me that the example of their workmen and subordinates had fairly shamed them into it.

In the Isle of Anglesea, one half of the whole population are pledged Teetotallers, and many of the remainder are trying the principle; and I learn from good authority that no Wine or Spirit Merchants now travel there at all!

And taking North Wales as a whole, one fourth of the entire population are now pledged, and many more are trying it. In Cornwall, about a year ago, there were only about 400 members; now there are 18,000 at least, 2,500 of which are found at St. Ives and its neighbourhood, out of a population of less than 3,500; and so firm are they in their principles, that though it has been noted for its corruption and intemperance in former times, at the last General Election, notwithstanding all the profuse offers of free drink, only five out of the 2,500 members broke their pledge, and three out of those five came the next morning in bitterness of heart to entreat permission to resign. The active members there got up a most splendid procession and meeting that day, and if they have lost five members they gained many more at the close of the meeting; and yet with all this success, in some places the society is manifestly only in its infancy.

We are encouraged by the indirect effects of our labours as well as the direct, in witnessing an extraordinary improvement as to the drinking customs in the higher and middle circles, and even amongst the body to which I belong—that of commercial men who formerly used to be a very drunken, dissolute set, but are now much improved, though still far from what I would like to see them.

Another happy result of the success of our society is the beneficial effects it produces on kindred Christian Institutions, for I cannot but consider our society, though not a religious one in principle, still a most powerful auxiliary to the spread of religion. We find schools increased, churches and chapels better filled, Bibles more in demand, and Christian Societies enlarged, through our instrumen-

talities—particularly where Ministers of religion espouse our cause. It is owing to the zeal with which a large number of this class have taken it up in North Wales and in Cornwall that our success is so great. Wherever we get the Minister on our side, his arguments and influence always tell on his congregation.

As an evidence of the indirect benefits we confer, I may mention that in the last annual report of the British and Foreign Bible Society, it is stated that they had received in free subscriptions £340 more from four or five counties in Wales than they had ever done before; and this they distinctly ascribe to the spread of Teetotalism in a principal degree."

## Poetry.

### INTEMPERANCE.

WRITTEN BY A POOR MOTHER.

What means that bloated, reddened face?  
That staggering gait, devoid of grace?  
That foetid breath, those blood-shot eyes?  
Dost thou inquire?—A voice replies,  
'Tis rum—'tis rum—my child!

What means that woe-worn mother's tears?  
How pale and wretched she appears!  
Her heart is sad, it must be so:  
What is the cause of all her woe?  
'Tis rum—'tis rum—my child!

Those tattered children, see them stand,  
Trembling to hear their pa's command;  
What makes him beat and scold them so?  
Tell me, my mother, if you know:  
'Tis rum—'tis rum—my child!

Then, mother, let us all unite,  
To drive rum off, far out of sight—  
Then will not joy and comfort come,  
To cheer that wretched mother's home?  
O yes—O yes—my child!

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