

Edward Harrington, Esq. in the chair. I think about fifteen united. A society was formed, and the following gentlemen were chosen office bearers:

President—Edward Harrington, Esq.

Vice P.—William Hierleyhy, Esq.

Treasurer and Secretary—Mr. R. Grant.

Committee—Messrs. David Graham, Geo. Cunningham, Charles Bigelow, Alex. Williams, junr.

Edward Harrington, Esq. has kindly consented to become the agent for the "Visitor," and will do all in his power to obtain subscribers. Mr. H. was one of our first advocates in Halifax,—and from his manner of presiding, and the ability with which he addressed the meeting after the lecture, I have little doubt that he will make an efficient and zealous advocate in Antigonish, and will do good in this noble cause.

The reason I did not remain longer in the county of Sydney, was, that finding the work going on so well under the praiseworthy exertions of the Venerable Bishop Fraser, I thought there was little need of my services.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours truly,

G. J. McDONALD.

To Beamish Murdoch, Esq.

GRAND TEMPERANCE PROCESSION IN CORK.

Cork, Monday, March 23, 1842.

The great procession of the teetotallers of the city and county of Cork, which takes place annually on Easter Monday, came off in this city to-day, and for grandeur and magnitude far exceeded anything of the kind which had been before witnessed in this country.

There were, at least, 60,000 pledged teetotallers walking in the procession. They all wore rich sashes and flower knots, and the male portion of the members carried long wands, ornamented with ribbons, in their hands. The bands were all dressed in rich uniforms, of various colours, and the different societies evidently vied with each other to present as respectable and brilliant an appearance as possible.

The Corn-market, a large square adjoining the new Corn Exchange, was the place fixed on for the procession to form; and here, at half past nine o'clock, a wandsman from each of the town societies took up his station according to arrangement, and in half an hour was joined by all the members of the society. The country societies, who had arrived before

half past ten o'clock, were allowed precedence in the procession, and formed at the eastern side of the market, those who had come the greatest distance going first.

Nothing could exceed the exciting interest of the scene throughout the early part of the morning, as the different societies, each headed by numerous and well trained bands of music, playing their most favourite airs, continued to pour in from every road leading to the city. The precision with which nearly all the bands played difficult music was truly extraordinary, and must appear almost incredible to those who are aware of the total ignorance in which the peasantry had been but a few years since of the scientific beauties of modern harmony, high as their taste has ever undoubtedly been for simple melody. Almost every village throughout the kingdom has now its large amateur temperance band, and the intellectual and scientific taste that is thus nurtured must be regarded as one of the most valuable blessings conferred by the temperance movement, and must ultimately raise Ireland to her ancient musical celebrity, and cause her children to become the rivals of even the Germans, as a highly educated musical people. In the city of Cork alone there are no less than 19 temperance bands, each as large and nearly as efficient as the best regimental bands. They have been all taught at great expence by the most skillful professors, and the proficiency at which they have arrived is creditable alike to themselves and to their instructors.

The presence of the Very Rev. Mr. Mathew, after his late triumphant progress thro' the north, the excellence of the arrangements made under his immediate inspection, and even the fineness of the weather, all tended to the complete success of the procession, and, in fact, there appeared to be but one essential necessary to render it completely triumphant, and that was furnished by the fortunate arrival of the most distinguished of Father Mathew's disciples, the Liberator himself, in time to take his place at the head of the procession.

The Lord Mayor, immediately after his arrival in Cork, communicated his intention of being present at the procession, and the announcement was received with delight.

Precisely at half past ten the procession left the Corn-market, and proceeded across Anglesea bridge, and the South Mall to the Imperial Hotel, where the Lord Mayor and the Very Rev. Mr. Mathew were waiting to join them. In front of the procession rode: