

the agency of a Temperance Society, and something more. It has 627 licensed public houses and beer shops. There are not less than 230 of these known to the police as common brothels, and nothing is done by the authorities to put a stop to the frightful vice.

LEEDS.—The annual report for 1851 states, that during the year 49,450 tracts had been given away, and 4,500 serial publications. The condition of the town is much better than this time last year. Public houses are not so crowded, and fewer instances of reeling intoxication. Leeds stands as high in morality as any other large town in the British Empire. In the Temperance Society there are 2046 male members, 773 females; total 2810. The Band of Hope is flourishing.

TEMPERANCE PROVIDENT INSTITUTION.—From the Tenth Annual Report we make the following brief extracts:—

The number of new assurances effected is 789, producing an annual income of £4,639 18s 7d.

The deaths, which in 1849 numbered 27, and on which the claims amounted to £4970, in the past year have been only 12, and claims only £685.

The receipts of premiums and interest in the year ending 20th November last, amount to £20,115 19s 10d, being £5690 5s 6d more than in the previous year. The balance in favor of the Institution at the same date was £44,232 15s 3d, showing an increase from the year's business of £13,069 11s 1d.

The number of Policies issued to 23rd October, 1851, is 5752.

GLASGOW.—The annual tea party of the members and friends of the Scottish Temperance League took place in the Trades Hall, on Monday evening, the 20th of October.—John McGavin, Esq., in the chair. The audience was numerous and respectable, and the whole proceedings most interesting. The address of the chairman was a clear and succinct statement of the affairs of the League, and withal exceedingly interesting. Mr Easton addressed the meeting in a very effective speech. He gave a graphic description of his temperance labors in Shetland, Orkney, Caithness, and southwards. Mr Kettle, Colonel Shaw, and Mr M. Macfarlane, also addressed the meeting, which concluded about half-past ten o'clock.

Two discourses have recently been delivered in Glasgow, at the request of the Executive Committee of the League, by the Rev. A. Russell, Newburgh, Fifeshire, and by the Rev. John Ker of Glasgow. Both are described as forcible and appropriate.

EDINBURGH.—The Ten Years' Abstinence Association held its third annual soiree on the 21st September. One object of the society is to obtain an accurate list of individuals who had faithfully adhered to the abstinence pledge for ten years and upwards. Other objects are contemplated, among which we mention the assistance of aged and infirm persons not able to procure a living for themselves.

BANNOCKBURN held its Temperance Anniversary on the 7th of October last. A resolution was passed pledging the society to support the committee in the fresh campaign on which they were about to enter.

DUNFERMLINE.—Several very eloquent and successful lectures have been delivered recently in this place. The zeal of the society seems to be of the sort that never flags. Thirty-one names have been enrolled since the 30th of September last.

AT KILSO, JEDBURGH, AND HAWICK the Rev. Dr. John Ritchie of Edinburgh, has done much good, by several lectures and sermons.

DUMFRIES.—Here the Temperance cause has been languishing for some time past, but the lectures of Mr. Easton has stirred up the people, and already 200 have taken the pledge, chiefly young men.

Presentation.

The ladies of the township of Nelson presented to the Nelson Division, *Sons of Temperance*, a handsome volume of the Holy Scriptures, on the evening of the 16th of October. The following address was read by Miss Jane Bastedo, who presented the same:—

Worthy Patriarch and Sons of Temperance—

We, the ladies of Nelson, respectfully present you a copy of the Holy Scriptures, feeling assured that you will kindly receive so appropriate a token of our esteem. Words fail to express the gratitude and approbation we feel to you for your endeavors in promoting such a philanthropic cause, and in trying to dispel such a prevailing evil.

We are delighted to observe the rapid progress the cause is making, not only in our neighborhood, but throughout the world.—We have reason to rejoice at that which has been accomplished through your influence. Yet there is work to be done; that demon, intemperance, still lurks in our land; and cease not in the noble work until that deadly foe is extirpated.

As it is one of the rules of the division to read a portion of God's word each time you meet, we wish you to accept this volume for that purpose. May its divine precepts be deeply impressed on every mind, and may its principles guide and direct you not only in the Division Room, but also in your public and private walks of life. Being persuaded that if you adhere to the doctrines inculcated in this book, you must maintain the high position in society which you have hitherto so honorably sustained.

Wishing you to remember the words of Scripture, to "be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another;" and when time is no more, may we all meet around the throne on high, and join in that seraphic song, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace and good will to man."

John Stewart, the Worthy Patriarch, made the following reply:

Ladies.—In accepting this copy of the Holy Scriptures as a token of your esteem, you may rest assured that we do so as the best token of your esteem; a token superior to all tokens; a token to be desired by all; a token which contains the way, the truth, and the life of man.

If words fail with you to express the gratitude and approbation you feel to us for our endeavors in promoting such a philanthropic cause, and in trying to dispel the prevailing evil which infests our land, words fail to express our gratitude and approbation towards you in the deep interest you have taken in our cause—a moral reform; and in admiring our endeavors to promote the cause of Temperance, and to expel the all-pervading destroyer from our land. You rejoice at the wonderful influence and advancement our order is making throughout the land. We can but remark that the retrospect of events since the commencement of our Order is well calculated to call forth an expression of heartfelt gratitude to that Power in whose hands are all our destinies, for the unexampled success that has attended this philanthropic, this noble cause. Never perhaps in the history of events, with but one exception, was there an association combined together for loftier or more praiseworthy objects, and never was there a cause, save that above excepted, in which the hand of Divine Providence was so clearly perceptible. Our progress in town and country is alike. For a short time our numbers were counted by tens and hundreds, but that time has long since passed, and our numbers have increased by thousands, until the Sons of Temperance of Canada West can bring into the field an army of upwards of 20,000 men. Where intemperance exists, how can we "be holy in all