

tide. But the waves will grow stronger and stronger, until by and by they shall sweep away the drinking system for ever and ever. Our business is to help on that day. Mr. Bass is exceedingly anxious that the people of this country should have right views of the evils, the terrible evils, resulting from the present mode of managing our railway affairs. He says he believes that we don't know how many persons are injured and killed thereby; and that it is so terrible a thing to think of the aggregate amount of injured and killed by our railways, that the people of the country cannot be awake to it, or they would insist on a remedy. That is what Mr. Bass thinks. So he is determined that things shall be set right, and he has appointed a commissioner of his own; to inspect the Lancashire and Yorkshire line, and to report upon it. As I happen to use that railway pretty often, I heartily wish him success in remedying the evil. But there is another trade which Mr. Bass knows a little about, and we believe that the people of this country need no special commissioner to tell them that the evils resulting from that trade are immensely more terrible than any railway disasters, sad as these are. Our business is to arouse the people of this country, by putting before them grave facts, by pressing them home on their consciences, and by giving them arguments which shall lead to vigorous and determined action. Our work is hard, but it is not quite so hard as at the beginning: others have laboured, and we have entered into their labours. We must bring our arguments, state our facts, restate them, and fight our battles over again, and we shall have to do all this unitedly and repeatedly, because there are difficulties in the way which we cannot over-estimate. Some time ago one of our number met a member of the Society of Friends—a Society which has so many estimable men and women—and talked to him on the Temperance question. He brought his facts and arguments to bear on the Quaker's mind, and the